

**REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #57  
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT  
WATERBORO, MAINE 04087**

**District School Board Meeting Agenda**

**May 10, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

**MHS East Building**

**Zoom Link: <https://rsu57.zoom.us/j/82779048196>**

- A. Call to Order @ 7:00pm**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance**
- C. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum - 12 Directors Present**

Bauer, Suzanne	Cartisano, Mark	Crowley-Colwell, Tina	Day, Elizabeth
Dryden, JoJo	DuBois, Norman	Ferguson, Anastasia	Laine, Jodi
Mayo, Jennifer	Phinney, Wes	Shaw, Jason*	Tanguay, Adam
Vasalle, Judith*	Vermette, Dominic	(Alfred - Vacant)	(Newfield - Vacant)
(Shapleigh - Vacant)	(Shapleigh - Vacant)	**VanBrocklin, Hunter - Jr. Class	**Harris, Maggie - Sr. Class

*\*\*Student Representative*

*Absent\**

- D. Adjustments to the Agenda**
  - Dr. Marquis requested to add the nomination of LINE School Principal to Section K8 of the agenda.

- E. Approval of the Minutes from [April 26, 2023](#).**

**Motion:** A. Ferguson

**2nd:** E. Day

- A. Ferguson called attention to an error with the enter/exit times for the Executive Sessions. Chair Laine provided clarification and the minutes were edited.

**Unanimous**

**Motion Carried**

- F. Public Comment**

- Angie Tardif, Lyman
  - Ms. Tardif addressed concerns regarding comments made by a MHS Guidance Counselor at a recent RSU 14 Board Meeting.

- G. Board Chair Report**

1. Board Chair Update

- Last week, Chair Laine completed the interview process for a new Junior Class Student Representative. Marissa McLaughlin, from the class of 2025 will be taking Student Representative VanBrocklin's place, as he moves up to the Senior Class seat.
- MHS Graduation will take place on June 8, 2023 at 7pm at the Cross Insurance Arena in Portland.

- H. Superintendent's Report**

- On May 3rd, Dr. Marquis, Chair Laine, and Principal Thurlow traveled to SRTC; met with students to discuss their experiences at SRTC and ways to support students entering the program.
- Dr. Marquis also attended the SRTC National Technical Honors Society award ceremony. 18 students were inducted into NTHS, joining 6 students inducted last year. Dr. Marquis thanked Assistant Principal Scott Lavertu and Dean of Academics Allison Ellis for engaging students with SRTC.
- Assistant Superintendent Kyle Kennan provided an update regarding state assessments:
  - Most schools within RSU 57 have begun NWEA testing.

- Maine DOE has decided to change the spring assessment; students are sitting for two rounds of testing instead of one; required of all districts for state purposes as well as the local assessments to guide work supporting students instructionally.
- Schools are doing their best to support students by providing motor/brain breaks.
- Going forward, the district hopes to get clarification on what state and local testing in SY 23/24 will look like; local assessment will be supplanted in the fall/spring that runs through NWEA portal.

1. [Student Representative Report](#)
  - a. Student Representatives M. Harris and H. VanBrocklin provided an overview of the report.
2. [Staff Report](#)
3. [Enrollment](#)
4. Strategic Plan
  - a. The committee continues to work on developing a mission, vision, and goal for the future of the district.
  - b. The committee recently reflected on the community forum held at the beginning of May; reflecting on information gathered from 70 participants who attended.

## I. Standing Committees

1. Finance/Building and Maintenance Committee
  - D. Vermette provided an overview.
    - Electric buses are almost set to go forward; details will be finalized at next meeting.
    - The Town of Waterboro has requested to look at a site on middle school grounds for drilling a well.
    - Disposal of tiles from MHS flooring project has increased.

**Next Meeting:** May 24, 2023 at 6pm - East Training Center
2. Curriculum Committee
  - A. Ferguson provided an overview.
    - Discussed ESEA preliminary allocations and implications.
    - Discussed summer professional development for staff; invited to math and literacy events for June 26-28 put on by ISN coaches in the district.
    - \*May not be meeting during the month of June since all agenda items have been completed for the year.

**Next Meeting:** \*June 13, 2023 at 6pm - East Training Center
3. Negotiations Committee
  - Chair Laine explained that the Board will further discuss negotiations during an executive session during the meeting.
4. Policy Committee
 

**Next Meeting:** June 6, 2023 at 6pm - East Training Center
5. Public Relations/Technology Committee
 

**Next Meeting:** May 16, 2023 at 6pm - East Training Center
6. Transportation and Safety Committee
 

**Next Meeting:** May 23, 2023 at 6pm - East Training Center

## J. Old Business

## K. New Business

1. ESEA Presentation by Erica Mazzeo, Director of Curriculum.
  - ESSA Projected allocation and projections for TI, TII, and TIV.
  - Open for public comment until July 10, 2023.
  - State has shifted how it identifies socioeconomic and needs as determined by status; no longer using free/reduced lunch identifications.
  - The full presentation and opportunity for feedback can be found [here](#).
2. ESSER 3 Update from Colin Walsh, Director of Finance and Operations.
  - The Finance Committee is recommending to reallocate funds initially earmarked in Fall of 2021 for “outdoor learning pavilions” to the modular project for MHS, which has already been approved.
  - Committee determined that the modular buildings are in higher need than outdoor learning spaces. Feedback from the School Board and public will be needed.

