

**REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #38 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Maranacook Community Middle School & Via Zoom**  
**May 5, 2021**  
**Minutes of Meeting**

Members Present: Chair Cathy Jacobs, Vice Chair Wendy Brotherlin, Kim Bowie, Gary Carr, Patty Gordon, Rebecca Lambert, Betty Morrell, Shawn Roderick, Melissa Tobin, David Twitchell, Dane Wing

Member Absent: Alexander Wright, (one vacant position)

Student Reps: Claire Holman, Rocco Scott, Cooper Tarbuck

Administrators: Superintendent James Charette, Technology Director Diane MacGregor, Principals Jeff Boston, Dwayne Conway, Janet Delmar, Abbie Hartford, and Kristen Levesque, Assistant Principal Tina Brackley, Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Director Nancy Harriman, Special Education Director Ryan Meserve, Finance Manager Brigitte Williams

1. Call to Order: Chair Jacobs called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.  
Superintendent Charette stated, in accordance with An Act to Implement Provisions Necessary to the Health, Welfare and Safety of the Citizens of Maine in Response to the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency as enacted to read Sec. G-1 MRSA Subsection 403-A Public proceeding through remote access during declaration of the state of emergency due to Covid-19 this business meeting is being held virtually, through zoom. The meeting is being recorded and will be posted on the maranacook.org YouTube channel.  
This meeting's public comment portion is Item 4. We respectfully ask that the virtual audience with the exception of the board members mute their microphones. The chat box feature in zoom will not be used. If you have questions or comments we respectfully ask that you contact the central office or email the superintendent or any board member and an answer will be provided as soon as possible. We ask for the public's patience during these highly unusual circumstances. Attendance and all votes will be done through roll call.
2. Student Representatives' Reports:  
Middle School student representatives Cooper Tarbuck and Rocco Scott reported on team projects, and school wide events.  
High School student representative Claire Holman reported on school wide events.
3. Presentation: Maranacook Alternative Program (MAP), Year 2 Curriculum:  
High School teachers Kelsea Bickford and Hannah Moran presented the MAP Year 2 Curriculum. It was presented to the RSU #38 Curriculum Committee and is being recommended for approval.
4. Citizens' Comments: none
5. Additions/Adjustments to the Agenda by Board and/or Superintendent:
6. a. Reports:  
Administrators reported on school celebrations for the middle school, high school and Mt. Vernon Elementary. Superintendent Charette provided an update on the truancy numbers for the month of April.  
b. Committees:  
Cathy Jacobs reported on the Curriculum Committee meeting, stating the Committee supports the approval of the new courses presented this evening. Discussion ensued on the math

recommendation for next year as well as the assessments students are taking this year. The math curriculum as well as testing will be discussed in the fall.

Rebecca Lambert provided highlights of the Facilities/Transportation Committee meeting. The Board is being asked to approve a portion of the upgrade to the Industrial Arts room for a Dust Collector. The lighting upgrade for the athletic fields has been put on hold as the district gets an opinion from a structural engineer. As part of the bidding process it was discovered that the lights and polls are from different manufacturers and neither company will guarantee the project.

Patty Gordon highlighted the Policy Committee meeting. In addition to the policy second readings (Item 7k), the committee has been working with administrators on the electronic use policy, and are working on draft remote learning policy. MSMA and Drummond Woodsum are working on drafting a remote learning policy for school districts to consider. Both of these items will be first on the agenda in the fall.

c. Ad Hoc Committee: Awesome Bear Society (ABS) – no update

7. Action Items:

a. Approval of Minutes of April 14, 2021 Meeting

**MOTION** by Carr, second by Twitchell to approve the Minutes of April 14, 2021 as presented. **Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried:** unanimous

b. Acceptance of Donations

**MOTION** by Carr, second by Gordon to accept the donations as presented.  
**Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried:** unanimous

c. Acceptance of teacher resignation effective June 30, 2021, WES, Jo Ann Larino-Greves

