

**BOOTHBAY-BOOTHBAY HARBOR COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
Minutes
6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 23, 2018
Boothbay Region High School Library**

Members: Larry Colcord, C, Stephanie Hawke, VC, John Bertolet, Peggy Splaine, Kari Babcock, Bruce MacDonald.
Administrators: Supt. Dr. Keith Laser

- A. Call to Order 6:00pm
- B. Adjustments to Agenda
- C. Public Participation
- D. New Business

Dr. Keith Laser- Talking points

- 1. Superintendents first100days.
 - a. Priority has been getting into schools and meeting stakeholders. MBWA!
 - b. Several meetings with community members who have valuable ideas on how to best meet the needs of the students in the community. Out of one of the meetings, the school district was presented a check from an anonymous donor for hardware for the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math initiative at high school.
 - c. Working to ensure all schools have up-to-date policies.
 - d. Report to six different school boards and learning what makes each unique.
 - e. Job descriptions
 - f. New Executive Assistant.
 - g. Emails, Emails and more Emails
- 2. Impressions
 - a. Superb administrators, faculty and staff.
 - b. High-achieving students
 - c. Community that wants the best education possible for its sons and daughters.
 - d. Pride in the student accomplishments
 - e. Lack of curriculum alignment at both schools - need for a curriculum director
 - f. Facilities don't match the expectations of stakeholders
 - g. Effective use of technology - excellent team leading tech integration efforts
 - h. Need to focus on 21st century learning: Habits of mind, practice and academic integrity

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- i. Lack of vision impeding efforts to move forward
3. Board Chair discussion points:
- a. Concerns that we are allowing others to dictate the conversation about the future of CSD schools.
 - b. Concerns about "the message" and how it is being communicated.
 - c. Board decided to embark upon a "Visioning process" - critically important! So many issues to get our arms around.
 - a. Declining enrollment
 - b. Age of facilities and required maintenance
 - c. Move toward a 21st Century Learning Environment
 - d. Increasing cost per pupil
 - e. Role of vocational education programs
 - f. Desire to fulfill obligations to community
 - d. Charter concerns are being discussed. Meetings taking place tonight between the representatives of the two towns to discuss the charter.
 - e. Schools draw the attention of all stakeholders because they are a large part of the local tax bill and of critical importance to the communities they serve
 - f. Must look forward. Need to proceed as effectively as possible, toward a brighter future for our students and the community.
 - g. Understand and learn what it means to be a 21st century school system.
 - h. Stay away from predicting the future. Let the visioning process run its course. School board members and the superintendent should not be offering their personal opinions on what they think is best for the schools' future. Let the vision do the talking.
 - i. Great opportunity to bring together all stakeholders who have a vested interest in the future of public education on the peninsula.
4. Points to Consider:
- a. Aging and pedagogically-dated facilities
 - b. New school would cost roughly \$48,000,000 today, and up 5% a year based on school for 500 students with a square footage of 112,000 square feet for a brand-new school. Currently have approximately 180,000 square feet. Little state funding

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envisioned.

c. Cost per pupil is roughly \$20,000 a student and steadily increasing

d. Trustees will begin to prioritize required fixes and improvements but estimates are very weak with a potential to be much higher.

e. RSU 1 building a new Morse High School, mostly with state financial resources. The new high school includes a vocational program. Total cost is \$74.9 million. Scheduled opening summer 2020.

f. Excellent faculty in both schools.

E. Announcements

CSD Committee meeting: 6:00 pm, Wednesday, November 14th

Trustees Committee meeting: 5:15pm, Wednesday, November 7th

F. Items requested by Board Members, community and staff to be included in the next agenda

G. Adjournment

Time: 7:18pm

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SECOND

John Bertolet

VOTE 6-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Dr. Keith Laser
Superintendent of Schools