

SPRUCE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
The 18TH Regular Meeting of the Spruce Mountain School District Board of Directors
For 2016-17 will be held

Thursday, June 8, 2017 6:00 pm Cedar Street Conference Room
Policy Committee Meeting – 5:15 pm

Present: Doug DiPasquale, Tammy Frost in at 6:11, Dale Leblanc, Michael Morrell, Shari Ouellette, Joel Pike, Cea Jay Pitcher, Holly Richards, Denise Rodzen, Laurie Sanborn, Ann Schwab, Bob Staples, and Cindy Young.

Absent: None

Trevor Doiron, Student Representative Present

~MINUTES~

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rodzen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

3. ATTENDANCE

13 Present

0 Absent

1 Student Representative Present (Trevor Doiron)

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

5.1 May 25, 2017 – Board Meeting minutes

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Cindy Young to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2017 regular board meeting with identified changes.

Vote: 11 Yes 0 No 2 (Michael Morrell and Robert Staples) Abstain
1 Yes Student Vote

6. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Envirothon Team presentation and request permission to attend the National Conservation Foundation Envirothon Competition July 23-29 at Mt. St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Motion by Robert Staples and seconded by Michael Morrell to allow the Envirothon Team to attend the National Conservation Foundation

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Vote: 13 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
1 Yes Student Representative Vote

6.2 Retirement of Anne Weatherbee, Spruce Mountain High School English Teacher as of the end of the 2016/2017 school year.

Motion by Cindy Young and seconded by Holly Richards to accept with regret the retirement of Anne Weatherbee, Spruce Mountain High School English Teacher as of the end of the 2016/2017 school year.

Vote: 13 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
1 Yes Student Representative Vote

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Michael Morrell said thank you for your condolence card and ivy plant for my brothers passing.

Trevor Doiron said this is my last meeting. I have really enjoyed working with everyone on the board. I think this is one of the best educational experiences I have had in high school, it is challenging but worth it and I think I might miss you! I will be attending University of Virginia. Thank you for allowing me to serve and thank you for the great things I have learned.

Tammy Frost said I attended a few of the year end of the events. It is amazing what Foster Tech offers to our community. It is wonderful what those kids learn and if anyone has a chance they should go to Foster Tech to see what it is about. At the Honors banquet Dora did a great job and TJ did a great job.

Holly Richards wanted to say congratulations to Mr. Harrington for Red Nose Day. I volunteer at the food pantry and it is rewarding to help, I think it is great what they are doing.

Cindy Young said after being on the board for 14 or 15 years has helped me with public speaking a little bit. I will tell the two women running for Livermore seats make sure you ask questions when you are on the board. It has been fun, I will miss it.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT –

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As of June 2, 2017 our student population is 1449 PK – 12, SMPS 451, SMES 293, SMMS 285, and SMHS 420. (-2 from last report - 40 from the beginning of the year)

I would like to thank Mrs. Anne Weatherbee for her 25 years of service to the combined school districts of SAD 36 and RSU 73. She will be deeply missed for her caring approach to teaching and coaching drama.

I have enrolled three of our new School Board to attend the School Law for Board Members Workshop in Bangor on June 29, 2017 we will need to leave here no later than 6:45 AM.

Did you know? RSU 73 has cut a total of 27.08 staff positions since consolidation in 2011 with an additional 12.2 proposed for this year. Just the payroll cuts from last year and proposed this year total \$1,177,825.83. I encourage everyone to get out and vote on the school budget next Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Shari Ouellette asked Superintendent Healey if he had a timeline ready in case the budget does not pass.

Superintendent Healey said it will pass. I will work on that next week, I have a plan in my mind and I have to speak to our lawyers.

Doug DiPasquale said I read that Mt. Blue has a 4.5% increase, what percent are we down?

Superintendent Healey said we are down 3.6% and we also had to cover additional costs.

10. BOARD CHAIR'S

Chair Rodzen said we do realize there are 3 of you leaving the board and so we have a certificate of appreciation for Cea Jay Pitcher, Trevor Doiron is not only leaving the board he is graduating and starting a new chapter, we have a token of our appreciation for you for all the time you have spent.

Cindy Young has been with us for 14 years, this is a token of all of the things you have done and what you have meant and hopefully you will come back and visit.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

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12. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

12.1 Curriculum – Amanda Hersey

The districts three-year technology plan is due to be submitted to the DOE for July 1. Because of the personnel changes on the technology team, I have talked with the DOE and they were supportive of an extension, and encouraged a six-month extension of December 1, which I accepted. There is no consequence or monetary loss in doing this and many school systems do require an extension. Chair Rodzen asked if there was anything done previous? Amanda Hersey replied that yes there is data that will be used.

With the extra time, it will be my intention to gather a consistent technology committee that has a variety of stakeholders representing parents, staff, students, administrators, and board members. It is a voluntary committee so in the past it has been difficult to draw people in but I have had a few people reach out to me and request to have input in technology practices so I am hopeful that over the summer and in the fall I can schedule meetings that are well attended and we can have a voice from all users in writing the new technology plan.

The plan does need to have board approval, so you will all have a chance to see the plan but if any of you are interested in being on the committee and being part of the drafting and writing of the plan you are welcome to contact me and let me know.

