

**KIDS REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #2  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**DATE:** THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023  
**PLACE:** MONMOUTH ACADEMY CAFETERIA  
**TIME:** 6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Donna Seppy; Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham, Directors Chris Asch, Jeff Bickford, Aimee Campbell O'Connor, Deb Large, Kathryn Marseglia, and Amanda McDaniel

**MEMBERS ATTENDING REMOTELY** (in accordance with 1 MRSA §403-B): None

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Directors Jim Grandahl, Russ Hughes, Liana Knight, Jon Lambert; Student Representatives: Mackenna Cote (Monmouth), Zach Godbout (HDHS), Max Viselli (Richmond)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent Rick Amero; Principals Melissa Burnham Barter, Ted Finn, Mark Tinkham, Mary Paine, Sara Derosby; Asst. Principal Leticia Goucher; Special Ed Director Deb Murphy; Director of Buildings and Grounds Glen Reynolds; Director of Food Service Bobbi French; Business Manager Stephanie Saltzman  
Attending Remotely: Director of Transportation Katie Spear, Asst. Superintendent Kristie Clark

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER/QUORUM PRESENT**

The Board Chair declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

No members of the board offered advanced, qualified notice to participate remotely in this meeting.

**2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 6, 2023, THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2023, THE BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP OF APRIL 24, 2023, THE BUDGET PUBLIC FORUM OF APRIL 26, 2023, AND THE SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2023**

Director Jeff Bickford **motioned** to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 6, 2023, the Special Board Meeting of April 13, 2023, the Board Budget Workshop of April 24, 2023, the Budget Public Forum of April 26, 2023, and the Special Meeting of April 27, 2023.

Director Chris Asch **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 7-0; Director Amanda McDaniel abstained.**

**3.0 ADJUSTMENT(S) TO AGENDA**

- Add to Item 6.1
- Add to Item 6.6
- Add to Item 10.2
- Updates to Item 10.3
- Add to Item 10.6
- Add Item 12.0 - Executive Session
- Add Item 13.0 - Executive Session
- Move Adjournment to Item 14.0

**4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

4.1 Public Comment

#### 4.2 Reports from Student Representatives

##### **Monmouth Academy Student Rep. Mackenna Cote's Report to the Board**

We announced the Class of 2023 Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Summa Cum Laude Seniors at the Recognition Assembly on 04/13.

Five members of our Vex Robotics Team went to Texas for the World Championships the week of April 24th.

NHS had a successful Spring Fun Day. They are in the process of organizing their speaker for the NHS Induction Ceremony scheduled for 05/23. Students are finishing up their independent service projects.

Our Civil Rights Team is planning a Spring Fling Dance on 06/02. They are planning to make a float to put into the Hallowell Pride Parade.

The Student Government has started planning our Spring Fling events and the coffee cart will be starting up again soon!

##### **RHS Student Rep. Max Viselli's report follows.**

Heading into the last stretch of school post-April break, many things have been happening. On the last day before break, RHS had spring carnival, where students could participate in games and activities outside, which was a welcomed treat for the last day before vacation. Now that everyone is back at school, we are ready for the final push to the end of the year. Both the baseball and softball teams have played their first few games over break, and have played tough, higher-class competitions.

Seniors have been completing the last of their work in preparation for May 12th, when senior grades close. We are looking forward to marching practice, graduation, and the end of the school year.

Key Club recently put on a pie-a-teacher fundraiser, with the lucky winner being Principal Matulis, which the students got a kick out of.

The Math team went to the Maine State Math Meet, where Richmond's team scored 4th place out of 21 teams, coming in ahead of both other RSU 2 teams at the meet. It was an excellent way to cap off the math team's season.

Students are eager to finish up the school year, and with only a few months left, students are making sure they finish the year strong.

#### 4.3 Recognition of Student Representatives

- 4.4 Monmouth Principals' reports  
Reports are after the minutes of the meeting.

