

**REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #38 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Maranacook Community Middle School & Zoom**  
**October 7, 2020**  
**Minutes of Meeting**

Members Present: Chair Gary Carr, Vice Chair Wendy Brotherlin, Kim Bowie, Patty Gordon, Cathy Jacobs, Rebecca Lambert, Betty Morrell, Shawn Roderick, David Twitchell, Dane Wing, Alexander Wright

Member Absent: Melissa Tobin, (one vacant position)

Administrators: Superintendent James Charette, Special Education Director Ryan Meserve, Principals Jeff Boston, Dwayne Conway, Janet Delmar, Abbie Hartford, Kristen Levesque, Assistant Principal Tina Brackley, Technology Director Diane MacGregor, Adult and Community Education Director Steve Vose, Special Education Director Ryan Meserve, Finance Manager Brigette Williams

1. Call to Order: Chair Carr called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.  
Superintendent Charette stated, *in accordance with An Act to Implement Provisions Necessary to the Health, Welfare and Safety of the Citizens of Maine in Response to the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency as enacted to read Sec. G-1 MRSA Subsection 403-A Public proceeding through remote access during declaration of state of emergency due to Covid-19 this business meeting is being held with a mix of in person and virtually, through zoom. The meeting is being recorded and will be posted on the maranacook.org YouTube channel.*  
This meeting has a public comment portion on Item 5. We respectfully ask that the virtual audience with the exception of the board members mute their microphones. There is a chat box feature in zoom but we will not be utilizing this feature for this meeting. If you have questions or comments we respectfully ask that you contact the central office or email the superintendent or any board member and an answer will be provided as soon as possible. We ask for the public's patience during these highly unusual circumstances. Attendance and all votes will be done through roll call.
2. Student Representative Reports: Student representatives will begin in November.
3. Presentation: Synchronous and Asynchronous Learning by High School Teachers  
Principal Conway introduced the following members of the high school staff who presented examples of synchronous and asynchronous teaching and learning at the high school: Steve DeAngelis, Jeremy Smith, Hannah Moran, and Dylan Sirois (virtually).
4. a. Reports:  
In addition to the Board reports, the principals provided brief synopses of happenings at the schools. Shout outs were given to the bus drivers, health center staff and nurses, as well as food service workers and custodial staff.  
b. Sub-Committees  
Superintendent Charette noted that Committees will begin meeting this month and they will designate a spokesperson at their first meetings to report out at Board meetings.
5. Citizens Comments:  
Steve DeAngelis addressed the Board regarding the last 2 weeks and the cases of Covid in the Maranacook community and his concern that the administration has not been as transparent as they need to be about Covid in the schools. He expressed concern for staff and the lack of transparency about the events. He asked the Board to find time to discuss this with the administration.

Superintendent Charette noted that this topic will be discussed under 8b this evening.

6. Additions/Adjustments to the Agenda by Board and/or Superintendent:

Chair Carr reported that a question about considering weighted grades was brought to him. He asked Dr. Conway to think about that question and asked if the Curriculum Committee could take this topic up.

**MOTION** by Brotherlin, second by Wright to request the RSU 38 Curriculum Committee to discuss weighted GPA at an upcoming meeting and to report back to the Board.

Roll Call Vote – **Motion Carried:** unanimous

7. Action Items:

a. Approval of Minutes of September 16, 2020

**MOTION** by Brotherlin, second by Wright to approve the minutes of September 16, 2020 as presented.

Roll Call Vote – **Motion Carried:** 10 in favor, 0 opposed (Gordon offline)

b. Acceptance of donations

**MOTION** by Brotherlin, second by Morrell to accept the donations as presented.

Roll Call Vote – **Motion Carried:** 10 in favor, 0 opposed (Gordon offline)

