

SPRUCE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 2nd Regular Meeting of the Spruce Mountain School District Board of Directors
For 2015-16 will be held

Thursday, August 27, 2015 6:00 pm Cedar Street Conference Room

Present: Tammy Frost, Mark Holt, Jackie Knight Late arrived at 6:11 pm.; Amy McDaniel, Michael Morrell, Shari Ouellette, Joel Pike, Holly Richards, Denise Rodzen, Laurie Sanborn, Michael Schaedler and Cindy Young.

~MINUTES~

1. CALL TO ORDER: Denise Rodzen, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

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

3. ATTENDANCE
12 Members Present
0 Members Absent

Maine School Management Association workshop: *School Board Training*

Workshop presented by Maine School Management Association for School Board.

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA
6.1 Resignation; 15.3 Loss of 300 positions in Jay; Appointments 16.5 – 16.10;

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
August 13, 2015 – Board Meeting minutes
Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Mark Holt to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2015 regular Board Meeting minutes as presented.
Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

6. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE
6.1 Resignation of Stacie Field from the position of RSU 73 Business Manager effective September 9, 2015.
Motion by Jackie Knight and seconded by Shari Ouellette to accept with regret the resignation of Stacie Field from the position of RSU 73 Business Manager effective September 9, 2015.
Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rick Parker spoke of the football team's needs.

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Tammy Frost asked about tax base change and stated that we needed to look to the future.

Holly Richards asked if we should consider a strategic plan.

Mike Schaedler stated that even though we have closed LFHS we have not let go of LFHS.

Jackie Knight said that things are going on in LFHS.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- **Today was the first day of school for teachers. Our opening day meeting was well attended by all staff. I was asked by the Professional Development team if we could invite a motivational speaker for the first day. I asked Warren Galway to come and speak, he has a very compelling life story, as well as being a high quality school administrator and teacher.**
- **The football field bleachers are being assembled, they may be done by tomorrow. The Boosters and David Frey have volunteered some vinyl material to spruce up the tower at the field. A portion of the elevator shaft has been built, it will be capped and sealed around the shaft this weekend. Annette Girardin's classroom is ready to go. I will be asking to have a new schedule from the contractor to find out when our new elevator will be here. Mr. Plourde and Mr. Black have come up with a diversion route for student traffic while the elevator is being installed in the high school building. We believe that sometime in October the installation will be completed.**
- **Sue St. Pierre will be the assistant chair for the NEASC visit in October. Mr. Harrington will serve as secretary for the October 8th Board meeting. I will be doing a pre-visit next Thursday.**
- **Due to the business manager's resignation, I am asking for volunteers to be a part of the interview committee. I am looking for one board member, I will be asking for participation from administration, along with two support staff members and two teachers.**

10. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT - None

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

12. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS - None

13. POLICY - None

14. OLD BUSINESS

- 14.1 Discussion about whether to direct the Superintendent to pursue all necessary proceedings to have the confidential employees removed from the Managers/Directors Association**

No action taken

15. NEW BUSINESS

15.1 **Marcia and Louis Brown Scholarships.**

There will be two recipients for this scholarship this year. Applications are available in the Superintendent's office and will be accepted until September 22, 2015. Please let Mr. Healey know if you are interested in being on the scholarship selection committee along with Mr. Healey, the high school principal and high school guidance counselor.

15.2 **Rick Parker spoke of the Football team needs.**

Rick Parker asked for the use of the cafeteria on Thursday evenings for a team supper. Mr. Healey reminded the Board that they (the Board) had previously directed him to close the former Livermore Falls High School and that money has not been budgeted this year for that building. However, he stated that he will carry out whatever the Board directs him to do, he said that he is here at their beck and call to do what you (Board) say.

Motion by Jackie Knight and seconded Holly Richards to have the cafeteria of the old Livermore Falls High School be of use to the Spruce Mountain High School football team on Thursday nights until the building is sold or the season ends, and to allow the football team to use the board room at the central office on Monday afternoon's (players will not wear cleats into building) .