### **5.0 OLD BUSINESS**

## 6.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1 Approval of Nominated Personnel as New Hires  
Director Deb Large **motioned** to approve the Superintendent's nominations of the following new hires.
- Marie Dignam, Music at MMS
  - Dorothy Tripp, Music at HDES
- Director Jeff Bickford **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 7-0; Director Amanda McDaniel abstained.**
- 6.2 Approval of Overnight and Out of State Field Trips  
Director Chris Asch **motioned** to approve the MA Travel Group trip to Amsterdam and Paris in April of 2024. Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 8-0.**
- 6.3 Approval of Probationary 1 to Probationary 2 Teachers  
Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham **motioned** to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to move the following teachers from Probationary 1 to Probationary 2 teacher contract.
- Betsy Hunt, DES Art
  - Lauren Swindells, DES 50% Special Education
  - Cassandra Dunphy, HDES Art
  - Jennifer Tweedie, HDES Grade 2
  - Junko Dochtermann, HDMS/HDHS Japanese
  - Dana Armandi, MMS Special Education
  - David Benson, MMS Social Studies
  - Kimberly Brown, MMS Grade 2
  - Melinda Cram, MMS Grade 3
  - Scott Emery, MMS Grade 4-5 Math and Science
  - Autumn Houck, MMS Grade 1-2
  - Hayden Koller, MMS Science
  - Gina Marmanik, MMS Special Education
  - Kimberly Perkins, MMS Grade 3
  - Jordan Pratt, MMS Special Education
  - Joshua Shaw, MMS Special Education
  - Morgan Gilbert, DES, HDES, HDMS/HS Social Worker
- Director Aimee Campbell O'Connor **seconded** the motion, **vote in favor 7-1; Director Amanda McDaniel abstained.**
- 6.4 Approval of Probationary 2 to Continuing Teachers  
Director Aimee Campbell O'Connor **motioned** to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to move the following teachers from Probationary 2 to Continuing teacher contract.
- Amy Pinkham, DES Pre-K and Special Education
  - Meghan Bates, HDES Grade 1
  - Justin Proctor, HDMS Science
  - Heather Dennett, HDHS Health and Science
  - Marie Fowler, MMS Grade 4-5
  - Mary Ellen Guimond, Grade 1
  - Denise Leathers-Pouliot, MMS Nurse

- Rosalie Darrell, MA Art
  - Samuelson Shain, MA English
- Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 7-1; Director Amanda McDaniel abstained.**

6.5 Approval of Transportation Contract  
Director Jeff Bickford **motioned** to award the transportation contract to Cyr Bus Company. Director Kathryn Marseglia **seconded** the motion, voted in favor 7-0 **Director Amanda McDaniel abstained.**

6.6 Richmond Snack Shack update

## 7.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 Budget and Operations Committee (budget only) - 4/7/23  
April 7, 2023 5:30 p.m., RSU Central Office

**Committee Members:** Committee Chair Jim Grandahl; Directors Jeff Bickford, Aimee Campbell O'Connor and Jon Lambert; Board Chair Donna Seppy

**Committee Members Absent:** Director Amanda McDaniel

**Other Board Members Present:** Directors Deb Large, Leanne Burnham and Kathryn Marseglia

**Others Present:** Superintendent Rick Amero, Assistant Superintendent Kristie Clark, Director of Special Education Deb Murphy, Business Manager Stephanie Saltzman, It Director Mariah Kelley

Attending remotely: Asst. Special Education Director Antoine Morin; Transportation Director Katie Spear; Food Service Director Bobbi French; Principals Sara Derosby, Ted Finn, Mark Tinkham, Doug Bourget

1. Review Proposed FY'24 Budget  
There was a decision made to increase the proposed addition of the camera upgrade to cloud-based from \$90,000 to \$210,000. Making the FY24 increase to taxpayers \$684,677.
2. Adult Education  
There was a decision made to move forward with adult education in RSU 2.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristie Clark, Assistant Superintendent

### **Budget and Operations Committee Meeting**

April 27, 2023 6:00 p.m., Central Office

**Committee Members:** Directors Jeff Bickford, Aimee Campbell O'Connor and Jon Lambert; Board Chair Donna Seppy

**Committee Members Absent:** Committee Chair Jim Grandahl and Director Amanda McDaniel

**Other Board Members Present:** Board Chair Donna Seppy; Directors Deb Large and Kathryn Marseglia

**Others Present:** Assistant Superintendent Kristie Clark, Business Manager Stephanie Saltzman, Director of Buildings & Grounds Glen Reynolds, IT Director Mariah Kelley, Asst. IT Director Takuji Kobayashi

