

SPRUCE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 18th Regular Meeting of the Spruce Mountain School District Board of Directors
For 2014-15 will be held

Thursday, June 11, 2015 6:00 pm Cedar Street Conference Room

~MINUTES~

Present: Tammy Frost, Tamara Hoke, Mark Holt, Jackie Knight, Amy McDaniel, Michael Morrell, Shari Ouellette, Joel Pike, Holly Richards, Denise Rodzen, Laurie Sanborn, and Cindy Young.

Absent: Michael Schaedler

1. CALL TO ORDER: Kenneth J. Healey, Superintendent of Schools called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

2.1 Election of Board Chair. Superintendent Healey called for nominations for Board Chair.

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Jackie Knight to nominate Denise Rodzen as Board Chair for the 2015/2016 term year.

Vote: 8 Yes 1 (Amy McDaniel) No 3 (Denise Rodzen, Joel Pike and Mike Morrell) Abstain

Following the appointment as Board Chair, Superintendent Healey turned the meeting over to Chair Rodzen.

2.2 Election of Board Vice-Chair. Chair Rodzen called nominations for Board Vice-Chair.

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Jackie Knight to nominate Michael Morrell as Board Vice-Chair for the 2015/2016 term year.

Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 2 (Michael Morrell and Joel Pike) Abstain

2.3 Appointment of Standing Committees of the Board:

2.3.1 Finance – 4th Thursday of each month at 5:30 PM Central Office

2.3.2 Policy – as needed

2.3.3 Negotiations – as needed

2.3.4 Transportation/Building and Grounds/Capital Improvement – as needed

2.3.5 Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment – as needed.

Board members should, by next meeting, contact Fiona Baker to let her know what Committees you would like to be on.

3. ATTENDANCE

12 Members Present

1 Members Absent (Mike Schaedler)

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

May 28, 2015 – Board Meeting minutes

Motion by Cindy Young and seconded by Jackie Knight to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2015 regular Board Meeting minutes as presented.

Vote: 8 Yes 0 No 4 (Joel Pike, Holly Richards, Laurie Sanborn and Tamara Hoke) Abstain

June 1, 2015 – Special Board Meeting minutes

Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Jackie Knight to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2015 Special Board Meeting minutes as amended.

Joel Pike asked that the minutes be amended to reflect that he was present at the beginning of the meeting and was notified by the Board Chair that this meeting was considered "old business" and as such he could not enter into executive session or vote on any subsequent motions.

Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 3 (Tamara Hoke, Laurie Sanborn and Holly Richards) Abstain.

6. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Resignation of Kimberly Hilton, SMMS English Language Arts Teacher, effective at the end of the 2014/2015 school year.

Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to accept the resignation of Kimberly Hilton, SMMS English Language Arts Teacher, effective at the end of the 2014/2015 school year.

Vote: 10 Yes 1 (Denise Rodzen) No 1 (Laurie Sanborn) Abstain

6.2 Resignation of Nathan Purrington, SMHS Social Studies Teacher, effective at the end of the 2014/2015 school year.

Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Jackie Knight to accept the resignation of Nathan Purrington, SMHS Social Studies Teacher, effective at the end of the 2014/2015 school year.

Vote: 11 Yes 0 No 1 (Laurie Sanborn) Abstain

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS Wendy Melcher expressed concerns about graduation. Those concerns were addressed.

8. BOARD COMMENTS Shari Ouellette reported that she attended the high school graduation and it was well put together. Tammy Frost mentioned that on June 18, 2015, from 1 -9pm at Softie Delite will be donating 30% of all sales to the LES PTO.

Mark Holt said that he had several parents' comments about not being able to see their child during graduation. Mr. Plourde said that there are riser available but they will only accommodate 90 students. Mark Holt asked if the shop could modify the risers. Joel Pike said that he attended the Rock of Ages concern and was extremely amazed at what those students did. Amy McDaniel said that the middle school concert was very good too.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Reminder that the finance committee will be reviewing/revising the cost sharing formula next year. I attended scholarship night which was very nicely done. I attended my last new superintendent meeting last Friday, I learned a lot from veteran superintendents and colleagues. Met with Safety Committee today. There was a great turn out, including building administrators and first responders in the area. Next year there will be a lot of opportunities to practice. Ken Vining and Karen Haley have done a great job.

10. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

12. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

12.1. Transportation/Building & Grounds – Ken Vining – sports are done as far as transportation, a lot of field trips still to come, we have 8 field trips next week. Beginning the week after 19th we will

take one bus a week to Bailey Brothers for maintenance. In July the state police will conduct their annual inspection of buses. I have a card for the Board to read from a student who rides the bus. Craig Boone is about 90% done with plans for elevator, we will meet next week. Both monuments are down now, there are a lot of jerseys and table clothes in boxes at the Livermore Falls High School cafeteria. In next two weeks I hope to send out plow bids for next year. During the first two weeks of vacation we will have limited crew and we will be doing moves. The Boosters will be asked if they wish to have the jerseys from Livermore Falls High School.