**Vote: 9 yes 1 (Laurie Sanborn) No 1 (Cindy Young) Abstain
 1 (Shari Ouellette) Not voting**

15.3 **Loss of 300 positions in Jay**

Shari Ouellette stated that the loss of the jobs was not unexpected, that this is retaliation from the tax abatement issue, we now need to tighten our belts. Holly Richards again mentioned that a strategic plan might be useful. Mike Schaeleder said that Jay is going to do everything to keep the damage to a minimum, as much as possible. It will put more weight on our other towns.

Denise Rodzen asked if there could be more than three meetings for the Board during the budget process. Mr. Healey said that we will come up with a proposed budget schedule and run it by the finance committee. Amy McDaniel mentioned that "teaching in poverty" might be something that the professional development committee can look into. Mr. Healey will reach out to superintendent's who have gone through similar situations within their community.

16. APPOINTMENTS

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

Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Amy McDaniel at 8:59 pm to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel appointments in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A).

Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Return from Executive Session at 9:05 pm.

16.2 Superintendent nominates Erica Grimaldi to the position of SMMS Science Teacher for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Michael Morrell to approve Erica Grimaldi to the position of SMMS Social Studies Teacher for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

- 16.3 Superintendent nominates Christian Boileau to the position of SMMS Athletic Director for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Amy McDaniel to approve Christian Boileau to the position of SMMS Athletic Director for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
- 16.4 Superintendent nominates Amanda Gage-Croll to the position of SMMS Girl's Soccer Coach for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Amy McDaniel to approve Amanda Gage-Croll to the position of SMMS Girls Soccer Coach for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
- 16.5 Superintendent nominates Donna Labbe to the position of District Wide Professional Growth & Staff Development Chair for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
Motion by Amy McDaniel and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve Donna Labbe to the position of District Wide Professional Growth & Staff Development Chair for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
- 16.6 Superintendent nominates Bill Acretelli to the position of SMHS JV Boys Soccer Coach for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
Motion by Mark Holt and seconded by Amy McDaniel to approve Bill Acretelli to the position of SMHS JV Boys Soccer Coach for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
- 16.7 Superintendent nominates Jon Blaisdell to the position of SMHS JV Girls Soccer Coach for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
Motion by Amy McDaniel and seconded by Jackie Knight to approve Jon Blaisdell to the position of SMHS JV Girls Soccer Coach for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
- 16.8 Superintendent nominates Rob Goding to the position of SMMS 7th Grade Boys Soccer Coach for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Amy McDaniel to approve Rob Goding to the position of SMMS 7th Grade Boys Soccer Coach for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
- 16.9 Superintendent nominates Darrell Roundy to the position of SMHS Band Director for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve Darrell Roundy to the position of SMHS Band Director Teacher for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
Vote: 10 Yes 1 (Amy McDaniel) No 1 (Joel Pike) not voting 0 Abstain
- 16.10 Superintendent nominates Darrell Roundy to the position of SMHS Jazz Band Director for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Cindy Young to approve Darrell Roundy to the position of SMHS Jazz Band Director for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Vote: 11 Yes 1(Amy McDaniel) No 0 Abstain

17. OTHER BUSINESS

Band members have to leave their sports teams if there is a band performance during their sporting event so as not to lose credit. The superintendent and principal will sit down with individuals and report back.

18. CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting will be on:

September 10, 2015 – Regular Board Meeting – 6:00 PM Cedar Street Conference Room

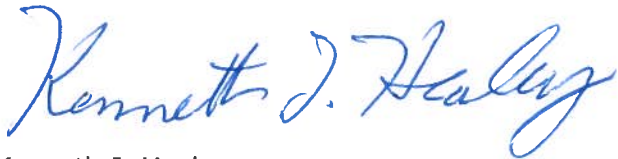
19. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Cindy Young and seconded by Amy McDaniel to adjourn at 9:23pm.

Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Any individual who needs special accommodations to enter the building or assistance to attend this public meeting, must contact the Superintendent's Office at least five (5) days in advance of the meeting (A.D.A.)

Respectfully submitted:



Kenneth J. Healey
Superintendent of Schools