

Maine School Administrative District 11

REGULAR MEETING

Merle E. Peacock, Jr. Board Room

Thursday, October 1, 2015

7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Becky Fles, Vice-Chair Eric Jermyn, Candace Avery, Michael Bechard, Carrie Boudway, Marc Cone, Debra Couture, Katherine Chadwick, Michael Dovinsky, Jennifer Garvin, Joseph Gould, Penny Poolman, Patricia Hopkins, Superintendent, Andrea Disch, Business Manager

STUDENT MEMBERS: Hillary Colby, Cassie Trask

ABSENT:

Chair Fles declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No Public Comment

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA /MINUTES

VOTED: Motion by Vice-Chair Jermyn to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Director Gould.

13,612 – 0

2 – 0 *Student*

Motion carried.

VOTED: Motion by Director Gould to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2015 Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Director Cone.

13,612 – 0

2 – 0 *Student*

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATIONS

- The Board recognized Bangor Savings Bank for their \$500 donation to the District. The donation was used to purchase incentives in the MSAD 11 School Lunch Initiative.
- The Board recognized Other Maine Projects for their donation of clothing and supplies for students in the MSAD 11 community.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Gardiner Police Chief, Jim Toman, discussed current substance abuse issues affecting the MSAD 11 Community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Curriculum Committee – At the September 8th meeting, the Committee reviewed and discussed the District's results of last spring's Smarter Balance Assessment (SBAC). NWEA data and sample reports were also reviewed as part of the discussion.

Laura E. Richards School Principal, Karen Moody, discussed with the Committee the Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA) program her school is currently piloting in conjunction with the State Department of Education.

- B. Dropout Prevention Committee – *No Meeting.*

- C. Educational Plan Committee – *No Meeting.*

- D. Finance Committee – At its September 15th meeting, the Committee discussed the District's Performance Contract including the loss of \$120,503 in Efficiency Maine Incentive revenue. It was stated that most of the incentive programs at Efficiency Maine have been indefinitely suspended.

The Committee discussed the lighting projects contained in the project scope and specifically identified projects for elimination should the need arise. The possibility of being able to tap into the remaining Efficiency Maine Green House Gas Incentives was also discussed. After discussion, the Committee agreed it would wait for a decision from Efficiency Maine before deciding how to next proceed.

The Committee received history of the District's DHHS MaineCare audits and violations dating back to 2010 – 2011 and 2011 – 2012. Maine DHHS had identified a total of \$41,294 they were seeking from MSAD 11 for the Section 65 MaineCare Audit Violation. It was stated the District had never received notification of the amount being sought for violation from the second audit. During the time since, the State, along with counsel for the school units, who received notice of violation, have been trying to reach a comprehensive resolution to the issue.

The District recently received a letter from Drummond Woodsum stating Maine DHHS has expressed a willingness to settle both claims for the total sum of \$2,289. After discussion, the Committee voted to settle both audit violations for the amount of \$2,289, as proposed by DHHS.

- E. Negotiations Committee – *No Meeting.*

- F. Policy Committee – *No Meeting.*

- G. Relations by Objective Committee – *No Meeting*

- H. Gardiner Area High School Student Representative Report – Student representatives briefly discussed the beginning of the school year and extra-curricular and co-curricular activities. It was stated the Homecoming is scheduled for October 8th.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The following have been approved by the Superintendent:

- A. Gardiner Area High School Band - Washington, D.C. and Williamsburg, VA, May 3-8, 2016
- B. Gardiner Area High School College Campus Visit /Tour – St. Anselm College, Southern New Hampshire University and University of New Hampshire, in partnership with New Hampshire Institute of Art, - September 24, 2015
- C. Appointments – Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular, Gardiner Regional Middle School
 - Mark Koenig, Math Team, Co-Advisor
 - Amelia Palin, Math Team, Co-Advisor
 - Monique Amero – Daniel, Boys' Soccer
 - Judy McAuslin, Field Hockey Co-Coach
 - Dorothy Hinckley, Field Hockey Co-Coach

NOMINATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D

- A. POLICE CHIEF, JIM TOMAN – SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISCUSSION
See Above

- B. ANNUAL APPROVAL OF THE EMERGENCY PLAN

VOTED: Motion by Vice – Chair Jermyn to approve the District Emergency Plan, seconded by Director Gould.
13,612 – 0
2 – 0 *Student*

Motion carried.

REPORTS – EDUCATIONAL /ADMINISTRATIVE

A. BOARD CHAIR REPORT

- 42nd Annual MSMA Fall Conference – October 22 – 23, 2015

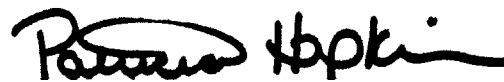
- Local Delegate to MSBA Annual Delegate Assembly
The Board discussed nominating a member for the MSBA Annual Delegate Assembly.
- School Board Insurance

B. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- *Superintendent's Internship*
Superintendent Hopkins informed the Board that she would be mentoring Messalonskee Assistant Principal, Dan Bowers, as he works towards his certification for Superintendent.
- *Parent Focus Group*
Parent Focus Group scheduled for October 8, 2015 to aid in the assessment of school climate and culture.
- *Girls' Ice Hockey Team Update*
Due to Title IX concerns, the Superintendent was forced to rescind permission for cooperative Girls' Ice Hockey at Gardiner Area High School.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Attest a true record,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia Hopkins", written in a cursive style.

Patricia Hopkins, Secretary