1. Answer Questions for Richmond: Snack Shack Proposal  
Recommendation to the Board: Richmond School Committee letter to the RSU 2 Board of Directors; formal written request with plans; that the snack shack built by volunteers will be under the guidance of RSU 2; letter drafted by KIDS RSU #2 attorneys and signed agreement releasing the RSU from financial and legal responsibility of the new snack shack.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Deb Murphy, Director of Special Education

## **8.0 BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT**

Financial Reports

## **9.0 ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

## **10.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- 10.1 Newly Hired, Newly Appointed Personnel
  - Randy Hinkley, RMS Softball Coach
  - Mathew Johnson, RMS Baseball Coach
  - Steve Lavoie, Contracted Part-time Administrator (remainder of year) at DES
- 10.2 Resignation(s) / Retirement(s)
  - Samuel Grady, Custodian at HDES
  - Keli Terry, Administrative School Secretary at HDES
  - Michael Gilbert, Grade 4 at HDES
  - Abigail Hunt, Kindergarten at HDES
  - Tess Hall, ELA at HDHS
  - Karen Kidder, Grade 5 at DES
- 10.3 Open Positions in the RSU
  - Grade 4 at HDES
  - ELA at HDHS
  - Grade 1-2 Teacher at MMS
  - Physical Education at MMS
  - Van Driver at HDMS/HS
  - Custodian at DES
  - Custodian at HDES
  - Custodian at HDMS (6/2023)
  - Custodian at HDMS/HS (12/2023)
  - Custodian at HDHS
  - Custodian at MA

- Custodian at RMS/RHS
- Special Ed Techs: HDES 1, MMS 1
- RSU Human Resource Coordinator
- RSU Finance Director
- RSU 50% ELL Teacher
- Teaching Principal at DES
- Adm. School Secretary at HDES

10.4 Upcoming Board Events and Committee Meetings (subject to change)

- Budget Public Hearing at Monmouth Academy 6:00 p.m. - 5/15/23
- Budget Public Hearing at Hall-Dale HS 6:00 p.m. - 5/16/23
- Budget Public Hearing at Dresden ES 6:00 p.m. - 5/17/23
- Regional Budget Meeting at HDHS 6:00 p.m. - 5/25/23
- Regular Board Meeting at HDES 5:30 p.m. reception for retirees; regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. - 6/1/23
- Budget Validation Referendum at polling sites - 6/13/23
- Special Board Mtg (Referendum Results) at HDES 6:00 p.m. - 6/15/23

10.5 Upcoming Evening Events at Schools

- HD K-12 Art Show at HDMS/HS - 5/18/23
- HDES Grade 3 Concert - 5/11/23
- HDES Grade 4 Concert - 5/25/23
- HDES Remote Learning Day for June Election
- HDMS Musical - 5/12 & 5/13/23
- HDMS Spring Concert - 5/31/23
- HDMS/HS Parent Teacher Conferences - 4/27/23
- HDHS Mountain Valley Conference Honors Banquet - 5/2/23
- HDHS Jazz and Taiko Concert - 5/6/23
- HDHS Spring Concert - 5/17/23
- HDHS Prom - 6/3/23
- HDHS Senior Celebration - 6/8/23
- HDHS Senior Awards - 6/9/23
- HDHS Graduation and Project Graduation - 6/11/23
- MMS PTO Meeting - 5/2/23
- MMS Grades 6-8 Dance - 5/12/23
- MMS Title One Night - 5/25/23
- MMS Grades 4-8 Spring Concert - 5/31/23
- MMS Grade 8 Semi Formal Dance - 6/2/23
- MMS PTO Meeting - 6/6/23
- MMS Kindergarten Night - 6/8/23
- MMS Grade 8 Recognition Night - 6/15/23
- MA MVC Honors Banquet - 5/2/23
- MA Prom - 5/20/23
- MA Spring Concert - 5/30/23
- MA Senior Awards Night - 6/7/23
- MA Class Day - 6/9/23
- MA Graduation and Project Graduation - 6/11/23
- MBES PTG Meeting - 5/10/23
- MBES PTG Meeting - 6/14/23
- RHS Key Club Closing Ceremony - 5/10/23
- RHS Prom - 5/27/23
- RHS Class Night - 6/8/23

