

SPRUCE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 10th Regular Meeting of the Spruce Mountain School District Board of Directors
For 2015-16 will be held

Thursday, January 28, 2016 6:00 pm Cedar Street Conference Room
Policy Committee Meeting 5:00 pm

~MINUTES~

Present: Tammy Frost, Mark Holt, Amy McDaniel, Michael Morrell, Shari Ouellette, Joel Pike, Holly Richards, Denise Rodzen, Laurie Sanborn, Michael Schaedler arrived at 6:36 pm and Cindy Young.

Absent: Doug DiPasquale and Jackie Knight

Present: Trevor Doiron, Student Representative.

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

2 (Doug DiPasquale and Jackie Knight) Absent

1 (Michael Schaedler) late arrival at 6:36 pm.

1 Student Representative present

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

6.2

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

January 14, 2016 – Board Meeting minutes

Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2016 regular Board Meeting minutes as presented.

Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 1 (Holly Richards) Abstain
1 Student Representative Yes

6. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Retirement of Susan St. Pierre, SMHS Social Studies Teacher, effective at the end of the 2015/2016 school year.

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Mark Holt to accept the retirement of Susan St. Pierre with regret, SMHS Social Studies Teacher, effective at the end of the 2015/2016 school year.

Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
1 Student Representative Yes

6.2 Retirement of Rebecca Poat, LES Kindergarten Teacher, effective at the end of the 2015/2016 school year.

Motion by Tammy Frost and seconded by Cindy Young to accept the retirement of Rebecca Poat with regret, LES Kindergarten Teacher, effective at the end of the 2015/2016 school year.

Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
1 Student Representative Yes

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

8. BOARD COMMENTS –

Shari Ouellette mentioned that at a recent basketball game she had talked to Principal Plourde about our kids not shaking hands with the referee's before the games, it looked like we were the only school who was not doing so. Principal Plourde said that he would speak to Mr. Black, the Athletic Director. Principal Plourde responded that he had talked to Mr. Black and that most referees do not want the kids to come over to them before the game. Principal Plourde said he will look further into it.

Tammy Frost wanted to thank Craig Suttie and Scott Ladd for the technology presentation she attended last Thursday.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

I am extremely happy to introduce our new Curriculum Director, Amanda Hersey. She has been very busy her first few days going to all of the schools and meeting with administrators and staff.

I am more than pleased to announce that on January 15, 2016 the former Livermore Falls High Schools was turned over to AYS. In the future I will look into computing all of the costs associated with the sale of the school.

I attended 22 Annual Superintendent's Conference on January 15 and heard two good presentations. One of the things that came out of one of the presentations was that Dr. Bob Hassen has been hired to look at the prolonged certification and recertification process. The commissioner's stated goal was to reduce and streamline the process. The Education Committee Leadership presentation was really good with a common sense approach to education.

As of January 22 our student population is a total of 1511 students Pre-K through 12 with LES at 427, JES at 343, SMMS at 329 and SMHS and 412.

Last Friday the 22nd I was privileged to attend a very special town meeting that was held at LES where the Principal was honored and had the sledding hill named after him. Every single grade made a presentation to Mr. Harrington. I have been very impressed with everything that has been done!

Brad Bishop has been chosen to be the Spruce Mountain Middle School Intramural Advisor. I have arranged for our lawyer to provide the funding formula subcommittee a workshop on possible options for RSU 73. The workshop will be held on February 8, 2016 at 6:00 PM in this very room and this workshop will be a public meeting.

The Business Manager and I met with the auditors. Once again the district is in very good shape. They will be here again on March 24, 2016 to attend the school board meeting and present their findings to the Board. Once the report is finalized I will send each Board Member a copy of the final report in advance of the presentation. In the light of having a new business manager the auditors will be conducting an audit walk through in April as a precursor to next year's audit with the goal to have the auditor's present this school year's results in the fall of 2016. Both Michele and I said that it was a great idea for control and accountability.

I am going to pass out a 2016/2017 draft calendar for your consideration. This calendar is very much in line with this years' calendar and it also aligns with the vocational center at RSU 9. I will provide this calendar to the association for their feedback. Of note on the calendar is that the last day prior to Christmas vacation is proposed to be a 1/2 day. Holly Richards asked when the first day of Pre-K was, Principal Hollingsworth said that Pre-K usually starts a little later. We

will let you know. If you have any additional feedback, please give me a call or email me. Chair Rodzen asked that the calendar be reviewed again at the next Board meeting.

10. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT - None

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

12. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

12.1 Food Service – Dora York

I am very happy the review is done. Everything was great. We are having some growing pains with the new steamers but those will soon be worked out. Everything is awesome in kitchen land right now!

