

SPRUCE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 15th Regular Meeting of the Spruce Mountain School District Board of Directors
For 2014-15 will be held

Thursday, April 9, 2015 6:00 p.m. at Cedar Street Learning Center

5:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting

5:45 pm Policy Committee Meeting

Present: Darcie Calden, Tammy Frost, Tamara Hoke, Tim Madden, Shari Ouellette, Denise Rodzen, Ronnalean Sanborn, Michael Schaedler and Cindy Young.

Absent: Jackie Knight, Amy McDaniel, Michael Morrell and Mark Holt

~Minutes~

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Denise Rodzen, 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**

9 Members Present

4 Members Absent

4. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA – Old Business**

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

March 26, 2015 – Board meeting minutes

Motion by Cindy Young and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2015 Board Meeting as presented.

Vote: 8 Yes 0 No 1 (Ronnalean Sanborn) Abstain

6. **COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE**

6.1 Retirement of Lyn DiSotto from the position of JES Grade 1 teacher at the end of the 2014/2015 school year.

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Tamara Hoke to accept with regret the retirement of Lyn DiSotto from the position of JES Grade 1 teacher at the end of the 2014/2015 school year.

Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

6.2 Retirement of John DiSotto from the position of SMMS Math teacher at the end of the 2014/2015 school year.

Motion by Tim Madden and seconded by Tamara Hoke to accept with regret the retirement of John DiSotto from the position of SMMS Math teacher at the end of the 2014/2015 school year.

Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lance Flagg regarding school attendance.

8. **BOARD COMMENTS**

Michael Schaefer commented on the recent District Budget Meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A lot of hard work went into the Education Technician/Secretary contract and I hope you see fit to ratify the contract. Negotiations themselves were wonderful, people were very truthful and spoke appropriately. Both the board and the association came with a positive attitude and I am appreciative of that. I have to say that where we are with the budget currently, I am very pleased, but we need to wait for the 29th. It is not because of me that this budget has been successful so far, it is because of my administrators, teachers, support staff and the board. The budget process is not easy. I want to thank everyone personally for all of their hard work.

10. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

I would like to add under "New Business" discussion of the next Board meeting on April 23.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

12. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

12.1. Transportation and Grounds – Ken Vining

Everything is going pretty well in transportation and maintenance. There are a lot of vacations coming up. We are pretty much on track for fuel usage this year, JES may be a little over. SMMS propane cost is going to be about equal to the oil cost last year. Next week begins the busy season for busing with many field trips and sports trips.

12.2. Technology – Craig Suttie

We are in the second week of Smarter Balanced testing. 400 children have tested, completion rates are high, technical problems are very small. It has been a successful experience, not as bad as we had anticipated.

12.3. Special Services – Tina Collins

Update on physical therapy, I have reached out to local hospitals, Concertra, etc. We have one potential lead we are following up on. I hope after vacation I will be able to come back to you.

12.4. Adult Education – Wendy Moreau

Last Thursday I went to see Gail Senese at the Department of Education, Adult Education. I asked her lots of questions, like what does a bare bones adult education program look like. We have all the components currently. We have a great partnership with a couple of other school districts and they have been extremely helpful and I have been working on grants with them. Staff have been wonderful in stepping up to the plate to get things done. Superintendent Healey spoke of how grateful he was to Wendy for what she has been doing for the program.

13. POLICY

13.1 Final Reading Policy IMDA –Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Tim Madden and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve the final reading of policy IMDA – Pledge of Allegiance as presented.

Vote:

9 Yes

0 No

0 Abstain

14. OLD BUSINESS

14.1 Consider District Vision and Mission

Motion by Tamara Hoke and seconded by Darcie Calden to accept the District Vision and Mission as presented.

Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

15. NEW BUSINESS

Consider conceding April 23, 2015 School Board Meeting.

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Darcie Calden to concede the April 23, 2015 School Board meeting due to lack of agenda items. We will convene again at the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 14, 2015.

Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

16. APPOINTMENTS

16.1 Executive Session to discuss personnel appointments in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A).

Motion by Darcie Calden and seconded by Shari Ouellette to enter into Executive Session at 6:48 pm to discuss personnel appointments in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A).

Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Back at 6:52 pm.

6.2 Superintendent nominates Catherine Siggins to the position of SMMS Track Coach for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Motion by Darcie Calden and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve the nomination of Catherine Siggins to the position of SMMS Track Coach for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

16.3 Superintendent nominates Theresa Sol to the position of JES Ed Tech I for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Motion by Darcie Calden and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve the nomination of Theresa Sol to the position of JES Ed Tech I for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

16.4 Superintendent nominates Julia Parker to the position of SMHS Varsity/JV Field Hockey Coach for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Darcie Calden to approve the nomination of Julia Parker to the position of SMHS Varsity/JV Field Hockey Coach for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Vote: 8 Yes 0 No 1 (Cindy Young) Recuse

16.5 Superintendent nominates Jane Dipompo to the position of SMHS Varsity/JV Field Hockey Coach for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Darcie Calden to approve the nomination of Jane Dipompo to the position of SMHS Varsity/JV Field Hockey Coach for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

17. OTHER BUSINESS

17.1 Executive Session to discuss Education Technician/Secretary contract/negotiations in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D).

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Darcie Calden at 6:56 pm to enter into Executive Session to discuss Education Technician/Secretary contract/negotiations in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D).

Back at 7:10 pm

Motion by Tim Madden and seconded by Shari Ouellette to ratify the contract between RSU 73 Education Association Educational Technicians/Secretaries and the RSU Board of Directors.

Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

18. CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Note: The next regular meeting will be on:

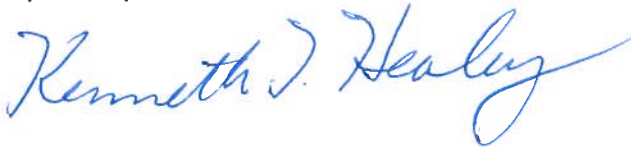
May 14, 2015 – Regular Board Meeting – 6:00 PM Cedar Street Learning Center

19. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Darcie Calden and seconded by Shari Ouellette to adjourn at 7:11 pm.

Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Respectfully submitted:



Kenneth J. Healey
Superintendent of Schools