- Cost of modular project is rising; reallocation of federal monies will allow for it to be finished.
  - Dr. Marquis noted that when the outdoor pavilion idea was initially approved, it was during COVID and schools were in need of more locations for students to be socially distanced.
  - ESSER 3 funds must be used by September of 2024.  
**Motion:** M. Cartisano made a motion to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation of moving \$320,000 of ESSER 3 funds from the outdoor learning pavilion projects to the Massabesic High School West modular project.  
**2nd:** W. Phinney  

**No Discussion**
**Unanimous**
**Motion Carried**
3. First Read of Policy [BDE](#) - Authorization/Appointment of Standing Committees. **Action Needed.**
- Chair Laine explained that the proposed change would allow the Board to establish more relevant standing committees.  
**Motion:** A. Ferguson  
**2nd:** A. Tanguay
  - B. Day asked if there is a list of responsibilities that exists for each standing committee.
  - Chair Laine explained that there is no "list", since the expectations of each committee may change based on need. The second read of this policy will be brought back at the first June meeting.  

**Unanimous**
**Motion Carried**
4. First Read of Policy [BEDC](#) - Quorum. **Action Needed.**
- Looking to make adjustments in language
  - Currently, a majority with current sitting board members is 8, not 10  
**Motion:** N. DuBois  
**2nd:** A. Ferguson  

**Unanimous**
**Motion Carried**
5. Extended Leave of Absence Request - Cyrena Nielsen. **Action Needed.**
- Dr. Marquis explained that the CBA allows for teachers to request leave of up to one year (Article XVI, Section B)
  - For continuity, Mrs. Nielsen is asking for one year of leave, with her to return in August of the 2024/2025 school year. MMS would be looking to hire a replacement for her leave of absence. Dr. Marquis recommends approval.  
**Motion:** W. Phinney  
**2nd:** D. Vermette  

**Unanimous**
**Motion Carried**
6. [Probationary Teacher Contract Recommendations](#). **Action Needed.**
- Motion:** D. Vermette  
**2nd:** M. Cartisano  

**No Discussion**
**12 In Favor; 2 Abstentions**
**Motion Carried**
7. [Probationary Administration Contract Recommendations](#). **Action Needed.**
- Motion:** A. Tanguay  
**2nd:** M. Cartisano  

**No Discussion**
**Unanimous**
**Motion Carried**
8. Nominations. **Action Needed**
- **Angela Scully**, Principal, Line Elementary School  
**Motion:** A. Ferguson  
**2nd:** J. Dryden  

**No Discussion**
**Unanimous**
**Motion Carried**
  - Angela Scully thanked the Board of Directors for the opportunity to work within RSU 57.
  - **Jennifer Durruea**, Speech Language Pathologist, Massabesic Middle School  
**Motion:** E. Day  
**2nd:** A. Ferguson  

**No Discussion**
**Unanimous**
**Motion Carried**
  - **Kathleen Bennett**, Speech Language Pathologist, Waterboro Elementary School

**Motion:** E. Day  
**2nd:** A. Ferguson  
**No Discussion                      Unanimous                      Motion Carried**

- **Evgeni “Geno” Bouzakine**, Special Education Teacher, Massabesic High School

**Motion:** J. Dryden  
**2nd:** A. Ferguson  
**No Discussion                      Unanimous                      Motion Carried**

- **Marissa Goodwin**, 1st Grade Teacher, Shapleigh Memorial School

**Motion:** J. Dryden  
**2nd:** A. Ferguson  
**No Discussion                      Unanimous                      Motion Carried**

**L.        Executive Session**

1. To discuss a student matter pursuant to [1 M.R.S.A. § 405\(6\)\(B\)](#).

**Motion:** A. Ferguson made a motion to enter Executive Session.

**2nd:** M. Cartisano

**No Discussion                      Unanimous                      Motion Carried**

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:00pm.

**Motion:** A. Ferguson made a motion to exit Executive Session

**2nd:** N. DuBois

**No Discussion                      Unanimous                      Motion Carried**

The Board exited Executive Session at 8:16m.

**Motion:** M. Cartisano made a motion to expel Student A indefinitely with a re-entry plan.

**2nd:** A. Ferguson

**No Discussion                      Unanimous                      Motion Carried**

2. To discuss a legal matter pursuant to [1 MRSA § 405\(6\)\(E\)](#).

**Motion:** A. Tanguay made a motion to enter Executive Session.

**2nd:** N. DuBois

**No Discussion                      Unanimous                      Motion Carried**

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:18pm.

**Motion:** J. Mayo made a motion to exit Executive Session.

**2nd:** N. DuBois

**No Discussion                      Unanimous                      Motion Carried**

The Board exited Executive Session at 9:14pm.

3. To discuss Administrator Negotiations pursuant to [1 MRSA § 405\(6\)\(D\)](#).

**Motion:** W. Phinney made a motion to enter Executive Session.

**2nd:** A. Ferguson

**No Discussion                      Unanimous                      Motion Carried**

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:15pm.

**Motion:** A. Ferguson made a motion to exit Executive Session.

**2nd:** N. DuBois

**No Discussion                      Unanimous                      Motion Carried**

The Board exited Executive Session at 9:25pm.

M.     **Calendar/Announcements**  
N.     **Adjournment @ 9:26pm**

**Upcoming Meetings**

05/15/2023	District Budget Meeting	7:00pm	MMS
05/16/2023	PR/Technology	6:00pm	MHS East
05/23/2023	Transportation/Security	6:00pm	MHS East
05/24/2023	Finance Committee	6:00pm	MHS East
05/24/2023	School Board	7:00pm	MHS East