

# SPRUCE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 15th Regular Meeting of the Spruce Mountain School District Board of Directors  
For 2015-16 will be held

**Thursday, April 14, 2016 6:00 pm Cedar Street Conference Room**  
**5:30 pm Policy Committee Meeting**

## ~MINUTES~

Present: Doug DiPasquale, Tammy Frost, Amy McDaniel, Michael Morrell, Joel Pike, Shari Ouellette, Holly Richards, Denise Rodzen, Laurie Sanborn and Michael Schaedler (arrived at 6:43 pm)

Absent: Jackie Knight, Mark Holt and Cindy Young

Present: Trevor Doiron (arrived at 6:22pm), Student Representative.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Denise Rodzen, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

3. **ATTENDANCE**  
**10 Members Present**  
**3 (Jackie Knight, Mark Holt, Cindy Young) Absent**  
**Trevor Doiron, Student Representative arrived at 6:22 pm**

4. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**  
March 24, 2016 – Board Meeting minutes  
**Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette approve the minutes of the March 24, 2016 regular Board Meeting.**  
**Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain**  
**Student Representative late arrival**

April 7, 2016 - District Budget Meeting Minutes  
**Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Michael Morrell to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2016 District Budget Meeting.**  
**Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain**  
**Student Representative late arrival**

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**6. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

**8. BOARD COMMENTS - None**

**9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT -**

**As of April 1, 2016 our student population is 1488; 424 at LES, 342 at JES, 317 at the middle school and 405 at the high school. I will be bringing forward to you at next board meeting dates that the elementary schools can work 1/2 days on curriculum before the end of the year in order to make reconfiguration successful. Pending no more snow days elementary school teachers will need to have, by the close of the custodian business day on the June 17th, all of their rooms packed. On Monday, June 20th the custodians will start moving classrooms. Ken Vining has brought over boxes to the schools, they are well on their way. I met with the district Librarian, Suzanne Cole today and she presented to me a plan on moving libraries around between June 20th and June 30th. Also, at our next meeting I will be bringing probationary teachers to you for your consideration. I will be on vacation May 11 through May 17, Kevin will be the Board Secretary on the 12th and he will have a report at that time. Denise Rodzen asked about books being moved from one library to another, wanted to make sure that at the primary school there would be books for more advanced students to read there. Mr. Healey responded that accommodations have been made for those students.**

**10. BOARD CHAIR'S**

**I have just returned from the National School Board Conference in Boston. It was very interesting one of the speakers was talking about us and them, the have and have nots and they shared their book for free. One of the other speakers was Dan Rather who told a great story about perspective.**

**11. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None**

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## 12. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

12.1 Spruce Mountain High School – TJ Plourde

**For the past three weeks we have been getting ready for SAT's. On Wednesday the students went to UMF to take SAT's where there was a nice atmosphere and taking the test would be a serious matter. The sophomores took the ASVAB test on Wednesday. This is an aptitude test, it is about trying to find out where the students interests lie. For the last 5 late arrival Wednesday's at the high school we were able to finish our school wide rubrics in order for our NEASC accreditation next year. Our staff were very excited that we got through that piece. That time that was allotted was very useful. There was a Performance Based meeting for 8th grade parents to inform them of the theory of where we are headed. Parents had great questions. There are going to be more and more of these meetings with the next one after vacation. Kim Bryant is creating an electronic timeline for where Spruce Mountain High School is right now. You will be hearing more as we get closer to the piece to where you need vote on graduation requirements. Ken Healey said that ASVAB is very important when 10th graders take it, they can ask to have the results sent to a recruiter it is not automatic but if it is taken in 11th or 12th grade they automatically go to a recruiter. I met with a DOE representative yesterday and they absolute praise our high school staff. She has met with a lot of schools and she has never see the level of enthusiasm that the high school staff has.**

**Tammy Frost said that she would not be able to attend the NEASC meeting on the 27th. TJ Plourde said that he would get the survey out to Tammy. Ken Healey said that it is very important that parents complete the Endicott Survey.**

**Joel Pike asked if you have any official guidelines for homework over the summer. TJ said yes we do, we have been doing so every year.**

