SPRUCE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 12th Regular Meeting of the Spruce Mountain School District Board of Directors For 2014-15 will be held

Thursday, February 26, 2015 6:00 p.m. at Cedar Street Learning Center

~MINUTES~

Present: Darcie Calden, Tammy Frost, Mark Holt, Jackie Knight, Amy McDaniel, Michael Morrell, Shari Ouellette, and Cindy Young.

Absent: Tim Madden, Denise Rodzen, Tamara Hoke (in at 6:07 pm), Michael Schaedler (in at 6:02pm), Bert Poisson

- **1. CALL TO ORDER:** Michael Morrell, Vice Chair called the meeting in order to 6:00 pm.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of allegiance was recited by all present.

3. ATTENDANCE

8 Members Present

5 (Tim Madden, Denise Rodzen, Tamara Hoke, Michael Schaedler and Bert Poisson)Members Absent

- 4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA None
- 5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

February 12, 2015 – Board meeting minutes

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Amy McDaniel to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2015 Board meeting as presented.

Vote:

7 Yes

0 No

1 (Mark Holt)Abstain

5 Absent(Tim Madden, Denise Rodzen, Tamara Hoke, Michael

Schaedler and Bert Poisson)

6. COMMUNCIATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Retirement of Carol Hardy from the position of SMMS Title 1 teacher at the end of the 2014/2015 school year.

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Tammy Frost to accept with regret the retirement of Carol Hardy from the position of SMMS Title 1 teacher at the end of the 2014/2015 school year.

Vote:

8Yes

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5 Absent(Tim Madden, Denise Rodzen, Tamara Hoke, Michael Schaedler and Bert Poisson)

Michael Schaedler arrived at 6:02 pm.

- 7. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- 8. BOARD COMMENTS

Shari Ouellette congratulated all of the sports teams for their first year in KVAC

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Budget books have been distributed. We will have presentations next week along with an overview from me. We will not be receiving report cards from DOE as a result of the new Smarter Balanced test. I received an email from the DOE Acting Commissioner's Communications Director stating the commissioner would like to visit RSU 73 to discuss consolidation. I also received information that there is new legislation that charter schools will be getting their own funding. As a result of actions from the last Board meeting concerning Livermore Falls High School and Middle School, I hand delivered a letter to the Livermore Falls Town Manager offering the town both schools. She brought that letter to the board last Tuesday and I attended that meeting. The three select people who were in attendance seemed very positive about their interest in the old Livermore Falls High School. They would like to do tours of the building. They can as a board accept the buildings however, they have to go to the voters to get funding for the buildings.

Tamara Hoke arrived at 6:07 pm.

10. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

Vice Board Chair welcomed Mark Holt as a new school board member.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

12. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

12.1. Spruce Mountain High School – Thomas Plourde, Principal Student of the month is Jon Ladd, Phoenix Award presented to Lucas Choate. We are currently working on new schedule for next year. NEASC prep work has started, we met with Janet Allison today and it looks like good news, we are looking at the fall of 2017 for accreditation. Prom discussions are happening and it has been decided that the Prom will be held in the middle school cafeteria. Senior Scholarship applications will be open March 3 and they are electronic. T-shirt competition is on! Everyone has been challenged by the sophomores. Show your support for Mrs. Nichols as she continues her fight against cancer by purchasing a T-shirt for \$10 at the main office. The class with the highest percentage of students that purchase tshirts will be able to watch a movie and have breakfast pizza for 2 periods. The penny drive to support Leukemia and Lymphoma Society has been extended to Friday, February 27. Brian Riley Benefit supper is February 28th. Sports Banquet is Thursday March 5 at 7pm. Benefit supper for Cathy Nichols is March 7. Harlem Rockets are coming March 13th and we are looking for volunteers. St. Patrick's Day dance is on March 14th at VFW Hall. Phoenix Olympics has been postponed to the week of March 16th. Phoenix Lip Sync will be happening on March 18th. One act play will be preforming March 7th at 3 pm at Skowhegan High School.

12.2. Spruce Mountain Middle School – Scott Albert, Principal

Congratulations to the students on the month they are:

Grade 8 West Gabrielle Beaudoin

Grade 8 East Joshua Kayle Stewart

Grade 7 West Melissa Bamford

Grade 7 East Nathanael Moody

Grade 6 Auriana Armandi

Grade 6 Taylor Nault

The Annual Price Is Right will be held on March 21 with the doors opening at 4:30 pm and show beginning at 6:00 pm. The middle school is selling chocolate bunnies as a fund raiser. There will be a dance tomorrow night from $6:30 \, \text{pm}$.

12.3. Jay Elementary School – Chris Hollingsworth, Principal
We are getting ready for Smarter Balanced tests coming up. Thank you to the Tooth Angel
Program, they have helped over 50 kids who would have otherwise not had any dental care.
Congratulations to 4th graders on their famous Mainer's unit. Coming up at the beginning of
March we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday with reading Dr. Seuss books. Mrs. Wilkins will

be making Dr. Seuss cookies for all the students in the school. Shari Ouellette wanted to thank Mr. Hollingsworth for his participation in the social justice program.

