

Maine School Administrative District 11

REGULAR MEETING

Merle E. Peacock, Jr. Board Room

Thursday, January 3, 2013

7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Rebecca Fles, Chair, Eric Jermyn, Vice Chair, Candace Avery, Marc Cone, Debra Couture, Andrew Grover, Deborah Holmes, Penny Poolman, Diane Potter, Nicole Sacre, Tyler Trott, Tony Veit, Patricia Hopkins, Superintendent, Andrea Disch, Business Manager

ABSENT:

STUDENT MEMBERS: Nathan MacDonald, Anastasia Zajchowski

Mrs. Fles called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and declared a quorum present.

GAHS Student Council President, Mariah Damon, updated the Board on its activities. The Council is currently making preparations for the Snow Ball, its semi-formal dance, to be held February 1st.

VOTED: Motion by Mr. Jermyn, seconded by Mr. Veit, to approve the agenda as amended.

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Motion carried.

VOTED: Motion by Ms. Avery, seconded by Mr. Jermyn, to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2012 Regular Board Meeting.

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Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter of Resignation from Michelle Tuttle, Special Ed. Ed Tech I /T.C. Hamlin

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Curriculum Committee – At its December 11th meeting, the Committee discussed Student Centered Learning. Mr. Tuttle shared a continuum of student centered learning models and clarified various student centered learning educational terms.

B. Policy Committee – At its January 3rd meeting, the Committee reviewed the following policies:

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| BDA | Board Organizational Meetings |
| BDE | Board Standing Committees |
| BDE-R | Board Committees & Standing Committee Operating Procedures |
| JICIA | Weapons, Violence and School Safety |

The Committee also responded to a parent's request for change/clarification of Policy JICA – Student Dress. The Policy Committee agreed that administration must adhere to the policy as written until such time the policy is changed.

VOTED: Motion by Mrs. Couture, seconded by Mr. Veit, to approve the following job descriptions:

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- High School Principal
- High School Assistant Principal /Director of Athletics
- High School Assistant Principal
- Director of Operations

Motion carried.

C. Dropout Committee – *Report included with the Board Agenda*

D. Educational Plan Committee - *No Meeting*

E. Finance Committee – At its December 17th meeting, Mr. Stonier and Mr. Dostie provided the updated 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Jermyn, Ms. Disch, Mr. Stonier and Superintendent Hopkins attended the December 19, 2012 Gardiner City Council to partake in the natural gas pipeline discussion.

The Committee reviewed the 3 year snow plow bids. The Committee voted to award the bid to the low bidder, McGee Construction.

The District received a proposal from the Gardiner City Manager to meet periodically to discuss common budget challenges/possible efficiencies. The Superintendent recommended including officials from all MSAD 11 municipalities in the conversation. The Committee approved the concept and recommended sending the request to the School Board for consideration.

VOTED: Motion by Mr. Jermyn, seconded by Ms. Avery, to instruct the Superintendent to proceed forward in developing the relationship between the District and its municipalities.

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Motion carried.

F. Negotiations Committee –*To be discussed in Executive Session.*

G. Relations by Objective Committee – *No Meeting*

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- A. Diann Bailey, Director of Adult Education
- B. Andrea Disch, Business Manager
- C. Mike Flynn, Director of Child Nutrition Services
- D. Al Ghoreyeb, Principal /River View Community School
- E. Lynn Izzi, Principal /Helen Thompson School
- F. Chad Kempton, Principal /Gardiner Area High School
- G. Peg Long, Director of Special Education
- H. Terry McGuire, Director of Technology
- I. Karen Moody, Principal /Laura E. Richards School
- J. Todd Sanders, Principal /Gardiner Regional Middle School
- K. Shelly Simpson, Principal /Pittston Consolidated School
- L. Jon Stonier, Director of Operations
- M. Howie Tuttle, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
- N. Travis Works, Principal /T.C. Hamlin School
- O. Student Representatives Report

GENERAL INFORMATION

The following positions have been appointed/hired:

