

SPRUCE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
The 1st Regular Meeting of the Spruce Mountain School District Board of Directors
For 2016-17 will be held

Thursday, August 11, 2016 6:00 pm Cedar Street Conference Room

Present: Darcie Calden, Doug DiPasquale, Tammy Frost, Jackie Knight, Michael Morrell, Holly Richards, Shari Ouellette, Cea Jay Pitcher, Laurie Sanborn and Cindy Young.
Absent: Denise Rodzen, Amy McDaniel and Joel Pike
Present: Trevor Doiron, Student Representative.

~MINUTES~

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Michael Morrell, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

A moment of silence was observed for the untimely loss of Kellee Fortier, SMMS Math teacher.
3. **ATTENDANCE**
10 Present
3 Absent (Denise Rodzen, Amy McDaniel and Joel Pike)
1 Present Trevor Doiron, Student Representative.
4. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA - None**
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
5.1 June 23, 2016 – Board Meeting minutes
Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Jackie Knight to approve the minutes of June 23, 2016 regular Board meeting as read.
Vote: 7 Yes 0 No 4 (Doug DiPasquale, Tammy Frost, Holly Richards and Cea Jay Pitcher) Abstain
6. **COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE - None**
7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**
8. **BOARD COMMENTS - None**
9. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT** Welcome back everyone and welcome to our new School Board Director Cea Jay Pitcher from Livermore. It is sad for us

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to come back after losing a shining star in Kellee Fortier. The Administrative Team will be attending a retreat on August 17 and 18 to work on the opening of the school year.

10. BOARD CHAIR'S - Vice Chair Michael Morrell welcomed Cea Jay Pitcher.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

12. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

12.1 SMES – Chris Hollingsworth

The school is looking really good. There have been a huge amount of changes and the custodians have done an unbelievable job with the majority of rooms being painted. We hired a 5th grade teacher and we are getting there.

12.2 SMPS – Kevin Harrington

The building is cleaned and we have been working on taking down a lot of things that had LES on it. Custodians worked really hard. We now have a full staff. I sat in with the interview process of hiring a special services teacher with Mrs. Collins. We have 450 kids on the roster, we have grown this summer. The new sign is up and it looks great. Room assignments are going well.

Holly Richards commented that both signs looked really good.

12.3 SMHS – TJ Plourde

Mr. Plourde wanted to recognize one of our shining stars of SMHS that went to the DNC and was the youngest member attending, Trevor Doiron. The school is almost done, finishing up with painting. The gym floor is done. We have done a lot of work over the summer with PBE. I would like to say thank you to Amanda Hersey for getting together with the department heads so that we are all on the same page.

12.4 SMMS – Scott Albert

It has been very difficult this last month for school staff. I sat down with Scott Hartford and I am grateful that he has agreed to move into the 7th grade position. This is the best for both staff and students. He is up for the challenge! I appreciate him doing this. We are still looking for one more teacher and we have a lot of coaching positions opening. We have done lots of work over the summer.

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13. POLICY

- 13.1 Final Reading of Policy DFF - Student Activities Funds
Motion by Jackie Knight and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve the final reading of Policy DFF- Student Activities Funds.
Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 1 (Cea Jay Pitcher) abstain
- 13.2 Final Reading of Policy ACAB - Transgender Students Policy
Motion Jackie Knight and seconded by Doug DiPasquale to approve the final reading of Policy ACAB - Transgender Students Policy.
Vote: 9 Yes 1 (Shari Ouellette) No 1 (Cea Jay Pitcher)Abstain

14. OLD BUSINESS - None

15. NEW BUSINESS

- 15.1 Consideration for approval of the 2016/2017 SMMS, SMES and SMPS Handbooks.
Motion by Jackie Knight and seconded by Cindy Young to approve the 2016/2017 SMMS Handbook.
Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 1 (Cea Jay Pitcher) abstain

Motion by Jackie Knight and seconded by Cindy Young to approve the 2016/2017 SMES Handbook.

Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 1 (Cea Jay Pitcher) abstain

Table SMPS Handbook until August 25 Board Meeting.

- 15.2 Consideration for approval of fuel storage agreement with the town of Jay.
Superintendent Healey reported that the ruptured fuel tank would cost approximately \$60,000 to replace. We have a less expensive alternative. We have talked to the officials in Jay and after going back and forth a few times the town of Jay came up with a proposed plan. That plan is to charge the district a surcharge of 7.5 cents per gallon and an annual maintenance fee of \$1,000. If the maintenance fee is not used each year the town keeps the fee. This works out to be \$2,550.00 for fuel and \$1,000 for maintenance for a total annual cost of \$3550.00 per year. My recommendation is that we make an agreement with the town of Jay for a 5 year period. The Town of Jay has the ability to withdraw from the agreement with a 12 month

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notice. It will cost approximately \$7,500.00 to have the old tank removed. These charges will come from Mr. Vining's budget where we will have to forego some other planned projects.

Motion by Jackie Knight and seconded by Doug DiPasquale to approve fuel storage agreement with the town of Jay.

Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 1(Cea Jay Pitcher)Abstain

- 15.3 Discussion of establishing the Brown Scholarship Committee.

The Brown Scholarship Committee will meet after the next School Board Meeting on August 25th.

16. APPOINTMENTS

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

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Holly Richards to enter into Executive Session at 6:34pm to discuss personnel appointments in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A).

Vote: 11 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Trevor Doiron, Student Representative left meeting.

Return from Executive Session 6:40 pm.

- 16.2 Superintendent nominates Kerry Jackson to the position of SMPS Special Services Teacher for the 2016/2017 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprinting status.

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded Jackie Knight to approve Kerry Jackson to the position of SMPS Special Services Teacher for the 2016/2017 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

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- 16.3 Superintendent nominates Samantha Bellerose to the position of SMES Grade 5 Teacher for the 2016/2017 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprinting status.

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Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded Doug DiPasquale to approve Samantha Bellerose to the position of SMES Grade 5 Teacher for the 2016/2017 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 1 (Cea Jay Pitcher)

- 16.4 Superintendent nominates Michelle Guillaume to the position of Adult Basic Education Coordinator for the 2016/2017 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprinting status.

Motion by Jackie Knight and seconded Cindy Young to approve Michelle Guillaume to the position of Adult Education Basic Education Coordinator for the 2016/2017 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Vote: 8 Yes 1 (Shari Ouellette) No 1 (Cea Jay Pritcher) Abstain

17. OTHER BUSINESS

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

Motion by Darcie Calden and seconded by Shari Ouellette to enter into Executive Session at 6:43 pm to discuss contract/negotiations in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D).

Return from Executive Session at 6:50 pm.

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Holly Richards to approve the Managers/Directors Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 1 (Cea Jay Pitcher)

18. CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular Board Meeting on:

August 25, 2016 – Regular Meeting – 6:00 PM Cedar Street Conference Room

Schedule Building and Grounds meeting for August 2016.

Meeting scheduled for Building and Grounds Committee on August 15, 2016.

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19. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Jackie Knight to adjourn at
6:53 pm.**

Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Respectfully submitted:



Kenneth J. Healey
Superintendent of Schools