

# SPRUCE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 9th Regular Meeting of the Spruce Mountain School District Board of Directors

For 2014-15 will be held

**Thursday, December 11, 2014 6:00 p.m. at Cedar Street Learning Center**

**5:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting**

**5:30 pm Policy Committee Meeting**

~MINUTES~

**Present:** Darcie Calden, Tammy Frost, Diane Gould, Tamara Hoke, Jackie Knight, Tim Madden, Michael Morrell, Shari Ouellette, Denise Rodzen, Michael Schaedler (arrived at 6:12pm) and Cindy Young.

**Absent:** Bert Poisson and Amy McDaniel

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Denise Rodzen, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.**

3. **ATTENDANCE**

**11 Members Present**

**2 (Bert Poisson and Amy McDaniel) Members Absent**

4. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA – OTHER BUSINESS items added**

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

November 13, 2014 – Board meeting minutes

**Motion by Diane Gould and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2014 Board meeting with correction.**

**Vote:                      11 Yes    0 No    0 Abstain**  
**2 (Bert Poisson and Amy McDaniel) Members Absent**

6. **COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE - None**

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Peter and Lisa Richards addressed their concern regarding their child to the Board. TJ Plourde addressed the Board about looking at having a varsity bowling league next year. TJ received a letter from Mr. Ridley, the coach for the bowling club. He would like to move forward and add Bowling as a varsity sport next year. Once bowling is a varsity sport the district will recognize the coach as a co-curricular appointment. There are currently approximately 10 meets counting regionals and states. There is a \$2500 grant for start-up of a bowling team. The Bowling Team would align with all of the other winter sports schedules. There is a meet in Portland once a year and most of the meets are in Augusta, Lewiston and Waterville. The team would only require shirts for the team members. 40 kids went out for the bowling league this year. The Bowling team will be a part of next year's budget.**

8. **BOARD COMMENTS**

**Cindy Young – I hate to sound like a broken record. What is the status of the former high school gym? AYS is interested in it. I have spoken to Dave about the possibility of moving the AYS heating system to the Livermore Falls High School. Ken said that he has met with Dave and he is working on it. Denise Rodzen, Chair, said we have to go through the process of offering the building to the town of Livermore Falls. If they refuse it then I will be able to work with Dave.**

**Tammy Frost brought to the attention of the board that football coaches were voted as**

football coaches of the year by their peers.

**9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

I will be brief, I want to say thanks for all the support I have received. We had our first successful snow day thanks to Ken Vining and had our first weather related early release day. The current district enrollment is: LES 406, JES 351, SMMS 364 and SMHS 447 total for a total of 1568 students, which is 1 less than the last report. I sent out a request for board members who would be interested in serving on the Teacher Professional Evaluation and Professional Growth and Development Stakeholder's Committee. Five board members contacted me about being interested to serve on the committee. I put all five names into a hat and asked my assistant to pull out two. Denise Rodzen and Amy McDaniel were selected.

**10. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT**

No comment. Merry Christmas to all.

**11. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None**

**12. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS**

**12.1 Adult Education – Eileen Miazga**

We have had a busy fall, college transition class and enrichment classes are doing well. We are hosting driver's education and testing with Verso is going very well. We are working with the career center and DHHS for referrals. Our move to central office is progressing with only ITV left up on the hill. In January we will all be in the Central Office. It was a great place up on the hill, I am disappointed that we are leaving but we will be fine down here. Pulp and Paper program will be opening up to adult students. I want to thank Ken Vining and his staff and Craig and Scott for getting everything up and running for us. Michelle and I attended the National College Transitions Conference in Rhode Island.

**12.2 Transportation and Grounds – Ken Vining**

Overall things are going well. Have had several leaks in roofs but hope to get them patched by the end of the day Friday. Some minor and major repairs to busses, \$5000 - \$15,000. I have handed out to everyone a breakdown of the mileage for sports and field trips with a comparison to past years. On page two is listed items that we are putting out for bid. The bids close December 31, 2014.

**12.3 Technology – Craig Suttie**

At the ACTEM (Association of Computer Technology Educators of Maine) quarterly meeting it was confirmed that \$1.00 per student for internet use fee was determined that the cost would stay the same.

We have spent time building the adult education network in stages for the final move and so they have a segmented wireless network and wired network. In other words, they are not on the same network as the Business office thus security has been established as well as preserving bandwidth for mission critical applications like warrants and payroll and other financial activities like remoting to the finance server, especially on payroll days.

