

SPRUCE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 13th Regular Meeting of the Spruce Mountain School District Board of Directors
For 2014-15 will be held

Thursday, March 12, 2015 6:00 p.m. at Cedar Street Learning Center
5:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting

~MINUTES~

Present: Tammy Frost, Tamara Hoke, Mark Holt, Tim Madden, Amy McDaniel, Michael Morrell, Shari Ouellette, Denise Rodzen and Cynthia Young.

Absent: Jackie Knight, Darcie Calden, Michael Schaedler (arrived at 6:07pm), Bert Poisson resigned from Board for personal reasons

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Denise Rodzen, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.
3. **ATTENDANCE**
9 Members Present
4 Members Absent (Jackie Knight, Darcie Calden, Michael Schaedler arrived at 6:07 pm, Bert Poisson resigned)
4. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA – Tina Collins, Special Services Director will not report. Craig Suttie, IT Director and Ken Vining, Transportation and Maintenance Director dismissed from reporting by Board Chair.**
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
February 26, 2015 – Board meeting minutes
Motion by Cindy Young and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2015 Board meeting with corrections.
Vote: 8 Yes 0 No 1 (Tim Madden) Abstain
4 Members Absent (Jackie Knight, Darcie Calden, Michael Schaedler, Bert Poisson)
6. **COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE**
 - 6.1 Retirement of Barbara Bilodeau from the position of LES Education Technician II at the end of the 2014/2015 school year.
Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Amy McDaniel to accept with regret the retirement of Barbara Bilodeau from the position of LES Education Technician II at the end of the 2014/2015 school year.
Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
4 Members Absent (Jackie Knight, Darcie Calden, Michael Schaedler, Bert Poisson)
 - 6.2 Retirement of Lyneta Lewia from the position of SMMS Social Studies teacher at the end of the 2014/2015 school year.
Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Tamara Hoke to accept with regret the retirement of Lyneta Lewia from the position of SMMS Social Studies teacher at the end of the 2014/2015 school year.
Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

4 Members Absent (Jackie Knight, Darcie Calden, Michael Schaedler, Bert Poisson)

- 7. PUBLIC COMMENTS-** Norm Miele raised questions about bus driver/custodian contract pension plan.

Mike Schaedler arrived 6:07 pm.

- 8. BOARD COMMENTS -**

Amy McDaniel attended "Spot Light on the Arts" at SMMS, it was a fantastic show, the kids put so much into it. Dianne Fenlason should be commended for doing a great job. Shari Ouellette attended the benefit on Saturday night "it makes my heart happy" to once again see this community come together. On another note, the turn-out at the Mission/Vision meeting was dismal. The majority of those there were members of the committee.

Michael Morrell spoke as an insider on the year book this year, one of the pages will be "selfies" with leaders in the community.

Shari Ouellette wanted to remind everyone that there will be a toll road tomorrow from 8:00 am until 2:30 pm and we have calendars that are still on sale to benefit Cathy Nichols.

Tim Madden asked if the district had a policy about standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Superintendent Healey said that we will look to MSMA about that policy.

- 9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT –**

There are currently 405 students at LES, 355 students at JES, 366 at the middle school and 447 students at the high school for a total of 1573 students district wide. I had the honor and privilege to provide a tour of the Livermore Falls High School and Livermore Falls Middle School with Ken Vining on March 9 to members of the Livermore Falls community and select persons. It was a great opportunity to walk down memory lane for many attending the tour. What came out of this tour is that they are seriously interested in both buildings. The next town meeting will be March 17 at which time they will either accept one, two, both, none of the buildings or call a special town meeting. I also met with the Western Maine Superintendent Association and there was a lively discussion on budgets. The governor is looking to eliminate state income tax and shifting the tax burden to property tax in the next few years. If this does not happen, there is an amount of that money that will come back to the schools. Several communities are looking to consolidate. Today, I had an opportunity to participate in the teacher workshop "Get 'er done", tomorrow we will have professional development around teacher evaluation. The teacher evaluation committee has done a great deal of work and will be running the professional development day tomorrow. It looks like we will get a year extension to do a Teacher Evaluation pilot next year. The teachers are developing the evaluation process where the most important aspect is teacher growth. I am really pleased at how the entire committee has worked. Reminder, we have our next budget workshop at 6 pm on March 18 here at central office. If in the mean time you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to administrators/directors. On March 19 we have the DOE coming to visit SMHS to review PBE extension plan, this will be headed by Kristie Littlefield. They will review the plan and help with guidance and support to make sure that we are successful.

- 10. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT – We are opening up LFHS and LFMS buildings for staff of the district to go through and select if there are any items they could use.**

- 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 12. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS**

Motion by Mark Holt and seconded by Amy McDaniel to approve the nomination of Robert Redmond to the position of SMHS Boys Tennis Coach for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 1 (Shari

Ouellette)Abstain

4 Absent (Jackie Knight, Darcie Calden, Bert Poisson)

- 16.5 Superintendent nominates Dianne Fenlason to the position of SMHS Golf Coach for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve the nomination of Dianne Fenlason to the position of SMHS Golf Coach for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

4 Absent (Jackie Knight, Darcie Calden, Bert Poisson)

- 16.6 Superintendent nominates Mark Stofan to the position of SMHS Varsity Girls Tennis Coach for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Tamara Hoke to approve the nomination of Mark Stofan to the position of SMHS Varsity Tennis Coach for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

4 Absent (Jackie Knight, Darcie Calden, Bert Poisson)

- 16.7 Superintendent nominates Dan Labonte to the position of LES Drama Director for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Motion by Mark Holt and seconded by Cindy Young to approve the nomination of Dan Labonte to the position of LES Drama Director for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

4 Absent (Jackie Knight, Darcie Calden, Bert Poisson)

- 16.8 Superintendent nominates Sherri Couture to the position of JES Drama Director for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Tamara Hoke to approve the nomination of Sherri Couture to the position of JES Drama Director for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

4 Absent (Jackie Knight, Darcie Calden, Bert Poisson)

17. OTHER BUSINESS

- 17.1 Executive Session to discuss contract/negotiations in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D).

Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to enter into Executive Session to discuss contract/negotiations at 7:36 pm in accordance to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D).

Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

4 Absent (Jackie Knight, Darcie Calden, Bert Poisson)

Return from Executive Session at 7:58 pm.

18. CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Note: The next regular meeting will be on:

March 26, 2015 – Regular Board Meeting – 6:00 PM Cedar Street Learning Center

Budget Meeting March 18, 2015 – 6:00 PM Cedar Street Learning Center

19. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Tim Madden to adjourn at 8:01 pm.

Vote: 10 Yes

0 No

0 Abstain

4 Absent (Jackie Knight, Darcie Calden, Bert Poisson)

Respectfully submitted:



Kenneth J. Healey

Superintendent of Schools