c. Acceptance of Nomination of Online Elementary Teacher, Amy Tucker

**MOTION** by Brotherlin, second by Wright to accept the nomination of the Online Elementary Teacher, Amy Tucker, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Superintendent Charette noted that Ms. Tucker is a middle school teacher who is currently on leave from her position at the middle school due to concerns for family members and the corona virus. Ms. Tucker will have the assistance of 4 very capable educational technicians (2 from MES and 2 from MVES). Roll Call Vote – **Motion Carried:** unanimous

d. Appointment of Local Delegate and Alternate to MSBA Annual Delegate Assembly

Superintendent Charette reported that each year school boards are asked to appoint representatives to the MSBA Delegate Assembly. The Delegate Assembly consider resolutions to be brought up in the upcoming legislative session. The Delegate Assembly will be held virtually this year on October 30, 2:30 p.m. This is held in conjunction with the MSMA Annual Conference. The Board needs to appoint a delegate and an alternate. The Board will consider the proposed resolutions at the October 14 meeting.

**MOTION** by Morrell, second by Brotherlin to appoint Cathy Jacobs as the RSU 38 Delegate.

Roll Call Vote – **Motion Carried:** unanimous

**MOTION** by Brotherlin, second by Jacobs to appoint Gary Carr as the RSU 38 Alternate

Delegate. Roll Call Vote – **Motion Carried:** unanimous

e. Appointment of first probationary contract teacher, Wendy Bingaman, Math Interventionist

**MOTION** by Brotherlin, second by Morrell to appoint Wendy Bingaman as a first probationary contract math interventionist. Roll Call Vote – **Motion Carried:** unanimous

8. Informational/Discussion Items:

a. MSMA Fall Conference – October 30-31, 2020

Superintendent Charette asked board members to let Donna know if they want to attend the Fall Conference, which will be offered virtually this year. A copy of the preliminary schedule will be emailed to board members.

b. School and Co-Curricular Updates

Superintendent Charette reviewed the flowchart that was provided in folders. The chart outlines what happens if there is a positive COVID case of a student or staff. Although this chart was just developed, these are the procedures the district has been following, which is outlined in the state's Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).

In response to Mr. DeAngelis' accusations, they are false. The District is using the state's operating procedure. Administration does not make the decision when to notify staff or the community. If you are a close contact you will be told by the nurse or the building principal. He understands that this makes some people nervous, but the district is following DOE and CDC guidelines. We cannot identify personal information. Medical records follow HIPPA rules.

Superintendent Charette provide an enrollment update. Last October 1, total enrollment was 1,139, this year we are at 1,080 (unofficial). We are down 59 students, and we have 57 students that have been exited to home schooling this year. There are 80 students doing remote or at home supported learning.

Question was asked about what we will do if there is are students attending from another county and that county goes into yellow or red? Superintendent Charette will look into this.

Question about extending classroom time. Superintendent Charette stated the Administrative Team will be meeting next Tuesday afternoon and will see what that means for cafeterias, transportation and other specials. He will bring a recommendation to the next meeting.

CATC student access remotely.

Ipads are due tomorrow; Mrs. MacGregor and the tech team will be working in this room on Friday so we can start distributing them next week.

There has been no word on winter sports, but believe it will be addressed very soon.

The Facilities Committee will be discussing the Corona Relief Fund #1 at next week's meeting, which is approximately \$900,000. There is also a CRF #2 in the amount of \$942,000. The Facilities Committee will also be discussing this next week. All funds must be used for direct Covid relief in the schools and must be spent by December 30<sup>th</sup>.

9. Executive Session to consider labor contract discussions between the RSU #38 Board of Directors and the Maranacook Area Schools Staff Association pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D)

**MOTION** by Brotherlin, second by Wright to enter Executive Session to consider labor contract discussions between the RSU #38 Board of Directors and the Maranacook Area Schools Staff Association pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D). Roll Call Vote – **Motion Carried**: unanimous

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:53 p.m. and returned to public session at 9:34.

10. **MOTION** and second to adjourn the meeting at 9:37.

Respectfully submitted,  
James Charette, Superintendent/Secretary  
D. Foster, Recorder