We are looking into solutions for wireless upgrades at JES since it's the last building that needs to be done. We are trying to establish other ways for the network there to not be so reliant on the SMMS and the SMHS and so we are considering additional lines there....ideally these will be fiber lines....JES basically gets what's left over from the MS and HS and so optimum bandwidth rarely occurs there.

We are also testing the health and quality of our fiber lines among JES, MS, and HS buildings.

Also, with the limited bandwidth at LES we will be adding fiber from the second floor to the first floor.

**12.4 Special Services – Tina Collins**



**16 APPOINTMENTS**

**16.1** Executive Session to discuss personnel appointments in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A).  
**Motion by Diane Gould and seconded by Michael Morrell to enter into Executive Session at 7:19pm to discuss personnel appointments in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A).**  
**Vote: 10Yes 0 No 0 Abstain**  
**3 (Bert Poisson, Jackie Knight and Amy McDaniel) Members Absent**  
**Out of Executive Session at 7:38 pm.**

**16.2** Superintendent nominates Sue St. Pierre to the position of Professional Development Committee member for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.  
**Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve the nomination of Sue St. Pierre to the position of Professional Development Committee member for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.**  
**Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain**  
**3 (Bert Poisson, Jackie Knight and Amy McDaniel) Members Absent**

**16.3** Superintendent nominates Sherry Hooker to the position of Certification Committee member for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.  
**Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve the nomination of Sherry Hooker to the position of Certification Committee member for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.**  
**Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain**  
**3 (Bert Poisson, Jackie Knight and Amy McDaniel) Members Absent**

**16.4** Superintendent nominates Faith Hersey to the position of LES Education Technician I for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.  
**Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Michael Morrell to approve the nomination of Faith Hersey to the position of LES Education Technician I for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.**  
**Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain**  
**3 (Bert Poisson, Jackie Knight and Amy McDaniel) Members Absent**

**17 OTHER BUSINESS**

**17.1** Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (A).  
**Motion by Diane Gould and seconded by Shari Ouellette to enter into Executive Session at 7:39 pm to discuss personnel issue pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A).**  
**Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain**  
**3 (Bert Poisson, Jackie Knight and Amy McDaniel) Members Absent**  
**Out of Executive Session at 7:43 pm.**

**17.2** Executive Session for advice from legal counsel pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (E).  
**Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Diane Gould to enter into Executive Session at 7:43 pm for advice from legal counsel pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (E).**  
**Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain**  
**3 (Bert Poisson, Jackie Knight and Amy McDaniel) Members Absent**  
**Out of Executive Session at 7:50 pm.**

**17.3** Executive Session to discuss a grievance filed at Level III of the Grievance Process pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (D).  
**Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Diane Gould to enter into Executive Session at 7:53 pm to discuss a grievance filed at Level III of the Grievance Process pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D).**

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

**3 (Bert Poisson, Jackie Knight and Amy McDaniel) Members Absent**

**Out of Executive Session at 8:35 pm.**

**Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Diane Gould to deny the Level III grievance.**

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

**3 (Bert Poisson, Jackie Knight and Amy McDaniel) Members Absent**

**17.4** Executive Session to meet with the Superintendent to review the Superintendent's Evaluation pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (A).

**Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to enter into Executive Session at 8:37 pm to meet with the Superintendent to review the Superintendent's Evaluation pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A).**

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

**3 (Bert Poisson, Jackie Knight and Amy McDaniel) Members Absent**

**Out of Executive Session at 9:18 pm.**

**Motion by Darcie Colden and seconded by Michael Morrell to extend the Superintendent contract for Kenneth J. Healey for a period of one year, July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.**

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

**3 (Bert Poisson, Jackie Knight and Amy McDaniel) Members Absent**

**18. CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Note: The next regular meeting will be on:

January 8, 2015 – Regular Board Meeting – 6:00 PM Cedar Street Learning Center

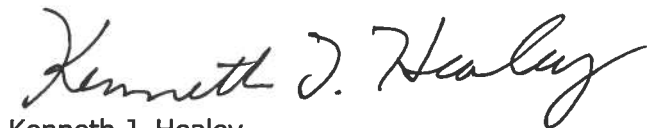
**19. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Cindy Young to adjourn at 9:20 pm.**

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

**3 (Bert Poisson, Jackie Knight and Amy McDaniel) Members Absent**

Respectfully submitted:



Kenneth J. Healey

Superintendent of Schools