

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #38 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Maranacook Middle School and via Zoom
June 2, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
Minutes of Meeting

Members Present: Chair Cathy Jacobs, Vice Chair Wendy Brotherlin, Gary Carr, Patty Gordon, Rebecca Lambert, Betty Morrell, Shawn Roderick, David Twitchell, Dane Wing
Member Absent: Kim Bowie, Melissa Tobin, Alexander Wright, (one vacant position)
Student Reps: Emma Roesner, 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 Brigette 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 5. 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. Recognitions:
 - a. Students Attaining Seal of Biliteracy
 - b. Students Attaining Associates Degree
 - c. Top 10 Scholars
 - d. Middle School Students Attaining High Honors & Honors all 3 years
 - e. Boys' Basketball Team Central Maine Regional Class A/B Champions
 - f. Cashman McClure, State of Maine Mr. Basketball
 - g. RSU #38 Board Student Representatives
3. Student Representatives' Reports:
Middle School student representatives Emma Roesner, Rocco Scott, and Cooper Tarbuck reported on team projects, and end of school year events and celebrations.
The High School student representatives Morgan Boynton and Clair Holman were excused as they are participating in sporting events.
4. Presentation: Review of 2020-2021 ESEA and Proposed 2021-2022 ESEA Grant Projects
Dr. Harriman reported on the 2020-2021 ESEA grant projects as provided in the board packet. Due to Covid, most of the grant money was not expended, but the carry over funds can be used up to December, 2021. She also reviewed the allocations for next year that outlines brief descriptions of some of the projects requested. She reported that she is welcoming the Board's feedback, asking that suggestions/comments be forwarded to either Nancy or Cathy Jacobs, who serves on the committee, by June 16.
5. Citizens' Comments: none

6. Additions/Adjustments to the Agenda by Board and/or Superintendent:

Superintendent Charette requested the addition of the following items: 8i. Nomination for the position of Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, Dr. Karen Smith; 8j. IA forge and exhaust project discussion and vote; and 8k. Maranacook campus track discussion and vote.

No other additions/adjustments were requested.
7.
 - a. Reports:

Superintendent Charette provided updated truancy numbers for the month of May. Elementary 4 total, Middle School 2 total, and no additional truanancies for the High School.
 - b. Health Center Advisory (see 7a, Health Center report above) - S. Morrill
 - c. Awesome Bear Society (ABS) – B. Morrell
8. Action/Discussion/Informational Items:
 - a. Approval of Minutes of May 5, 2021

MOTION by Carr, second by Brotherlin to approve the Minutes of May 5, 2021 as presented.
Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried: unanimous
 - b. Approval of Minutes of May 19, 2021 Annual Meeting

MOTION by Morrell, second by Twitchell to approve the Annual Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2021 as presented. **Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried:** unanimous
 - c. Approval of Minutes of May 19, 2021 Special Meeting

MOTION by Carr, second by Brotherlin to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2021 as presented. **Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried:** unanimous
 - d. Acceptance of donations

MOTION by Carr, second by Morrell to accept the donations as presented.
Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried: unanimous
 - e. Acceptance of teacher resignation due to retirement, HS Media Center, Susan Trott

MOTION by Carr, second by Morrell to accept the resignation due to retirement of Susan Trott.
Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried: unanimous
 - f. Acceptance of teacher resignation, WES, Elizabeth Nelson

MOTION by Carr, second by Twitchell to accept the resignation of Elizabeth Nelson.
Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried: unanimous
 - g. Acceptance of Nominations of First Probationary Contract Teachers

MOTION by Morrell, second by Brotherlin to accept the nominations of First Probationary Contract Teachers Jenny Cotton, Amy Hague, and Laura Jarrett as presented in the board packet.
Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried: unanimous
 - h. Discussion – Board Self Evaluation

Chair Jacobs noted the Board Self Evaluation form is provided in the folders, (and emailed to those attending remotely or excused for this evening’s meeting). She asked board members to complete the evaluation and bring it with them to the June 16th meeting, where there will be an Executive Session for a discussion.
 - i. Nomination of Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Karen G. Smith, Ed.D

MOTION by Morrell, second by Brotherlin to accept the nomination of Dr. Karen G. Smith for the position of Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment as recommended by the Superintendent.
Roll Call Vote - Motion Carried: unanimous
 - j. Use of Bond Proceeds – Forge and Exhaust Hood for Industrial Arts Program

MOTION by Lambert, second by Morrell to authorize the use of bond proceeds for the forge and exhaust hood for the Industrial Arts Program as recommended. Discussion ensued.
Roll Call Vote - Motion Carried: 8 in favor, 1 opposed (Carr)
 - k. Use of Bond Proceeds – Resurface Track

MOTION by Twitchell, second by Brotherlin to authorize the use of bond proceeds for the resurfacing of the track. Discussion ensued. The ABS has shifted their priorities for the expansion at the athletic fields, focusing on the Courtyard and then installing a turf field. The resurfacing of the track will

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have a guaranteed life of 12 years. The current track is 19-20 years old. After this project there remains \$160,000 in the bond, which has not been committed.

Roll Call Vote - Motion Carried: unanimous

9. Executive Session to consider administrative evaluations pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) for Principals Jeff Boston, Dwayne Conway, Janet Delmar, Abbie Hartford, Kristen Levesque, Assistant Principal Tina Brackley, Special Education Director Ryan Meserve, Adult and Community Education Director Steven Vose

MOTION by Morrell, second by Brotherlin to enter Executive Session to consider administrative evaluations pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) for Principals Jeff Boston, Dwayne Conway, Janet Delmar, Abbie Hartford, Kristen Levesque, Assistant Principal Tina Brackley, Special Education Director Ryan Meserve, Adult and Community Education Director Steven Vose.

Roll Call Vote - Motion Carried: unanimous

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. and returned to public session at 8:38 p.m.

10. Action following Executive Session:

MOTION by Morrell, second by Brotherlin to raise all administrator salaries by 2% for the 2021-2022 school year, and to add one additional year to the administrator contracts for Jeff Boston, Janet Delmar, Abbie Hartford, Kristen Levesque, Tina Brackley, Ryan Meserve, and Steve Vose.

Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried: unanimous

11. Adjournment: **MOTION** to adjourn at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Charette, Superintendent/Secretary
D. Foster, Recorder