- RHS Graduation - 6/10/23
- RMS & RHS Grades 6-11 Awards and Recognition - 6/14/23
- RHS Athletic Banquet - 6/14/23

Other events

- Early Release Day - 5/19/23
- Memorial Day (schools and offices closed) - 5/29/23
- Last Student Day (Early Release Day) - 6/16/23
- Juneteenth (schools and offices closed) - 6/19/23

10.6 School Field Trips [In-state / School Day]

- DES Grades 3-4 trip to Maine Maritime Museum - 5/25/23
- HDES Kindergarten trip to Maine Wildlife Park - 6/5/23
- HDMS Grades 7-8 trip to Honors Festival at Cony HS - 4/28/23
- HDMS Freshman English Drama Club trip to Theater at Monmouth - 5/17/23
- MMS Kindergarten trip to Cumston Hall - 5/26/23
- MMS Grades 7-8 trip to MMES District III Festival at Cony HS - 4/28/23
- MMS Special Education trip to Olympics Track Meet - 5/17/23
- MA Business Students trip to local businesses - 5/2/23 and 5/9/23
- RMS/RHS Life Skills Program trip to Special Olympics at HDHS - 5/17/23
- RMS Grade 8 trip to CATC - 6/2/23
- RMS Grades 6-8 trip to Spare Time Recreation and Viles Arboretum - 5/31/23
- RHS JMG Program trip to KVCC in Fairfield - 4/26/23
- RHS Junior Class trip to Career/College Fair in Augusta - 5/18/23

**11.0 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

**12.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION: [MRSA, 405 (6) (A)] - Personnel Matter**

Director Jeff Bickford **motioned** to enter Executive Session at 7:36 p.m. Director Aimee Campbell O'Connor **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 7-0**. The session ended at 8:34 p.m. Present: Chair Donna Seppy; Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham; Directors Chris Asch, Aimee Campbell O'Connor, Deb Large, Kathryn Marseglia and Jeff Bickford; Supt. Rick Amero  
Action Taken: History: Explore policy development; Other school succession/challenges; Conflict of interest.

**13.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION: [MRSA, 405 (6) (A)] - Personnel Matters**

Director Jeff Bickford **motioned** to enter Executive Session at 8:44 p.m. Director Chris Asch **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 7-0**. The session ended at 10:19 p.m. Present: Chair Donna Seppy; Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham; Directors Chris Asch, Aimee Campbell O'Connor, Deb Large, Kathryn Marseglia and Jeff Bickford; Supt. Rick Amero No action was taken.

**14.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Director Jeff Bickford **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m. Director Chris Asch **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 7-0**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Amero, Jr.  
Superintendent of Schools

Monmouth Memorial School  
School Board Update May 2023

<b>MMS Enrollment as of 4/24/23 = 386</b>				
PK= 30	1 = 40	3 = 43	5 = 38	7 = 46
K = 36	2 = 39	4 = 37	6 = 38	8 = 39

**Spring Highlights:**

- **Pre-K** students hosted Mr. Drew and his Animals Too; they will also travel to the Maine Wildlife Park and will host a family meal for their loved ones.
- **Kindergarten** students hosted upper elementary, middle, and high school volunteers throughout the year and will visit Pineland Farms. They will also be “buddies” with incoming Pre-K students for some special activities at the end of the year.
- **Grades 1 and 2** students will visit a Turner farm to meet real-life cows they’ve adopted this year through the Maine Dairy Promotion Board’s “Dairy In School” program; they will also participate in a virtual field trip to the Maine Wildlife Park.
- **Grade 3 Students** will participate in their annual Bike Trek, a predetermined bike route through the town, and will visit the Botanical Gardens in Boothbay.
- **Grade 4 Students** will travel to South Paris to participate in a program to Dig Maine Gems, connecting to the work they’re doing in their science class.
- **Grade 5 Students** will visit the Maine Veterans Home to meet Veterans they have been communicating with online; they will travel to Jamie’s Pond in Manchester to release trout that they’ve been raising from eggs in their science class; and will travel to Augusta to perform as they sing at the State House. This will also be the last year that Grade 5 will participate in the Bike Trek, as this is the last group to have missed it in third grade.
- **Grades 6-8:**
  - 63 student-athletes participate on MMS Athletic Teams in track, softball, and baseball;
  - 15 students involved in MMS Drama will act or work backstage in a production of “Miss Nelson is Missing;”
  - Each grade level participates in a field trip to a Maine college or university as part of our MelMac grant; 7th graders will spend time with leadership and teambuilding activities at the YMCA Camp of Maine; 8th graders participated in a STEM event at Fenway Park and will visit the Capital Area Technical Center to learn more about their programs;
  - 8th graders also were visited by a guest speaker who had survived the Holocaust and will visit Cumston Hall to watch a Holocaust play.

