

**Maine School Administrative District 11**

REGULAR MEETING

Merle E. Peacock, Jr. Board Room

Thursday, October 4, 2012

7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Candace Avery, Penny Poolman

STUDENT MEMBERS: Nathan MacDonald

Mrs. Fles called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and declared a quorum present.

GAHS Student Council President, Mariah Damon, stated Student Council has been making preparations for the Homecoming Dance which is being held this evening, October 4. The Council has also hosted several activities during the course of Spirit Week. The Student Council continues to make preparations for the Annual Tiger Masquerade Dance as well as a Teacher Appreciation Breakfast.

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

10 – 0

1 – 0 *Student  
Members*

***Motion carried.***

VOTED: Motion by Mr. Jermyn, seconded by Mrs. Couture, to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2012, Regular Board Meeting.

10 – 0

1 – 0 *Student  
Members*

***Motion carried.***

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter of resignation from Juliet Shagoury, Special Ed, Ed Tech I /Helen Thompson School

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Curriculum Committee – At its September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Committee reviewed and discussed Gardiner Area High School SAT scores. The High School has reached the state average SAT score in both Math and Reading. Science scores are currently two points above state average.

The Curriculum Committee discussed the implications of Legislative Document 1422 (LD 1422 – An Act to Prepare Maine People for the Future Economy). The bill will require the District to create personal learning plans for every student. In addition, the bill will create a world language requirement as well as require a year of math for every year a student is in school. Students will graduate from high school after meeting the standards as opposed to accumulating course credit.

The Committee discussed allowing middle school students to earn high school course credit. The credit would not be used in the calculation of the Student’s High School GPA.

VOTED: Motion by Mr. Veit, seconded by Mrs. Holmes, to allow middle school students to earn high school course credit without factoring into the calculation of their High School GPA.  
 10 – 0  
 1 – 0 *Student Members*

***Motion carried.***

The Committee also discussed clarifying the mastery and grading policy as it pertains to the gap in the current grading scale.

VOTED: Motion by Mr. Veit, seconded by Mrs. Potter, to adjust the grading policy to account for the gap in the grading scale.  
 10 – 0  
 1 – 0 *Student Members*

***Motion carried.***

B. Policy Committee – At its meeting prior to this Board meeting, the Committee reviewed recommended changes by the Superintendent to the Facility Use Policy in response to community feedback.

VOTED: Motion by Mrs. Couture, seconded by Mr. Jermyn, to approve the following:  
 10 – 0  
 1 – 0 *Student Members*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

- Policy JJIF Management of Concussions and Other Head Injuries
- Policy JJIF – E Concussion Information Sheet
- Policy KDB Public’s Right to Know /Freedom of Access

***Motion carried.***

C. Finance Committee – At its September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Committee was provided an overview of maintenance projects completed over the course of the summer.

The Committee continued the conversation from its previous meeting of alternative heating sources including natural gas and wood pellets.

The Committee discussed changes in fuel prices and the most advantageous time for which to

solicit fuel bids. Based on its discussion, the Committee extended the fuel bid deadline to October 18<sup>th</sup>, the date of its next Finance Committee meeting.

The Committee was provided an update regarding reimbursement to the Class of 2009. As a result, the Committee instructed Ms. Disch to send a letter to Mary Trahan, Class President allowing until the end December to establish a bank account.

- D. Negotiations Committee –*To be discussed in Executive Session.*
- E. Long Range Planning Committee – *No Meeting*
- F. Relations by Objective Committee – *No Meeting*
- G. 6 – 12 Academic Audit Sub Committee – *No Meeting*
- H. 6 – 12 Athletic Audit – *No Meeting*

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The following positions have been appointed/hired:

- i. GAHS Freshman Class Advisor – Gretchen Ward
- ii. GAHS Fitness Center (1<sup>st</sup> Semester) – Kristy Ferran
- iii. Adult Education Administrative Assistant – Cheri Weston
- iv. Special Education, Ed Tech I /Helen Thompson – Tracey Pellegrini
- v. Special Education, Ed Tech III /T.C. Hamlin – Ingrid Flemming
- vi. Title I, Ed Tech III /T.C. Hamlin – Denise Folsom
- vii. GAHS Sophomore Class Advisor – Rebecca Eugley

## OLD BUSINESS

### A. FUTURE SEARCH UPDATE

The Future Search Event is scheduled for Friday, October 12, and Saturday, October 13.

## NEW BUSINESS

### A. MSAD 11 EMERGENCY PLAN

The Board agreed to postpone the vote of the Emergency Management Crisis Plans to allow time for Board Members to view in the Central Office any time prior to the November Board Meeting.

REPORTS – EDUCATIONAL / ADMINISTRATIVE

*BOARD CHAIR REPORT*

The Board Chair updated the Board on the following:

- *MSBA Fall Conference – October 25 & 26*

*SUPERINTENDENT REPORT*

The Superintendent updated the Board on the following:

- *NWEA & PLCs Presentation at MSBA Fall Conference, October 25<sup>th</sup>*
- *No More Valentines Presentation to Curriculum Coordinators, October 1 & at MSBA Fall Conference, October 25<sup>th</sup>*
- *Teacher Incentive Fund 4 Grant (TIF 4)*
- *Fundraiser for Tara Marble, former MSAD 11 School Health Coordinator*

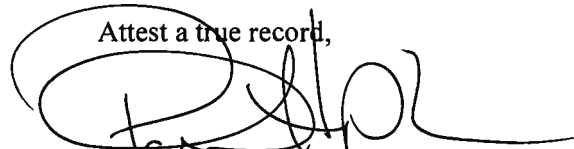
**VOTED:**  
10 – 0

Motion by Mr. Jermyn, seconded by Mrs. Fles, to go into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss negotiations with the Gardiner Teachers Association, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D). The Board reconvened at 8:48 p.m.

***Motion carried.***

The Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Attest a true record,



Patricia Hopkins, Secretary