12.2. Technology – Craig Suttie – this is a busy time of year, we will be cleaning and fixing laptops. We have several big projects for this summer, putting outdoor surveillance, wireless at JES and cameras at bus garage. Wednesday we heard from Time Warner that LES will be going 20 mbps to 100 mbps band and we are getting it free from Time Warner and because of this increase, LES will be able to do video conferencing with the other schools in the district. Also, the technology department successfully completed smarter balance assessments. Also a lot of the NWEA exams will be moving to online and that should help free up bandwidth also

12.3. Special Services – Tina Collins – No report.

13. POLICY

14. OLD BUSINESS

15. NEW BUSINESS

15.1 Envirothon Presentation – Rob Taylor. The teams took 1st and 2nd in regional competition and then went to the state competition in Waterville and won the state championship on May 29th. They have the opportunity to represent the state in the national competition in Missouri the week of July 26. We are asking for permission to go to the National Competition in Missouri.

Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Jackie Knight to allow the Envirothon Team to go to national competition in July in Missouri.

Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

15.2 Civil Rights Presentation – Grace Eaton. 4th Grade students from LES made a presentation about the Civil Rights Team. Students presented posters they had created on a variety of bias issues.

15.3 **Motion:** I move that the vote entitled, “Vote to Authorize Transfer Real Property of Maine School Administrative District No. 36 to Regional School Unit No. 73,” be adopted in form presented to this meeting.

VOTE TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFER REAL PROPERTY OF MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 36 TO REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 73

WHEREAS, Regional School Unit No. 73 (the “RSU”) became operational on July 1, 2011, pursuant to the terms of a Reorganization Plan involving Regional School Unit No. 36 d/b/a Maine School Administrative District No. 36 whose members were the Towns of Livermore Falls and Livermore (“SAD 36”) and the Jay School Department;

WHEREAS, section 5.A of said Reorganization Plan provided that all real property interest of SAD 36 shall be transferred to the RSU;

WHEREAS, as of the date hereof, (1) the elementary school property in the Town of Livermore and (2) the superintendent’s office building, middle school and high school properties in the Town of Livermore Falls and surrounding properties, all as shown on a boundary survey to be completed by Kachnovich Land Surveying (collectively, the “SAD 36 School Properties”) have not been transferred from SAD 36 to the RSU;

NOW THEREFORE, the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 73, hereby votes as follows:

That pursuant to Section 1462 of Title 20-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, the School Board, acting as successor to the school board of the former SAD 36, authorizes the transfer the SAD 36 School Properties to the RSU in accordance with the Reorganization Plan;

That the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to execute and deliver quitclaim deeds and other necessary documents, and to take other lawful actions necessary to effect the transfer of the SAD 36 School Properties to the RSU; and

That an attested copy of this Vote be included with the minutes of this meeting.

Motion by Amy McDaniel and seconded by Mark Holt to "Vote to Authorize Transfer Real Property of Maine School Administrative District No. 36 to Regional School Unit No. 73," be adopted in form presented to this meeting.

Vote: 11 Yes No 1 (Laurie Sanborn)
Abstain

16. APPOINTMENTS

16.1 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 7:23 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

Returned from Executive Session at 7:31pm.

16.2 Superintendent nominates Susan Lyons to the position of LES Pre-K Teacher for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Jackie Knight to approve Susan Lyons to the position of LES Pre-K Teacher for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Vote: 12Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

16.3 Superintendent nominates Jayne Flagg to the position of SMMS 7/8 Math Teacher 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 Jayne Flagg to the position of SMMS 7/8 Math Teacher for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Vote: 12Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

16.4 Superintendent nominates Jessica Ellingwood to the position of SMHS Varsity Boys/Girls XC Coach for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Holly Richards to approve Jessica Ellingwood to the position of SMHS Varsity Boys/Girls XC Coach for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Vote: 12Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

16.5 Superintendent nominates Robyn Raymond to the position of Adult Education Director 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 Robyn Raymond to the position of Adult Education Director for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

- 16.6 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 at 7:35pm pm into Executive Session to discuss personnel matter in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A).

Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Returned from Executive Session at 7:47 pm.

17. OTHER BUSINESS

17.1 Joel Pike addressed the need to revisit the actual newly elected Board member start date. The superintendent was instructed to get clarification from our attorney.

18. CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting will be on:

June 25, 2015 – Regular Board Meeting – 6:00 PM Cedar Street Conference Room

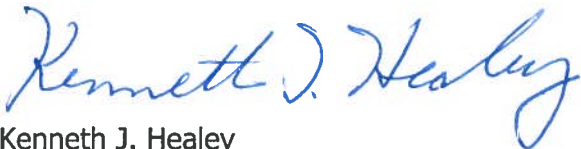
Denise Rodzen announced that she is foregoing the Board Meetings in July.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Joel Pike to adjourn at 7:52 pm.

Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Respectfully submitted:



Kenneth J. Healey
Superintendent of Schools