

**SPRUCE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
The 5<sup>TH</sup> Regular Meeting of the Spruce Mountain School District Board of Directors  
For 2016-17 will be held

**Thursday, October 13, 2016 6:00 pm Cedar Street Conference Room**  
**5:30 pm - Policy Committee Meeting - Cancelled**

~MINUTES~

Present: Doug DiPasquale, Tammy Frost, Michael Morrell, Holly Richards, Shari Ouellette, Cea Jay Pitcher, Laurie Sanborn and Cindy Young.

Absent: Denise Rodzen, Joel Pike, Darcie Calden, Amy McDaniel, Jackie Knight

Present: Trevor Doiron, Student Representative

**1. CALL TO ORDER** Vice Chair Morrell called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

**3. ATTENDANCE**

**8 Present**

**5 (Denise Rodzen, Joel Pike, Darcie Calden, Amy McDaniel, Jackie Knight) Absent**

**1 Student Representative Present (Trevor Doiron)**

**4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Move 15.2 to 5.2

**5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

5.1 September 22, 2016 – Board Meeting minutes

**Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Doug DiPasquale to approve the minutes of September 22, 2016 regular Board meeting as amended.**

**Vote:                                  9 Yes                  0 No                  0 Abstain**

5.2 Request for Sr. Class trip from Sr. Class Advisor and Sr. Class President.

Chris Ellingwood, Sr. Class Advisor, said that the Sr. class has done a wonderful job and I am going to miss them. When it comes to fundraising, school spirit school involvement it is amazing what this class has done. Nate Steele, Sr. Class President said that they have been very fortunate with their fundraising tactics. He said that they have more the \$10,000. Nate Steele requested permission for the Sr. Class to take a cruise on Casco Bay Lines. This will be their Project Graduation trip, leaving at approximately 8:00 pm (after graduation)

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and arriving in Portland to board the boat for a 4 hour cruise from 11:00 pm to 3:00 am where there will be a DJ, catering and entertainment. Doug DiPasquale asked how the students came up with the idea and Nate Steele replied that they talked about different ideas and agreed on the cruise.

**Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Doug DiPasquale to approve the Sr. Class Trip of Casco Bay Lines Cruise in Portland on June 11, 2017.**

**Tammy Frost asked if they were using RSU 73 buses. Nate Steele replied that yes they were. Chris Ellingwood said that the class can bear all the costs associated with the trip, there will be no financial costs at all for the district.**

**Vote:                                      9 Yes                                      0 No                                      0 Abstain**

**6. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

**8. BOARD COMMENTS**

Doug DiPasquale wanted to thank Principal Plourde for the use of the soccer field for the AT fundraising event. The event raised over \$45,000.

Tammy Frost asked if we were going to be looking into getting another student school board member. Superintendent Healey replied that yes we are looking for a senior and a junior.

**9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

As of October 7, 2016 our student population is 1455 Pre-K – 12; SMPS 448, SMES 296, SMMS 295 and SMHS 416 (-22 from last report and -34 from the beginning of the school year.)

We have hired or accepted the resignation of the following non-teaching and non-administrative positions: see attached list.

The Town of Livermore Falls has refused ownership of the Livermore Falls Middle School on October 4, 2016. We will proceed based on their decision. We have had work done by Mr. Kachnovich and will be advertising shortly.

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual MSMA Conference will be held October 27 and 28, 2016 at the Augusta Civic Center. At this point the following School Board Members will be registered to attend: Denise Rodzen (both days October 27 and 28, 2016) , Shari Ouellette (one day

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October 27, 2016), Amy McDaniel (both days October 27 and 28, 2016), Laurie Sanborn (one day October 27, 2016), Michael Morrell (one day October 27, 2016), Jackie Knight (both days October 27 and 28, 2016) and Trevor Doiron (both days October 27 and 28, 2016). Later in this meeting the School Board will select a Delegate to represent RSU #73 during the MSBA Delegate Assembly at the conference.

