

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #38 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Maranacook Middle School and via Zoom
June 16, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
Minutes of Meeting

Members Present: Chair Cathy Jacobs, Vice Chair Wendy Brotherlin, Kim Bowie (left at 6:55), Gary Carr, Rebecca Lambert, Betty Morrell, Dane Wing, Alexander Wright (left at 6:56)
Member Absent: Patty Gordon, Shawn Roderick, Melissa Tobin, David Twitchell, (one vacant position)
Administrators: Superintendent James Charette, Technology Director Diane MacGregor, 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.

Chair Jacobs reported that since the Board will not have a quorum for the entire meeting, the meeting will begin with action items. The Executive Session will be moved to the School Board Retreat in the fall.

6. Action Items (taken out of order)

a. Approval of Minutes of June 2, 2021

MOTION by Brotherlin, second by Carr to approve the Minutes of June 2, 2021 as presented.

Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried: 6 in favor, 2 abstained (Bowie, Wright)

b. Acceptance of donations

MOTION by Lambert, second by Wright to accept the donations as presented.

Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried: unanimous

c. Acceptance of Nominations of First Probationary Contract Teachers

MOTION by Brotherlin, second by Wright to accept the nominations of the first probationary contract teachers as follows: Ryan Burke, Grade 5 at Manchester Elementary; Beth Smith, Grade 3 at Wayne Elementary; and Shirley Allen, Spanish at the Middle School, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried: unanimous

d. Acceptance of Second Probationary Contract Teacher

MOTION by Morrell, second by Wright to accept the Second Probationary Contract Teacher, Matt Lajoie, Physical Education, District Elementary, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried: unanimous

e. Acceptance of teacher resignation, MES, Christine Johnson

MOTION by Brotherlin, second by Wright to accept the resignation of Manchester Elementary School teacher Christine Johnson with regret.

Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried: unanimous

f. Acceptance of the Computation and Declaration of Votes

MOTION by Morrell that the Computation and Declaration of Votes dated June 8, 2021 and attached hereto be approved. Further voted that the Computation and Declaration of Votes be

entered upon the records of Regional School Unit No. 38. Further voted that a certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes be sent to each of the municipal clerks within the RSU. Second by Wright. **Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried:** unanimous

g. Motion to Approve Assessment Warrants and Installment Schedules

MOTION by Morrell that the Warrant for Assessment of Tax and the Assessment Schedule and Notice of Installments for each member municipality prepared by the Treasurer for fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 be approved and be issued in form presented to this meeting; and that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to deliver to each member municipality its Warrant for Assessment of Tax and its Assessment Schedule and Notice of Installments. Second by Brotherlin.

Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried: unanimous

h. Approval of Transfer of Funds (if needed) – no action required.

i. Authorize Superintendent to file the proper and necessary application forms to participate in any and all selected federal programs for RSU #38 and otherwise act as the authorized representative for and on behalf of RSU #38 for 2021-2022

MOTION by Morrell, second by Lambert to authorize the Superintendent to file the proper and necessary application forms to participate in any and all selected federal programs for RSU #38 and otherwise act as the authorized representative for and on behalf of RSU #38 for 2021-2022.

Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried: unanimous

j. Authorize Superintendent to hire and accept resignations, in consultation with the Chair or Vice Chair, during the summer

MOTION by Brotherlin, second by Wright to authorize the Superintendent to hire and accept resignations, in consultation with the Chair or Vice Chair, during the summer.

Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried: unanimous

2. Recognitions:

The following retiring staff were recognized for their years of service to the District: Sue Chretien, Kelly Frey, Carla Hallett, Nancy Harriman, Cynthia Kuhns, Mary Anne Libby, Nancy Martin, Linda McGuire, Victoria McMullen, Sandi Muniz, Susan Trott, and Fred Weibel. There years of service total 262 years!

The following outgoing Board members were recognized for their service to the district: Wendy Brotherlin, Dr. Gary Carr, and Alexander Wright.

Kim Bowie and Alexander Wright left at this time.

In the absence of a quorum the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m. (See attachment for addendum to the minutes of June 16, 2021.)

Respectfully submitted,

James Charette, Superintendent/Secretary
D. Foster, Recorder

Approved 09/01/21

Addendum to RSU #38 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2021

The School Board recognized the following teachers for their accomplishments.

Elementary School Art Teacher Dorie Tripp, was awarded Maine Art Teacher of the Year for 2021 by the State of Maine. She was nominated by her peers for this prestigious award. Congratulations to Dorie Tripp!!

Middle School Art Teacher Hope Lord was awarded Maine Art Teacher of the Year for 2021 by the State of Maine. Congratulations to Hope Lord!!

Middle School Music Teacher Adam Scarpone was awarded the 2020 Maine Music Teacher of the Year by the State of Maine. Congratulations Adam Scarpone!!

Cathy Jacobs and Superintendent Charette will meet and reach out to all the board members to gather the comments on the self-assessments so they be reviewed as part of the fall Board Retreat. She asked board members to consider 5 strengths and 5 challenges for discussion at the Board retreat.

ABS Report – Betty Morrell reported the ABS is organizing a Golf Tournament to be held Sunday, September 12th. As part of the ABS fundraiser, baskets with various prizes and goodies will be auctioning off. She volunteered the school board to put together a basket to auction off to items such as books, gift cards, tea, hot chocolate, chocolates, etc. She asked that board members who wish to donate an item(s) to get them to her by the September 1st board meeting.

Request was made for a short conversation about school opening in the fall.

Superintendent Charette reported that the plan is to open schools with a regular 5 day schedule, with the regular hours of operation; masks will be optional. We will have the rapid testing and isolation rooms available, especially for elementary schools.

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 38
COMPUTATION AND DECLARATION OF VOTES

Question 1: The total number of votes cast in all of the municipalities within Regional School Unit No. 38 (the "RSU") in the affirmative on Question 1 of the Warrant and Notice of Election of the RSU No. 38 Budget Validation Referendum held June 8, 2021, relating to the RSU budget for 2021-2022 budget year is 883, and total number of votes cast in all of the municipalities in the RSU in the negative on said Question 1 is 240, said votes being computed as follows:

	AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE
Town of Manchester	219	52
Town of Mount Vernon	132	28
Town of Readfield	381	130
Town of Wayne	151	30
TOTAL:	883	240

The School Board hereby declares that there were **MORE** votes cast in the affirmative than in the negative on said Question and find that said Question has **PASSED**.

Dated: June 16, 2021

<p><i>Gary William Carr, Ph.D.</i></p> <hr/> <p><i>Betty J. Morrill</i></p> <hr/> <p><i>Alexander W. Whiff</i></p> <hr/> <p><i>W. B. H. H.</i></p> <hr/> <p><i>Catherine Jones</i></p> <hr/>	<p><i>Rebecca J. Sunbust</i></p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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A majority of the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 38

A true, copy, attest: *James Charette*
James Charette, Secretary