- A. Todd Sanders GRMS 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
- B. Tavia Lunt Ed Tech II Librarian, Helen Thompson School
- C. Rebecca Sing Nurse Assistant
- D. High School Jazz Ensemble Field Trip to Great East Festival – Springfield, MA

OLD BUSINESS

A. GARDINER CITY COUNCIL MEETING – FOLLOW UP

MSAD 11 Administrators and Board Members attended the December 19th Gardiner City Council Meeting. Mr. Jermyn said while he anticipated a conversation with City Council Members, what ensued was a presentation from the two competing natural gas companies, Summit and Maine Natural Gas. Mr. Jermyn stated that after hearing both presentations, he does not anticipate natural gas being available in Gardiner until, at the very earliest, fall of 2014. With that said, the Finance Committee will continue its conversation regarding viable alternative fuel options.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

The Board discussed whether to continue requiring the monthly Administrative Reports.

VOTED: Motion by Mr. Jermyn, seconded by Ms. Avery, to release the administrators from the monthly Administrative Reports. (*Mr. Trott voted in opposition*)

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Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. NO VALENTINES PRESENTATION

Superintendent Hopkins and Howie Tuttle presented their *No Valentines* PowerPoint Presentation. The presentation reflects their philosophy on the importance of implementing both consistent teaching standards and teacher evaluations throughout the District.

REPORTS – EDUCATIONAL /ADMINISTRATIVE*BOARD CHAIR REPORT*

The Board Chair updated the Board on the following:

- *January Bi – Monthly Meeting*

A Bi – Monthly meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, January 10th to discuss the TIF 4 Grant.

- *Legislative Breakfast*

The Board hosted a legislative breakfast on Thursday, December 20th. The Board took the opportunity to discuss with its legislators issues affecting the District.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

The Superintendent updated the Board on the following:

- *Director of Curriculum & Instruction Position*

The Superintendent anticipates the position to become available effective July 1, 2013. Superintendent Hopkins and Howie Tuttle have started developing an advertisement for the position.

- *Winter Convocation*

Superintendent Hopkins will be attending the Superintendents' Winter Convocation scheduled for January 17th & 18th in Portland.

- *Emergency Planning*

In light of the events at Sandy Hook Elementary, Superintendent Hopkins reminded the Board the District's Comprehensive Emergency Plan is currently in the process of being updated. The Administrative Team will meet to discuss the emergency plan to ensure the plan is being implemented consistently throughout the District.

- *Maine Dental Health Outreach Program*

Information regarding the Maine Dental Health Outreach Program has been included in the School Board Packets. Superintendent Hopkins noted the program is a tremendous opportunity for those families unable to afford dental care.

- *2013/2014 School Calendar*

Superintendent Hopkins stated she, along with board members of the Capital Area Technical Center (CATC), are in the process of drafting the 2013/2014 School Calendar. Superintendent Hopkins reminded the Board of the new law allowing only five dissimilar calendar days among sending districts to CATC

- *Education Planning Committee*

The Education Planning Committee is scheduled to meet for a full day on Wednesday, January 23. Board members serving on the Committee are Deb Couture and Becky Fles.

- *TIF 4 Grant*

Members of the TIF 4 Committee have been identified. In addition to parents and community members, Superintendent Hopkins stated the Committee will include eight staff members, six administrators, two parents, and two Board members. Board members serving on the committee are Diane Potter and Becky Fles.

VOTED: Motion by Mrs. Holmes, seconded by Ms. Avery, to go into Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. to discuss negotiations with the Gardiner Teachers' Association, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D). The Board reconvened at 9:00 p.m.
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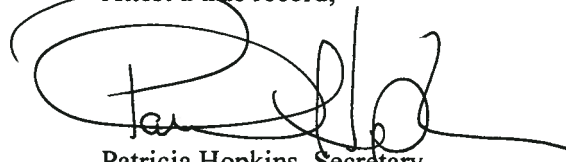
Motion carried.

VOTED: Motion by Ms. Avery, seconded by Mr. Jermyn, to go into Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A). The Board reconvened at 9:08 p.m.
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Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Attest a true record,



Patricia Hopkins, Secretary