As far as curriculum, I am working on plans for the beginning of the school year for professional development and training opportunities for teachers - mostly focused on using assessments to inform instruction.

12.2 SMHS – TJ Plourde

The past 2 weeks have been pretty eventful for the high school. My truck was on sale on Craigslist, the seniors pranked me and I had 19 calls before 10 am. They had a great time and I do allow my seniors to prank, it is a controlled prank! One of my rules for pranking was not to touch my truck...and they did not. As we move on to the end of the year events we had scholarship night last night and we gave out \$168,350 in scholarships which is a testament to our community. As of today I have had my speakers getting reading for graduation, Trevor was right there after practice today, there is a lot of echo with they system so they have to learn how to use it. Come on over at 1pm on Sunday! Tomorrow night is Baccalaureate at 7 pm, they feed us after over in the parish hall.

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Tammy Frost asked about the guidance office schedule for the summer.
TJ Plourde replied that a secretary will be in on Wednesday's all summer long.

12.3 SMMS – Scott Albert

Congratulations to our May Students of the Month winner:

Grade 6 Ryleigh Castonguay & Kyra Langlin
Grade 7 Leah Gilbert & Clarice Rollins
Grade 8 Emily Baker & Julia Grant

Next Monday will be our school barbecue and afternoon field day.

Next Wednesday the 14th we have 3 different grade level awards assemblies and at 6pm that evening will be our 8th grade promotion ceremony

12.4 SMES – Chris Hollingsworth – Not Presenting

12.5 SMPS – Kevin Harrington –

I have a few reminders Pre-K graduation is next Monday and Tuesday. Grade 2 went on their annual field trip to Gray Wildlife Park today. They were very happy when they returned. The Grade 1 and 2 concerts happened last night and a few nights ago. We had some sand donated from Castonguay Excavation. Warren Forbes had a new tractor and came over and moved the sand around. He is always willing to help! This year we had two anonymous donations of \$5,000 for the pantry. Our BBQ is on the 14th and Field Day is on the 15th. Thank you Mrs. Ladd for organizing this day! We will have two jumpy houses, slip and slide and we will be painting rocks! Our final student day is the 16th.

Chair Rodzen wanted to remind everyone that there will be a street party at Harris House on the 15th.

12.6 Food Service – Dora York

It has been a busy month for us, last month started out with the passing of Darcy. Amy is working with her mom and doing a great job serving 600 meals a day. We have had the honors banquet and will be having BBQ's coming up at all the schools. I recently spoke to 4th graders, they love the salad bar and I asked them to send me requests. I told them I expected them all to have breakfast every day as it is free.

Holly Richards asked if they were doing any meals over the summer.

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Dora York replied that we are feeding at the Rec program both breakfast and lunch beginning on the 20th

13. POLICY

- 13.1 Final Reading of Policy GCSB – Use of Social Media by School Employees
 - 13.2 Final Reading of Policy GBEC – Drug Free Work Place
 - 13.3 Final Reading of Policy GBGA – Short Term Disability
 - 13.4 Final Reading of Policy GBEE – Alcohol and Drug Policy and Testing Procedures
- Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Doug DiPasquale to approve the final reading of policies: GCSB – Use of Social Media by School Employees, GBEC – Drug Free Work Place, GBGA – Short Term Disability, and GBEE – Alcohol and Drug Policy and Testing Procedures.**

Tammy Frost said she has had inquiries about GCSB and has been directing those individuals to their administrator.

Superintendent Healey replied that yes they can speak to their administrator or to their association. We have had a discussion with the association and we have considered their concerns. They are teachers and professionals. I will tell you that this is not a problem until it is a problem. It becomes a problem when a position of authority is misused or abused.

Chair Rodzen said this is very similar to the policy dealing with displays of affection.

Superintendent Healey continued that on the first day of school we are going to have the MEA and our lawyer train the entire district on this issue.

Joel Pike said I have dealt with many other school systems and they all have this type of policy.

Vote: 13 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
1 Yes Student Representative Vote

- 13.5 First Reading of Policy DJ – Bidding/Purchasing Requirements (Non-Federal)
- 13.6 First Reading of Policy DJ-1 Bidding/Purchasing Requirements (Federal)
- 13.7 First Reading of Policy DJ-R Bidding/Purchasing Requirements (Federal Procurement Manual)
- 13.8 First Reading of Policy DJH Purchasing and Contracting: Procurement Staff Code of Conduct (Federal/Non-Federal) - **Excluded**

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Joel Pike said these are coming to you fairly quickly, these are bidding/purchasing requirements driven by the federal government, we need to have them in by the first of July and we have not had a chance to do our full review. There are some revisions already.

Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Robert Staples to approve the first reading of policies: DJ – Bidding/Purchasing Requirements (Non-Federal); DJ-1 Bidding/Purchasing Requirements (Federal); DJ-R Bidding/purchasing Requirements (Federal Procurement Manual)

Vote: 13 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
1 Yes Student Representative Vote

14. OLD BUSINESS - None

15. NEW BUSINESS - None

16. APPOINTMENTS - None

17. OTHER BUSINESS - None

18. CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 22, 2017 – Regular Meeting – 6:00 PM Cedar Street Conference Room

19. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to adjourn at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Kenneth J. Healey
Superintendent of Schools