12.2 Spruce Mountain Middle School - Scott Albert

**Congratulations to our March Students of the Month....Grade 6 Andrew McHugh and Christy-Lynn Beaudoin, Grade 7 Savannah Corliss and Alexa Newcomb and Grade 8 Scott Jackson and Connor Beaulieu. This past week has been fun dress up week. Testing for the State is done, I want to publicly thank Amanda Hersey for setting up and being district contact person and**

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**thank Craig Suttie and his staff for getting things done. Any issues that did happen came from states end. After vacation the 8th grade will be taking MEA science test which is a pen and paper. In May we will be administering the NEWA test.**

**Trevor Doiron arrived at 6:22pm.**

12.3 Jay Elementary School - Chris Hollingsworth

**We have gotten 38 Hannaford sized bags to students over vacation. The PTO from Livermore and Jay have been working on realigning and have one district wide PTO.**

**Holly Richards asked how the Community Forum went. Chris replied that they had a huge turnout, about 150 people. The feedback was that this was the biggest cross section of any forum they have seen. They plan on having future forums, as well as possibly having a community model to follow. RSU 9 has taken the lead on, creating a community model to help people who are in need. There is a large group of people who are willing to help.**

**Amy McDaniel asked if there is any cost for the food bank or pantry. There is no charge for either.**

**Shari Ouellette announced that the local food pantry is moving to the K of C in Jay.**

12.4 Livermore Elementary School - Kevin Harrington -

**Pre K and kindergarten registration went well and we have had good feedback. We have had the Ned Show, Math Night and Family Skating night. The 4th Grade Concert is tonight and we will be going to the movies in Farmington tomorrow for our PBIS reward. Field Day is coming up. Last day for Pre K will be June 14th. I have been spending time with staff working on reconfiguration and culture building and it is coming along well. On April 27 the Greater Boston Food Bank is coming to our school, they want to go through our pantry idea. We will restock before they arrive.**

**Holly Richards asked how many food bags LES gave out. Kevin replied that they have already given out 20-25 bags and then more recently 35-40. Holly also wanted to comment that she registered her child for Pre K, the teachers were fabulous, it was very streamlined....it was wonderful.**

**Joel Pike asked about Board ID's, he also asked about Amanda Hersey being worked into one of the reporting cycles.**

**Denise Rodzen had a question for Chris and Kevin. What has the feedback been on reconfiguration? Chris replied that some are just nervous about getting things done. We have been talking to them about what we are going**

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to use for assessments. Amanda has been very helpful for that, certainly some people who were nervous and are more comfortable now. I am answering emails each day about the move, we are working with staff. I met with LES staff today for about an hour and a half. It is easier for me to go to them.

Denise Rodzen wanted everyone to know that the bill on negotiating teacher contracts was defeated in the Legislature, the education policy prevails.

Michael Schaedler arrived at 6:43 pm.

## **13. POLICY –**

Joel Pike gave an update on the Policy Committee meeting this evening. He said that at the next Board meeting policy GD will be brought to them for review. It is fairly straightforward. We have another policy but we have more questions to be answered before we bring it to the Board.

**14. OLD BUSINESS - None**

**15. NEW BUSINESS - None**

**16. APPOINTMENTS - None**

## **17. OTHER BUSINESS**

17.1 Executive Session to discuss outstanding legal claim in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (E).

**Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to enter into Executive Session at 6:53 pm to discuss outstanding legal claim in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (E).**

**Trevor Doiron left meeting.**

**Back at 7:07 pm**

**Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Holly Richards to authorize the Superintendent to resolve the outstanding legal claim.**

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## **18. CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Denise Rodzen wanted to thank Michael Schaedler for his service to the Board. This is his last night as a Board member. She invited him to return on the 28th for cake and a celebration. Michael Schaedler responded that he would probably not be there. Also, Denise Rodzen announced that Mark Holt will not be running for re-election. Also, a reminder to all that the Budget vote is on the 26th.**

**Michael Schaedler said that he has enjoyed interacting with the school board members and he feels he can't put enough time into it. I am just moving on. Denise Rodzen replied that she appreciated the time you have put in and thank you for everything. .**

Regular Board Meeting on:

April 28, 2016 – Regular Meeting – 6:00 PM Cedar Street Conference Room

## **19. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Holly Richards to adjourn at 7:08 pm.**

**Vote:            10 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain**

Respectfully submitted:



Kenneth J. Healey

Superintendent of Schools