



## **ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA**

The agenda was adjusted to include Item 14.4 Out-of-state overnight field trip request to allow Morse students to participate in the Ocean Bowl Competition in New Hampshire.

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

None

## **MHS BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE**

Superintendent Manuel reported that a detailed report from the Clerk of the Works was included in the Board packet. Highlights of the report include work on interior walls, window insulation and masonry work. The school will have a nice balance between an open concept and a homey environment that's conducive to learning. The bridge work on Congress Avenue continues. Administrators will be involved in furniture, IT and AV meetings over the next couple of months and will go out to bid for these items in the spring. The building is scheduled to be completed by December 15<sup>th</sup> and the plan is to have students in the new school following the February 2021 break.

## **STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Student Representative Tanner Hennin reported that first semester concluded with midterms last week and Morse Junior wrestler Mason Savory won his 100<sup>th</sup> career match last weekend.

Student Representative Hayden Platteter shared some club highlights including the upcoming Ocean Bowl Competition that will take place over the weekend in New Hampshire. The Green Club hosted an event in which students brought clothes to be recycled by either swapping them or repairing them. Morse Librarian Dawn Lee also did a sewing machine demonstration in the library during the event.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Manuel reported on the following:

- Earlier this month the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Woolwich Central School participated in the school's first "Kindness Day." This proved to be a powerful day that had students look at their everyday actions and look at how they can treat each other better.
- Many of our 7<sup>th</sup> graders at Bath Middle School had the opportunity to go to the State House on January 13<sup>th</sup> to be a part of the celebration and recognition at the press conference for the Census of Community Based Environmental Learning. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade expedition on Ocean Sustainability was one of the highlights of the case studies done.
- Morse High School had approximately 25 students and parents attend their PSAT's and Pastries meeting to learn how to practice and prepare for the SAT test in March.
- RSU 1 has used four snow days at this point. Dr. Manuel stated that if we have another snow day before the February break, we may need to change the March professional development day to a regular school day so that school year closes out before it gets too late in the month of June.

## **FINANCE REPORT**

Business Manager Debra Clark provided the Board with the Financial Report for the month ending December 31, 2019. We are six months into the school year and have spent 41% of the budget and have brought in 48% in revenue which is in line with last year. The tax paperwork has been issued and filed today. The auditor attended the January Finance Committee meeting and reviewed the 2018-19 audit. If any Board member is interested in receiving a copy, please contact Mrs. Clark. The budget

process has begun and, once everything is entered into the system, meetings will be scheduled with administrators and the Finance Committee to review the budget before presenting it to the Board in March. Currently, we have spent \$33 million out of the \$75 million budget for the new high school. The new tuition rates have been set by the state. RSU 1's tuition rates came in with an increase of a little over 5% which means an additional \$28,000 in revenue for the district.

## FUNDRAISER REQUESTS

A list of fundraiser requests for the second half of the year was provided to the Board as an informational item.

## REVIEW OF 2019-2020 BOARD GOALS

Board member Ritch-Smith reported that the Board continues to be updated monthly on the status of the Morse/BRCTC construction project. The district's communication specialist continues to keep the RSU 1 community informed on what is going on in our schools through press releases, other social media platforms, and a district newsletter. Goal #3 is being addressed tonight with the Board workshop on mental health. The Later Start Time Committee is continuing to research this topic and is on track for meeting Board goal #5. The Dropout Prevention Committee continues to meet 3-4 times per year which addressed goal #4.

## PERSONNEL ITEMS

**MOTION:** Ensel

**SECOND:** Perkins

**VOTE:** Board (7-0)  
Student (2-0)

**TO:** Approve the nomination of Robin Monahan, Special Education teacher at Woolwich Central School.

## REVIEW BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Board reviewed the committee assignments and made the following changes:

- Board member Ryan was added to the Finance Committee and Legislative Contact.
- The Waste Reduction Committee was added to the list. This committee is chaired by Chairperson August and meets once a month.
- Board member Fuller withdrew her name from the Shariki Committee and is now serving on the Facilities Committee.

If any Board member would like to make any further changes to the committee list, please contact Chairperson August or Superintendent Manuel.

## OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

The Board agreed to vote on the field trip requests as one motion.

**MOTION:** Ensel

**SECOND:** Ryan

**VOTE:** Board (7-0)  
Student (2-0)

**TO:** Approve the following field trip requests:

- Morse High School chorus students to attend overnight conference at University of Maine – Orono
- BRCTC students to attend overnight SkillsUSA competition in Bangor
- Morse students to attend out-of-state overnight Ocean Bowl competition in New Hampshire

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

None

## **NEXT MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS**

- Next regular RSU 1 Board meeting; Monday, February 24, 2020 at Bath Middle School – 6:00pm.

## **ADJOURN**

The Board exited from general session at 6:30 pm to enter in a Board Workshop to discuss mental health issues. 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