I would like to pass on my condolences on the passing of Joel Pike's father-in-law. Doug DiPasquale asked about the budget freeze, Superintendent Healey replied that it was frozen on September 26, 2016.

**10. BOARD CHAIR'S - None**

**11. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None**

**12. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS**

**12.1 Curriculum – Amanda Hersey**

As you know, the various curriculum teams have been meeting. It has been very productive. I have now met with each content area. The foundational work for the year has been laid and we will now be looking ahead to map out the use of the late arrival Wednesdays. We will look for the curriculum members at each school to help facilitate grade level and content level work. Some of that is currently underway. I do try to conduct feedback forums and be responsive to requests so that everyone feels ownership in the process.

Thank you to board members who have attended those meetings.

Holly Richards said that it was nice that you were so patient with me. Mike Morrell said that he felt very welcome.

**12.2 SMHS – TJ Plourde**

One major thing happening soon is the Lego League is having a competition on November 19. The prep work will begin on the 18<sup>th</sup> and the Robotics Team is putting it on.

The playoff season for sports is almost here and I look forward to seeing you at the games.

Homecoming went super well. The kids had a very good time.

NWEA's are being done right now, we had to wait a little bit because computers were handed out a little late.

I would also like to say that I have never had a senior class that is so organized as this year's senior class.

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- 12.3 SMES – Chris Hollingsworth  
We have actually completed all of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade NWEA tests. Also, the FNP tests as well as the fall writing prompts along with the scoring have been completed. We are pretty much done our fall testing.
- 12.4 SMPS – Kevin Harrington  
Currently NWEA testing is going on and will go into next week. On the evaluation side of things it is being figured out, we are forming check lists for both teachers/administrators and on the 17<sup>th</sup> we will go over it as a team and will get it out to everyone that needs it.  
We have also been working on reports cards since we consolidated there were two different report cards. Our trimester ends December 2. We had a staff meeting this evening and talked about report cards extensively.  
Picture day is October 27 and 28<sup>th</sup>. Board members are invited to come and have their pictures taken for the district ID badge any time after 7:30 am. Fire prevention week is going on, the fire department will be doing a training and the children will get to touch the fire trucks. Monday there will be a full scale fire drill.  
We will be celebrating Veteran’s Day on November 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> with a luncheon. Cindy Young asked if we were doing any active shooter drills. Principal Harrington replied that we have a safety committee who has been working on that, there are flip charts in each class room. We have had lock down drills. Superintendent Healey said that the safety committee has been working with members of the Franklin County, Androscoggin County, State and local Police and have been working on details. The state would like to use one of our facilities as a location for an active shooter drill. RSU 4 had a lock down with an active shooter drill at the high school today. We will see what lessons they have learned.  
Holly Richards commented about the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class being so large and asked if there is an education technician in the classroom. Principal Harrington replied that only if there is a child with an IEP in the classroom would there be an Education Technician in the room. Holly Richards asked how that was going and Principal Harrington said it was going OK.

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13. **POLICY - None**

14. **OLD BUSINESS - None**

15. **NEW BUSINESS**

15.1 Elect voting member delegate for MSMA 43rd Annual Fall Conference.

**Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Tammy Frost to elect Denise Rodzen as the voting member delegate for MSMA 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Conference.**

**Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain**

**Motion by Doug DiPasquale and seconded by Cindy Young to elect Shari Ouellette as the alternate voting member delegate for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Conference.**

**Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain**

16. **APPOINTMENTS - None**

17. **OTHER BUSINESS - None**

18. **CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Regular Board Meeting on:

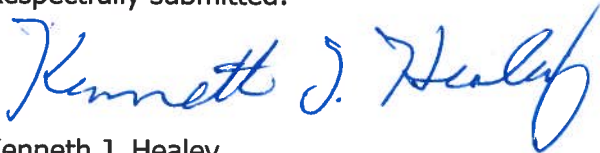
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19. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Holly Richards to adjourn at 6:24 pm.**

**Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain**

Respectfully submitted:



Kenneth J. Healey  
Superintendent of Schools