12.2 Jay Elementary School – Chris Hollingsworth

I have handed out information for the up-coming Community Health Needs Assessment Forum on March 17, 2016 at 6 pm at Spruce Mountain Middle School. We are looking for community input to determine the specific needs within the Tri-Town and greater Franklin county area. RSU 9 had a forum this fall. Please register (although not necessary) as there will be pizza and refreshments served.

12.3 Spruce Mountain Middle School – Scott Albert

- Congratulations to the December Student of the Month Winners:

- Grade 6 Evan Hamblin Leah Gilbert
- Grade 7 Ian Salvati Veronica Corkum
- Grade 8 Abby Turcotte Riley Gray

- Congratulations to the SMMS Geo Bee finalists:

- 3rd place Chandler Pike
- 2nd place Jack Bryant
- 1st place Connor Beaulieu

- Congratulations to the SMMS Spelling Bee Finalists. They will represent our school at the County Bee, which is held at Strong Elementary on February 2nd (snow date 2/3)
4th place - Lila Ortega 3rd place - Evany Black
2nd place - Razor Cilley 1st place - Isaac

(Michael Schaedler arrived at 6:36 pm)

The 2nd trimester grades will go out tomorrow, overall kids are doing well.

The 8th grade yard sale is Saturday January 30 from 8am – 1pm.

The Price is Right is coming up on March 19.

12.4 Spruce Mountain High School – TJ Plourde

College acceptance letters are coming in right now, we still have 40-50 more to come in. Outside of the guidance office there is a place for kids to put where they are going in the fall and what their dreams are. The scholarship application process will begin the first week of February. Tomorrow I will be taped to the wall in the gym and have a pie thrown in my face as part of a fund raiser. I will also be handing out two diplomas tomorrow and have also handed out a diploma on Tuesday. These students have worked very hard to graduate early, with one of the students heading to the Marine Corps next week. All Board members are invited to attend these graduations.

The Robotics teams are flying; there are sign ups now for the Humanities trip. The Holland Strong Complex committee will be meeting again on February 9th at 4pm at the high school. They are looking for Board participation.

- 12.5 Livermore Falls Elementary School – Kevin Harrington
The Evaluation stakeholders groups have been doing a lot of difficult work behind the scenes. Last Friday night we had an “Evening on the Hill”. It was a great success with a bonfire, snowshoeing, skating and sliding. There was a lot of fun with no injuries. There may be one more “Evening on the Hill” later this winter.
On February 11 at 6 pm there will be a 3rd Grade concert. The foster parent program is going very well. LES currently has 5 practicum students.
Up-coming events:
March 11 Harlem Superstars 1:30 pm
March 15 North Woods Law Warden McCabe at 8:30 am
March 29 NED Show (character education) at 9:30am
Mark Holt offered the help of groomers if we get more snow.

13. POLICY

- 13.1 Final Reading Policy – GCF – Professional/Instructional Staff Hiring
- 13.2 Final Reading Policy – GCFA – Employee Social Media Privacy
Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve the final reading of policies and GCF –Professional/Instructional Staff Hiring and GCFA – Employee Social Media Privacy.

Vote: 11 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
1 Student Representative Yes

- 13.3 First Reading Policy – JLCDA – Medical Marijuana in Schools
- 13.4 First Reading Policy – JLCDA-E – Parent/Medical Provider Request to Administer Medical Marijuana at School
- 13.5 First Reading Policy – JIH – Questioning and Searches of Students
- 13.6 First Reading Policy – KLG - Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities
Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Holly Richards to approve the first readings of policies JLCDA – Medical Marijuana in Schools; JLCDA-E – Parent/Medical Provider Request to Administer Medical Marijuana at School; JIH – Questioning and Searches of Students and KLG – Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities.

Vote: 11 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
1 Student Representative Yes

14. OLD BUSINESS - None

15. NEW BUSINESS

- 15.1 Executive Session to discuss personnel matter 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 7:05 pm to discuss personnel matter in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A).

Vote: 11 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

1 Student Representative Yes

Return at 7:48 pm.

Motion Michael Morrell and seconded by Holly Richards to extend the superintendent's contract to June 30, 2019 and agree to all of the contract items as discussed in executive session.

Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 1 (Shari Ouellette) not voting

15.2 Draft of 2016/2017 School Calendar.

16. APPOINTMENTS - None

17. OTHER BUSINESS - None

18. CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting will be on:

February 11, 2016 – Regular Board Meeting – 6:00 PM Cedar Street Conference Room

19. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Amy McDaniel to Adjourn at 7:50 pm.

Vote: 11 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Respectfully submitted:



Kenneth J. Healey

Superintendent of Schools