

EXPEDITIONARY LEARNING PROJECTS

Bath Middle School teacher Monica Wright stated that Expeditionary Learning is a long-term in-depth study that has students making authentic products that really makes the standards come alive. Ms. Wright talked about the 7th grade Ocean Sustainability expedition project which was established in 2013. The project has many community partners involved with the program. There is a middle school science journal out of the Gulf of Maine Research Institute and students submit their research papers which are peer-reviewed by other middle school students across the state and, in turn, our students review their papers. Through this process a few of the research papers are selected to get published in the journal. Another highlight this year is that middle school teacher Adelle Carter is working with students as part of Shark Tank in her ELA classes. The expedition will close with a Celebration of Learning on December 12th.

Bath Middle School teacher Vince Shatto talked about the new Expeditionary Learning project that is just getting started in the 8th grade this year. Expeditionary Learning projects begin with a lot of growth and trial and error. The new project is called Citizen You. Mr. Shatto stated that students need to understand what citizenship is to truly understand physics and government. How does citizenship impact a community and what is a community? Mr. Shatto reported that they discovered that there are 5 themes of citizenship. The students are delving into those now and what they mean when it comes to community. The culminating activity will be a citizenship wall which will explain what each of the elements of citizenship means.

Assistant Superintendent Joseph reported that the librarians will be present at next month's Board meeting to talk about the programming that they do in the district.

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representative Hayden Platteter reported seniors are currently wrapping up their college applications. The fall sports season is winding down with playoff games taking place last week. Another highlight included a Teen Library Council haunted house that took place in the Patten Free Library last night. Morse hosted a Playwright Festival last week which highlighted plays written and produced by students.

Student Representative Tanner Hennin introduced himself to the Board and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the School Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Manuel reported on the following:

- The October 11th Professional Development day agenda consisted of the elementary staff working on the new reading program while the middle and high school staff continued their work on their Proficiency-Based Learning curriculum. The BRCTC staff attended the statewide CTE conference held at Lewiston Regional Technical Center. The upcoming Professional Development day in November will be focused on building trauma informed schools.
- Morse has started a unified volleyball team this year to go along with their unified basketball team.
- Morse senior, Gavin Hannah, was selected by the City of Bath as one of two Student Projects of the Year recipients at this year's Citizen Involvement Day. Gavin raised almost \$1,800 to support the Bath Food Pantry over the summer through bottle drives.
- At Morse High School: Four students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five

or more of these exams. These students are Sarah Berkowitz, Arius Eich, Ella Martin, and Laurel Swanson.

Ten students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are Emily Adams, Owen Barter, Elsa Bertlesman, Corey Klein, Kaden Malcolm, Rachel Ouellette, Lorelei Pryor, Elizabeth Schotten, Abigail Sreden, and Thomas Trundy.

Twenty students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams with scores of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are Rosa Atienza, William Carrolton, Griffin Dever, Abigail Durgin, Helena Eich, Aria French, Hannah Goodman, Echo Griggs, Alden Harkins, Madelyn Jones-Cressey, Zachary Lay, Sydney McCarren, Emily Minott, Hayden Platteter, Ryan Reed, Emma Roth-Wells, Tyler Scorfina, Penelope Shields, Aidan Sinclair, and Zoe Sreden.

FINANCE REPORT

Business Manager Debra Clark provided the Board with the Financial Report for the month ending September 30, 2019. Mrs. Clark reported that the district received a grant to help with the costs of the unified volleyball program. The September financial report included salaries and benefits for all staff. To date, we have spent \$4.7 million of the budget. The Operation and Maintenance cost center came in a little higher due to the work done over the summer. One hundred percent of the Food Service budget has been transferred into a separate fund which is done annually. The district has received \$7.4 in revenue which is in line with what we spend and receive annually. Currently 31% or \$23 million has been spent out of the Morse High School building project budget.

REVIEW OF 2019-2020 BOARD GOALS

Board member Ritch-Smith stated that the Board continues to address Goal 1 by participating and monitoring the Morse/BRCTC construction project. Goal 2 is being addressed with the additional staff, press releases, and communications the schools have been given. The Board will continue to receive a monthly report from our Communications Specialist Lindsey Goudreau included in the Board packet.

FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICIES

- DJH – Purchasing and Contracting Procurement – The language under Dispute Resolution would apply to any dispute raised in response to a RFP.
- IIB – Class Size – Board member Brown stated that the revision to this policy was in response to comments from the Woolwich parents last year. Anyone with further input or language suggestions are asked to contact Central Office before the November Board meeting.
- IKE – Promotion, Retention, and Acceleration of Students – Chairperson August asked that the first sentence under Section B read “Parents shall be notified as early as possible...” Mr. August also suggested that the policy include other adults with legal responsibilities to our students by revising it to read “parent/guardians” throughout the policy.

OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIP REQUEST

MOTION: Perkins

SECOND: Ensel

VOTE: Board (7-0)
Students (2-0)

TO: Approve the out-of-state field trip request to visit colleges in Boston, MA from BRCTC.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS PROGRAM

Assistant Superintendent Joseph provided the Board with a handout that reviewed the number of students enrolled in the ELL program in September and June over the past several years. She also provided the Board with the number of ELL students and staff from the surrounding districts. The numbers were also broken down by the proficiency level of the students and the estimated amount of instruction time needed for the different levels. Ms. Joseph stated that when the budget was created the district had 19 ELL students. Last week RSU 1 had 24 students and as of today we have 26 students in the program. The ideal number of minutes of instructional time needed for these students would equal two full time staff members. Ms. Joseph requested that we add an ed tech II to help our ELL instructor make sure that the students have access to this education. Superintendent Manuel reported that we did not fill the Pre-K ed tech position in Phippsburg due to the low enrollments and could apply those funds to this position.

MOTION: Ensel

SECOND: Walton

VOTE: Board (7-0)
Students (2-0)

TO: Allow RSU 1 to hire an ed tech II for the ELL Program.

PUBLIC SESSION

None

NEXT MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS

- Next regular RSU 1 Board meeting; Monday, November 25, 2019 at Bath Middle School – 6:00 pm

ADJOURN

The Board exited from general session at 6:45 pm to enter in a Board Workshop to discuss the district's STEAM Program. A recording of the October Board meeting and workshop is available on the RSU 1 website following this [link](#).

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick M. Manuel
Secretary