**Full-School Events**

- Conferences and screenings:* Spring conferences were held at the end of March/beginning of April; MMS Pre-K and kindergarten screenings are upcoming this spring.



- Farm Day*: Students in all grades will participate in a variety of farm exploration or farm-to-table activities, including visiting farm animals and equipment as well as a number of hands-on activities for all.
- Weather at Your School*: MMS will host WMTW (Channel 8)'s Weather at Your School on May 30th. Meteorologist Ted McInerney will be broadcasting from MMS beginning at 5:45 AM. The live broadcast will air every 10 minutes until 6:45, with segments including students who wish to be involved.
- Robotics*: We're headed back to Worlds! One MMS Vex team and two coaches traveled to the 2023 Vex Robotics World Competition in Dallas, Texas this week. Between MMS and MA, 29 students in grades 7-12 participated in Vex during the regular season. 35 students in grades 4-8 participate in Lego Robotics.
- Monmouth Music*: MMS chorus students will sing the National Anthem at Hadlock Field; We have hosted or will host 3 spring concerts: Kids In Motion (grades K-1); Up with Kids (grades 2-3), and the MMS spring concert for grades 4-8 band and chorus students. We will also be adding musical equipment to our playground thanks to the generous support of the MMS PTO and community donations. Lastly, we will host a local handbell group for a K-5 music assembly in May.
- Chewonki*: Chewonki will return for their annual wildlife presentations in grades K-5.
- Junior Achievement Maine*: We have expanded our partnership with JA Maine, who volunteers to support financial literacy education in schools. JA Maine now provides programming to classes in grades 2, 5, and in our middle school Makerspace class.
- State Testing*: End of year state testing in Reading and Mathematics (Grades 3-8 only - "Through Year Assessment") and MEA Science (Grades 5 and 8 only) will take place in the month of May.
- Harry Cochrane Day at Cumston Hall*: All students in grades K-5 visited Cumston Hall to learn more about the architect of the Hall, Harry Cumston, as well as the history of their town and the connection of the building to the community.
- K-5 field day, Positive Recognition ceremonies for Grades 6-8 and K-5*, as well as our traditional *celebration ceremony and activities for 8th graders* round out our end-of-year events.



2nd Grade enjoys recess rain or shine in their rain suits.



We received a grant from Dollar General for K-2 literacy supplies!



Grades Pk-2 Field trip to Monmouth Fire Department for Fire Safety Week



Students in 4th-8th grade participated in the State of Maine Mock Election on Tuesday, October 25th.



Day of Caring 2022



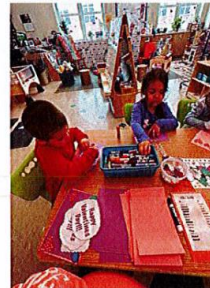
5th Grade Writers Cafe!



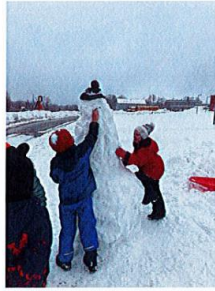
K-2 Students dressed up as Gift bags as their Team Dress Up Day for December to Remember!



A Camden National Bank Representative came to speak to 5th graders about financial literacy for Junior Achievement!



Pre-K making Valentines cards for local nursing homes



1st & 2nd Graders work together to build a snowman



Middle School Students browsing the Scholastic Book Fair Spring of 2023



5th Graders read virtually to the residents at The Maine Veterans Home in Augusta as their weekly reading program

## **Monmouth Academy Principal Ted Finn's report to the Board**

Greetings from Monmouth Academy!

