

RSU 87/MSAD 23 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING
March 16, 2017

The RSU 87/MSAD 23 Board of Directors held a special meeting on Thursday,
March 16, 2017 at the Suzanne Smith Elementary School
with the Hermon School Committee.

MINUTES

Call to Order:

Shannon Knowles, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call:

Board members present:

Shannon Knowles, Allison Simpson, Debbie CoWallis, Phyllis Johnston, and Jonathan Sharp.

Board members absent (excused):

Paul 'Jake' Morgan

Board members absent (unexcused):

None

Others present:

John Backus, Superintendent Duran, Tony Reynolds, Anne Smith, Debora Farnham, Ted Harris, and Brian Walsh.

Introductions:

Board members from RSU 87 and HSC introduced themselves. A light meal followed.

Jobs for Maine Graduates Presentation:

Superintendent Duran introduced Dwight Littlefield, Chief Operating Officer for Jobs for Maine Graduates. He presented information on the JMG program that will be offered at Hermon High School starting next year, including students with disabilities. He also answered a variety of questions posed by members of both Boards. The HSC voted to accept the JMG program at HHS. Debbie CoWallis made a motion, seconded by Jonathan Sharp, to support the addition of the JMG program at HHS. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Backus asked Board members if they wanted to continue to meet as a Joint Board. Board members by consensus expressed interest in having 3 or 4 Joint Board meetings during the school year. There was interest in having a Boardmanship presentation with either DrummondWoodsum or MSMA. Superintendent Backus gave a brief description of an AOS (Alternative Organizational Structure) as a possibility for Hermon School Department and RSU 87.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Backus
Superintendent of Schools
Secretary to the Board