

SPRUCE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 8th Regular Meeting of the Spruce Mountain School District Board of Directors
For 2015-16 will be held

Thursday, December 17, 2015 6:00 pm Cedar Street Conference Room

Finance Committee Meeting 5:30 pm

~MINUTES~

Present: Doug DiPasquale, Tammy Frost, Mark Holt, Jackie Knight, Michael Morrell, Shari Ouellette, Joel Pike, Denise Rodzen, Michael Schaedler and Cindy Young.

Trevor Doiron – Student Representative

Absent: Laurie Sanborn, Amy McDaniel, Holly Richards

1. CALL TO ORDER: Denise Rodzen, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

3. ATTENDANCE

10 Present

1 Student Representative Present

3 (Laurie Sanborn, Amy McDaniel, Holly Richards) Absent

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA - None

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

November 12, 2015 – Board Meeting minutes

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Cindy Young to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2015 regular Board Meeting minutes as presented.

Vote: 8 Yes 0 No 2 (Michael Morrell and Michael Schaedler) Abstain

November 17, 2015 – Special Board Meeting minutes

Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2015 regular Board Meeting minutes as presented.

Vote: 7 Yes 0 No 3 (Mark Holt, Michael Schaedler and Jackie Knight) Abstain

November 30, 2015 – Special Board Meeting minutes

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Cindy Young to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2015 regular Board Meeting minutes as presented.

Vote: 8 Yes 0 No 2 (Michael Morrell and Michael Schaedler)

6. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE - None

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Shari Ouellette offered congratulations to the Lego teams. Joel Pike seconded that sentiment.

Mark Holt brought forward concerns about contents still in LFHS and LFMS. Denise Rodzen and Kenneth Healey addressed those concerns.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

We are still waiting for the market value assessment for the LFHS, that value is needed in order to determine the transfer tax. As soon as that is accomplished we should be ready to turn over the building.

The Department of Education just conducted an evaluation of our nutrition department, the summary from Andrew Hutchins at DOE is as follows: "The RSU 73 nutrition department is running very well and the students are benefiting from the quality nutritious meals provided to them. The districts food quality and variety is very good. Meals are now produced at each school which helps maintain quality. Cooking foods in small batches throughout the meal service helps to ensure freshness. The procedure is referred to as "batch cooking" and it is being done effectively in both schools. Dora is doing an incredible job balancing expenses with student and parent expectation while staying in compliance with very complex State and Federal regulations. She and her staff should be commended for their efforts. It was a pleasure to review the Spruce Mountain District Nutrition Program and I look forward to working with her in the future."

I plan on attending 22nd Annual Superintendent's Winter Convocation on January 14 and 15, there is a board meeting that night and I will be back for that meeting. I have recently sent out a letter to bus drivers and custodians reminding them of the district's expectations.

The total student count is 1508; LES 427, JES 340, SMMS 327 and SMHS 414.

I will be bringing forward to the policy committee a policy on medical marijuana administration. The nurses have looked at it and it will be brought to the policy committee next month.

Also next month, I will also be bringing forward the RSU 73 funding formula. I will be doing a presentation at the Board meeting and I will mail to all of you an information package on Monday for you to consider. After the presentation you will then direct me as to what to do.

I participated in a meeting with Jay selectpersons and board members regarding concerns about the upcoming budget. It was a very productive meeting. I will be participating in a meeting with Livermore elected officials on January 5.

I will be holding a community school budget forum on January 7 at 6:00 pm at the SMMS cafeteria.

I will have the pleasure to help deliver food baskets tomorrow.

I will also be attending the Kindness Skit on December 22 at 8 am at JES.

I plan on taking vacation over Christmas break and will return on January 4.

I wish you all a happy holiday season and please find time to enjoy family and friends.

10. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

I have asked Wendy Moreau to be here this evening. As you know she is retiring at the end of the month and I would like to present her with a token of our appreciation.

Ken Healey wanted to thank Wendy publically for all she has done for the district. She is a wonderful role model.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

12. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

12.1 Spruce Mountain High School – Thomas Plourde

Since the last meeting we had the NHS induction which went great. Tom Saviello did an outstanding job. We have started our food bank in the last 2 weeks. We have 24 baskets going out tomorrow. The kids brought in an enormous amount of food. We are currently doing a penny drive, it is very active and will be done tomorrow, we have received over \$400 so far. The theatre group had their theatre production of "Mary Poppins" they all did an outstanding job. We will have a student assembly tomorrow...big give away. The band concert was Tuesday night and students and Mr. Roundy did a very nice job. The elevator is going up and down! We are just waiting for certification from the state. Otis did it's final inspection today. The state is scheduled to be here January 12, 2016. Joel Pike has dvd's of the "Mary Poppins" performance if anyone is interested.