12.4 Livermore Elementary School – Kevin Harrington, Principal

The Evening on the Hill was February 6, we had sliding, skating and free goodies for everyone. I would like to thank the community for coming together in making this such a success. The stakeholder group is doing phenomenal work connected to Marzano. The Mission and Vision letters have gone out to the community inviting everyone to a meeting on March 10th at the high school. Spring pictures will be taken on March 26th, Grade 3 concert March 5; Students will see Little Mermaids on March 27th at the middle school.

13. POLICY - None

14. OLD BUSINESS - None

15. **NEW BUSINESS**

15.1 Presentation by Kevin Harrington – LES Title I Interventions report.

The Title 1 Intervention teachers spoke...Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Ladd and Mr. Harnden. Last year the superintendent charged an action committee to look at pre k through grade 2. Local assessment identified the need for a transition K and transition grade 1 within LES for the school year 2014/2015. The goals are to accelerate academic growth and to solidify individual growth in order to better prepare for success in a traditional classroom setting. Students have been progressing towards end of year benchmark goals.

15.2 Discussion about Food Pantry by Kevin Harrington.

About 63% of the children at LES qualify for free or reduced lunch. We have been noticing children hording food. We have meet with some local groups. We would like to begin a food pantry program and backpack program. Hannaford has come through with a donation of \$9000.00 (this should last about one and a half years) and LL Bean will provide backpacks for \$1 each. Children will be able to bring home food in the backpacks without being noticed by other children. Good Shepard Food Bank has been a wonderful resource. They would also be the financial group who would monitor the money. We have allocated space at the school for the nonperishable food to be stored. Cindy Gilpatrick will pick up the food, Good Shepard will donate a refrigerator. We would also have produce program where twice a month fresh produce would be available. If there is anyone in the district that could benefit from this program please call LES. We would like to get this squared away before April vacation.

Motion by Darcie Calden and seconded by Jackie Knight to approve the Food Pantry

Program at LES.

Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

3 Absent (Tim Madden, Denise Rodzen and Bert Poisson)

15.3 Request for permission to conduct the 20th Annual Humanities Trip to New York City, Susan St. Pierre and Anne Weatherbee.

Motion by Jackie Knight and seconded by Amy McDaniel to approve the 20th Annual Humanities trip to New York City.

Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

3 Absent (Tim Madden, Denise Rodzen and Bert Poisson)

16. APPOINTMENTS

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

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Jackie Knight at 7:02 pm to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel appointments in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A). Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 3 Absent (Tim Madden, Denise Rodzen and Bert Poisson) Out of Executive Session at 7:21 pm. Superintendent nominates William Biliouris to the position of SMHS Varsity Track Coach for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status. Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Amy McDaniel to approve the nomination of William Biliouris to the position of SMHS Varsity Track Coach for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprinting status. Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 3 Absent (Tim Madden, Denise Rodzen and Bert Poisson) Superintendent nominates Margaret LeClerc to the position of SMHS Varsity Track Coach for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status. Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Amy McDaniel to approve the nomination of Margaret LeClerc to the position of SMHS Varsity Track Coach for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprinting status. Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 3 Absent (Tim Madden, Denise Rodzen and Bert Poisson) Superintendent nominates Kelsey Biliouris to the position of SMHS Varsity Track Coach for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status. Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Amy McDaniel to approve the nomination of Kelsey Biliouris to the position of SMHS Varsity Track Coach for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprinting status. Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 3 Absent (Tim Madden, Denise Rodzen and Bert Poisson) Superintendent nominates Randy Easter to the position of SMHS Varsity Track Coach for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status. Motion by Shari Quellette and seconded by Amy McDaniel to approve the nomination of Randy Easter to the position of SMHS Varsity Track Coach for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprinting status. Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 3 Absent (Tim Madden, Denise Rodzen and Bert Poisson) Superintendent nominates David Frey to the position of SMHS JV Baseball Coach for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status. Motion by Amy McDaniel and seconded by Shari Quellette to approve the nomination of David Frey to the positon of SMHS JV Baseball Coach for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint

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status. Vote:

8 Yes 0 No 2 (Tammy Frost and Tamara Hoke)Abstain 3 Absent (Tim Madden, Denise Rodzen and Bert Poisson)

Superintendent nominates Jocelyn Mosher-Collins to the position of SMHS JV Softball Coach for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status. Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Jackie Knight to approve the nomination of Jocelyn Mosher-Collins to the positon of SMHS JV Softballball Coach for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Vote:

10 Yes 0 No

0 Abstain

3 Absent (Tim Madden, Denise Rodzen and Bert Poisson)

17. OTHER BUSINESS - None

18. CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Note: The next regular meeting will be on:

Kennett J. Healup

March 12, 2015 – Regular Board Meeting – 6:00 PM Cedar Street Learning Center

March 4, 2015 – Budget Meeting – 6:00 PM Cedar Street Learning Center

19. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Darcie Calden and seconded by Jackie Knight to adjourn at 7:25 pm.

Vote:

10 Yes

0 No

0 Abstain

3 Absent (Tim Madden, Denise Rodzen and Bert Poisson)

Respectfully submitted:

Kenneth J. Healey

Superintendent of Schools