**MOTION** by Morrell, second by Carr to accept the resignation of Jo Ann Larino-Greves. **Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried:** unanimous

d. Acceptance of teacher resignation effective June 30, 2021, RES, Tricia Hill

**MOTION** by Carr, second by Gordon to accept the resignation of Tricia Hill.  
**Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried:** unanimous

e. Acceptance of teacher resignation effective June 30, 2021, RES, Katie Smith

**MOTION** by Carr, second by Morrell to accept the resignation of Katie Smith.  
**Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried:** unanimous

f. Appointment of Second Probationary Contract Teachers

**MOTION** by Morrell, second by Carr to approve the appointment of second probationary contract teachers as listed in Item 7f.  
**Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried:** unanimous

g. Appointment of Third Probationary Contract Teachers

**MOTION** by Morrell, second by Twitchell to approve the appointment of third probationary contract teachers as listed in Item 7g.  
**Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried:** unanimous

h. Appointment of First Continuing Contract Teachers

**MOTION** by Carr, second by Brotherlin to approve the appointment of first continuing contract teachers as listed in Item 7h.  
**Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried:** unanimous

i. Appointment of First Probationary Contract Teacher, MS Spanish, Rodrigo Palacios

**MOTION** by Brotherlin, second by Morrell to appoint Rodrigo Palacios a first probationary contract for MS Spanish teacher.  
**Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried:** unanimous

j. Consideration of Maranacook Alternative Program (MAP) Year 2 Curriculum: Earth and Biological Systems, Chemical and Earth Systems, World History and Literature

**MOTION** by Morrell, second by Brotherlin to approve the Maranacook Alternative Program (MAP) Year 2 Curriculum as recommended by the Curriculum Committee.  
**Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried:** unanimous

k. Policy Second Readings:

*IK, Student Achievement/Evaluation of Student Proficiency*

**MOTION** by Carr, second by Brotherlin to accept Policy JK as recommended by the Policy Committee. **Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried:** unanimous

*JICIA, Weapons, Violence and School Safety*

**MOTION** by Carr, second by Gordon to accept Policy JICIA as recommended by the Policy Committee. **Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried:** unanimous

*JLCD, Administration of Medication to Students*

**MOTION** by Carr, second by Gordon to accept Policy JLCD as recommended by the Policy Committee. **Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried:** unanimous

*JLCDA, Medical Marijuana in Schools*

**MOTION** by Carr, second by Morrell to accept Policy JLCDA as recommended by the Policy Committee. **Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried:** unanimous

l. Consideration of Adjustment to SY 22 School Calendar (Pre-K Start Date)

**MOTION** by Morrell, second by Gordon to approve the adjustment to the SY22 School Calendar (Pre-K Start Date) as recommended by the Superintendent.

**Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried:** unanimous

m. Consideration of Approval of Facilities Bond Project – HS Industrial Arts Dust Collector, \$100,000.00

**MOTION** by Carr, second by Twitchell to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the purchase of the Dust Collector for the Industrial Arts program using bond funds. **Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried:** unanimous

n. COVID Data Update

Superintendent Charette updated the Board on the Covid data since he wrote the report on April 29. The Superintendent recommends keeping the status quo at the time.

Question was asked about previous discussions about opening the school earlier in the morning. Superintendent Charette responded that he is still looking at that. As soon as he can pull everything together he will let parents and staff know.

Regarding a summer school program, principals have started sending letters home to parents. The district has advertised for a program coordinator and teachers. Depending on how many students sign up, we may offer a second session.

o. Report on May 19, 2021 Annual Meeting process

Superintendent Charette reported the Annual Meeting will be held at the Middle School in the gym, starting at 7:00 p.m. This is an in-person meeting since residents need to be checked in by their town clerks. Mr. Richard Spencer is coming to moderate the meeting. The meeting will be recorded.

8. Informational – upcoming zoom meeting – Health Center Advisory, 5/12/21 at 6:00.

9. Adjournment: **MOTION** to adjourn at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Charette, Superintendent/Secretary  
D. Foster, Recorder