12.2 Spruce Mountain Middle School – Scott Albert

Congratulations to the November Students of the Month

Grade 6	Ella Plourde	Cullan Johnson
Grade 7	Julianna Adams	Lorne Grondin
Grade 8	Robert Fowler	Alexis Haskell

Congratulations to the Lego League Teams who competed at the State Finals on Saturday. The "Dumpster Divers" showed improvement all season and at the event Saturday. "Really Inconvenient" won 1st place for programming. "Talk Nerdy To Me" won 1st place for Project Presentation and came in 9th overall. Team "Wall EEE" took 1st place for project research and was 4th overall. NICE JOB TEAMS!!!

Mentors: Rob Taylor, Jay Lindsey, Joel Pike, Duane Fournier and Sarah Delaney

FLL Qualifier Coordinators and LL Team Support: Kathleen Pike, Tina Riley and Sarah Delaney

Also, thank you to the the board members who helped with the raffle and I would like extend thanks to all those who helped make the qualifier a success

It was great for the team to not have to travel and it saved the district a bus trip!

Also wanted to thank the Curriculum coordinator interview committee for working late for 3 evenings these past 2 weeks. Cindy Young, Regina Robitaille, Maggie Davis, Patrick St. Clair, Julie Bolduc & Rob Taylor. It was exciting to be able to meet with some great people and hopefully you will hire an excellent candidate this evening.

12.3 Livermore Elementary School – Kevin Harrington

I would like to follow up also that Wendy Moreau will be missed after her retirement. Santa's workshop at LES was a big hit. The Christmas concert was awesome, the place was packed. The children have participated in a couple of field trips, the PBIS folks did a cookie feast as part of the behavior plan. Frosty the Snowman made an appearance. The Grade 1 concert will be Friday and kindergarten will be on the 22nd. The Oak grove grant awarded Diane Maurais \$1000 grant. We received a new chest freezer and several bags of food for the pantry from Daren and Peggy Dubreuil. Thanks to Kyle Richards and Craig Suttie for working on our school web page. New things will be coming up. Student's grades have been really solid. Gift cards have been sent out and baskets have and are going out. A lot of things are going on in a quiet way. Mark Holt asked about photo id's. We have a new company and there have been a couple of glitches.

12.4 Jay Elementary School – Chris Hollingsworth

I passed out something for you to look over. It is a picture at where the elementary schools are heading. We are about 75% there, we have all the pieces be we are just getting it into the computer. We are pretty sure we will be there by the end of the 2nd trimester.

13. POLICY

- 13.1 First Reading Policy – GCF – Professional/Instructional Staff Hiring
Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Jackie Knight to approve the first reading of policy GCF.

Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 1 (Michael Schaedler) Abstain

- 13.2 First Reading Policy – GCFA – Employee Social Media Privacy
Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Jackie Knight to approve the first reading of policy GCFA- Employee Social Media Privacy.

Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Joel Pike left meeting.

14. OLD BUSINESS - None

15. NEW BUSINESS

- 15.1 Request by Kimberly Bryant to present a proposal for the Europe Trip for the Spring of 2017.
Motion by Jackie Knight and seconded by Mark Holt to approve the proposal for the Europe Trip for the Spring of 2017.

Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

- 15.2 Request by James Black to discuss a new proposal for athletic and co-curricular hiring.

**James Black handed out a proposal for athletic and co-curricular hiring.
A vote will be taken at the January 14, 2016 Board meeting on this proposal.**

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 Shari Ouellette to enter into Executive Session at 7:44 pm to discuss personnel appointments in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A).

Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Return at 8:08 pm.

- 16.2 Superintendent nominates Amanda Hersey to the position of Curriculum Coordinator for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Jackie Knight to approve Amanda Hersey to the position of Curriculum Coordinator 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 meet with the Superintendent to review the Superintendent's Evaluation pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A).

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Michael Morrell to enter into Executive Session at 8:10 pm to review Superintendent's Evaluation in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A).

Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Jackie Knight left.

Return at 9:05pm.

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Michael Morrell to offer and extend the Superintendent a two year contract.

Vote: 8 Yes 0 No 0 No

18. CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Board Meeting on January 6, 2016 – 6:00 PM Cedar Street Conference Room

The next regular meeting will be on:

January 14, 2016 – Regular Board Meeting – 6:00 PM Cedar Street Conference Room

19. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Mark Holt to Adjourn at 9:09 pm.

Vote: 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Respectfully submitted:



Kenneth J. Healey
Superintendent of Schools