I'd like to highlight the following events/activities that have either taken place and/or will be taking place at Monmouth Academy.

**ASVAB Testing/Results Review:** All Sophomores took the ASVAB test on 03/09 and had a results review (for career exploration) on 03/22.

**Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences:** Took place on 04/13.

**Optional School Day SAT:** We had 17 Juniors who chose to take the optional SAT that was offered on Wednesday (04/12).

**State & NWEA Testing:** The new *Through the Year Assessment* for all Sophomores will be taking place on Tuesday (05/02), and the NWEA for all Freshmen will be taking place on Wednesday (05/03). All Juniors will take the State Science Assessment on Tuesday (05/16).

**AP Testing:** Scheduled will take place on 05/08 for AP Computer Science and on 05/10 for Biology.

**FBLA:** Our FBLA Team (advised by Mrs. Neal) did an outstanding job at the FBLA State Conference this past Sunday through Tuesday. The team came home with 80 awards. 32 members qualified for the National competition. Monmouth now holds 4 of the 7 State Board officer positions (President, Secretary, Historian and Parliamentarian). We also received 3 State Awards: The Who's Who in FBLA; the New Member of the Year; and the Advisor of the Year.

**Academic Decathlon:** The State Academic Decathlon Competition was held at Monmouth Academy on Saturday (03/18). Our team (led by Mr. and Mrs. Foyt) competed against three other high schools (Hall-Dale, Oak Hill, and Calais) in a day full of testing and public speaking. For the second year in a row, MA finished as the Runner-Up. MA earned 22 gold medals, 19 silver medals, and 13 bronze medals and tied for first place for the Super Quiz Award.

**One Act Play:** The MAD Players (the Monmouth Academy Drama Team) took first place at the Class B Regional Competition held at Skowhegan High School on Saturday (03/11). They moved on to the Class B State Drama Competition which took place in Ellsworth on Saturday (03/25) and took fourth place in that competition. Congratulations to our Drama Team (advised by Mrs. Littlefield and Mr. Price).

**MVC Honors Banquet:** Seniors who have earned Summa Cum Laude distinction (and their immediate family members) have been invited to attend the MVC Honors Banquet scheduled for Tuesday evening - 05/02.

**Senior Capstone Presentations:** Scheduled to take place on Friday - 05/19.

**Jr/Sr Prom:** Will be held at the Vista of Maine (located in Green, ME) on Saturday - 05/20 from 6:00pm - 10:00pm. Tickets will be going on sale soon.

**NHS Induction Ceremony:** Scheduled to take place on Tuesday - 05/23 at 6:30pm.

**Art Show & Spring Concert:** Both events will be taking place on Tuesday (05/30). The Art Show will take place at MA from 4:00pm - 6:00pm; and the Spring Concert will take place at Cumston Hall at 6:30pm.

**Portland Sea Dogs:** Recognized a number of Monmouth Academy students as part of their Most Improved Student and Staff Appreciation program.

**Schedule of Events for Seniors:** Sent out via email to all Seniors and through IC Messenger to all parents/guardians of Seniors in addition to a hard-copy letter (which was included in the most recent semester progress reports that went out on 04/07). Note: A Copy of that letter has been included at the end of this report.

**Schedule for the End of the Year Events for all MA:** Will be going out to all students & parents the week of 05/01.

**Senior Letter:**

April 7, 2023

Dear Class of 2023:

This is an informational letter pertaining to everything you need to know to get you through the final academic days of your Senior year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

To be eligible to participate in the Graduation ceremonies, a Senior **must** have completed **ALL** graduation requirements by **3:00pm on Wednesday - June 7, 2023.**

**MVC Honors Banquet:** Any Senior who has earned the Summa Cum Laude Honors Recognition as of April 13th (and their immediate family members) will be invited to attend the MVC Honors Banquet scheduled for Tuesday - May 2nd here at Monmouth Academy. We will have dinner in our cafeteria from 5:30pm - 6:00pm, and that will be followed by a remote MVC presentation beginning at 6:00pm.

**Prom:** Our Prom will take place on Saturday, May 20th at the Vista of Maine located in Greene, ME. The Prom will run from 6:00pm - 11:00pm; and tickets will be going on sale sometime in early May. Please keep your eyes and ears open to Prom information that will be out after we return from the April break.

**Final Exams:** On May 25th & 26th, Seniors will be taking their final exams for each class. These exams will be based on the material covered throughout the 2nd semester of this school year. The format of the exam will be up to the individual teachers. You need to pass each exam in order to pass the class. If you don't pass an exam(s), you will be given the opportunity to complete a retake between May 30th - June 2nd. Please be sure to connect with your teachers so that you are clear as to what they will be expecting from you for their exam.

**Class Meeting:** There will be a Senior class meeting on Thursday - 06/01 from 8:00 - 9:00 in the gym to review the expectations for Graduation preparation & activities. Seniors will also receive their caps & gowns at this meeting.

**Laptop Collection:** Senior laptops, chargers, & cases will be collected on Thursday (06/01) and Friday (06/02). Mr. Brown will be sending out an email to all Seniors soon explaining how the collection process is going to work. If you have any questions, please connect with Mr. Brown.

**Marching Practice:** Required for any Senior who will be participating in the graduation week activities (to include Graduation). Practice will begin at 9:00am sharp on Friday (06/02); Monday (06/05); Tuesday

(06/06) and Wednesday (06/07; which will also include the dress rehearsal and the class picture along with individual pictures of each Senior receiving their diploma). The final marching practice will take place on Friday (06/09) from 10:00 - 11:30, and that will be followed by the *Senior Stroll* at MMS between 11:30 - 12:00; and the *Class Day* event from 12:30 - 2:00.

**Spring Fling:** On Friday June 2nd, immediately following our first marching practice (at approx. 10:30am), we will switch gears and kick-off our Spring Fling! This event will include a school-wide BBQ; the Yearbook dedication; the distribution/signing of yearbooks; the awarding of cords & stoles; and a variety of other activities. This will run from 10:30 - 2:20.

**Cords & Stoles:** The awarding of cords and stoles will take place during the assembly on Friday (06/02). Every Senior had the opportunity to let us know what sport and/or extra-curricular activity they have participated in since being a student at MA. We ordered cords based on the responses and (as needed) verification by coaches, the AD, and advisors.

**Awards Night:** Wednesday, June 7th at Monmouth Academy beginning at 6:30pm. Seniors need to be at the high school by 6:00pm sharp in their caps & gowns. Tickets are not required for this event. We will have guest presenters in attendance to award their scholarships and/or awards, in addition to awards being presented by the school.

**Class Day:** Friday - June 9th at Monmouth Academy (12:30pm start). Seniors need to be at MA by 10:00am sharp wearing their caps & gowns for the final graduation walkthrough which will be followed by the *Senior Stroll* at MMS. Class Day will be open to parents/family members. If you plan on attending, we ask that you arrive between 11:30 - 12:10 as students in grades 9 - 11 will be getting dismissed at 12:15 to head into the gym for this assembly.

**Graduation:** Sunday, June 11th at Monmouth Academy. Seniors need to be at the high school by 1:15pm sharp in their caps & gowns. The event begins at 2:00pm sharp. This is a ticketed event as students will be receiving their tickets on Wednesday (06/07) **after** marching practice. Seniors will be receiving an envelope containing the number of tickets **they requested** based on a Senior ticket survey they will be getting sometime in early May.

**Project Graduation:** Immediately following Graduation, Graduates will be given the opportunity to go home; say “hi” to family and friends; change up; and return to the high school by 4:45pm. At 5:00pm, Graduates will board the bus to Camp Mechuwana and will enjoy one last final class gathering until 5:00am on Monday (06/12), courtesy of the Class of 2023 Project Grad Committee. Permission forms and medical forms will be passed out to Seniors at the class meeting on Thursday (06/01). Graduates participating in Project Grad will be required to have a bag check on Friday (06/09) and those bags will be locked up until it’s time to board the bus on Sunday afternoon. Graduates must take the school provided transportation to the venue but will need to make arrangements to be picked up between 4:45am - 5:00am on 06/12.

You have a LOT going on between now and June 11th, so please keep your eyes on the prize; don’t lose your focus; be safe and responsible; and enjoy the time you have remaining at Monmouth Academy! Take care.

Mr. Finn, Principal  
Monmouth Academy