

SPRUCE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
The 6<sup>TH</sup> Regular Meeting of the Spruce Mountain School District Board of Directors  
For 2016-17 will be held

**Thursday, October 27, 2016 6:00 pm Cedar Street Conference Room**

~MINUTES~

Present: Darcie Calden, Doug DiPasquale, Tammy Frost, Amy McDaniel, Michael Morrell, Holly Richards, Shari Ouellette, Joel Pike, Laurie Sanborn and Cindy Young.

Absent: Denise Rodzen, Jackie Knight, Cea Jay Pitcher

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**

**10 Present**

**3 Absent (Denise Rodzen, Jackie Knight, Cea Jay Pitcher)**

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

4. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA - None**

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

5.1 October 13, 2016 – Board Meeting minutes

**Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Doug DiPasquale to approve the minutes of October 13, 2016 regular Board meeting as amended.**

**Vote: 8 Yes 0 No 3 Abstain (Amy McDaniel, Darcie Calden, Joel Pike)**

6. **COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE –**

Two thank you notes were circulated to the Board members.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

8. **BOARD COMMENTS -**

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Trevor Doiron thanked Superintendent Healey and the Board for inviting him to the MSMA 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference and he is looking forward to tomorrow's meeting. Shari Ouellette also wanted to say thank you, she also said that next year you should go if you can because there was a lot of great information and great stuff.

Tammy Frost said that she forgot to get pictures today, if she cannot make it tomorrow is there another time? Scott Albert said that the middle school will have pictures the first week of November.

## **9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT –**

As of October 21, 2016 our student population is 1452 Pre-K – 12. SMPS 450, SMES 293, SMMS 293 and SMHS 416. (-3 from last report and -37 from the beginning of the year.)

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

I attended the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual MSMA Conference today at the Augusta Civic Center. It was a good time and the morning speaker who is the President of the National School Board Association was sensational. The following School Board Members attended: Denise Rodzen, Shari Ouellette, Amy McDaniel, Laurie Sanborn, Trevor Doiron and Jackie Knight. Some of us will attend tomorrow.

I will be on my NEASC visit starting Sunday to Wednesday. When I'm gone Scott Albert will handle emergency issues. I am available by phone, email or text. Please call Fiona if there is an emergency.

There will be a joint meeting of elected officials from each of the towns and the school board on Wednesday, November 2 at SMMS at 6 pm. This will be an opportunity for all elected officials to sit with our school board and talk about budgets. I may or may not be there. Chair Rodzen will facilitate the meeting. On November 3 there will be a Negotiations Team meeting at 5:30 pm for training for IBB. Superintendent Tom Ward from RSU 9 will be here to talk about his experience and also Rick Colpitts from RSU 17 will be scheduled later on. We will be doing a bit of shuffling and have the Policy Committee meet at 5:00 pm on November 10<sup>th</sup> before the Board Meeting and the Finance Committee will meet at 5:30 pm.

## **10. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT–**

Vice Chair Morrell said that the MSMA conference was excellent. He passed three handouts he received from some of the meetings he attended. Those handouts were: Top Ten Things School Boards Must Know About Special Education! Running a Tight Ship: School Board Meetings and the Law and Who is in Charge: Dealing with

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Employment Issues as a Board of Directors. Please read these, don't just toss them in the round file!

## **11. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None**

## **12. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS**

### 12.1 SMMS – Scott Albert

Mr. Albert thanks the Board for letting him come this evening, he had Parent/Teacher conference with his daughter during the last board meeting.

Congrats to the September Student of the Month winners, they are:

Grade 6	Sam Perkins	Mackenzie Michaud
Grade 7	Christy Lynn Beaudoin	Haley Jackson
Grade 8	Rachel Hanson	Hanni Johnson

We had parent/teacher conferences last week. Teachers were here until 8 pm both Tuesday and Thursday night.

Edwin Thompson came and spoke to all of our students at an assembly Tuesday morning. Edwin is the head baseball coach at Division 1 Eastern Kentucky University. For those of you who do not know Edwin, we grew up in Jay and his parents owned the roller rink in Livermore Falls for years. Edwin graduated from Jay High School and later worked as a substitute and an education technician as well as a coach here. He talked to the students about setting goals, working hard, overcoming adversity to become whatever it is you want to be.

I wanted to thank Barbara Jewett and our high school guidance counselors for setting up and then inviting our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades to the High School College and Career Fair today. Barbara worked with our ELA teachers to make it a worthwhile experience for them. The students had to visit at least 3 businesses and 2 colleges. The ELA teachers connected what the students experienced into a writing assignment. That writing assignment was: What did you learn? What did you enjoy? What careers and colleges interested you and why? Be specific. Write at least two paragraphs explaining your experience. The kids were very excited when they got back.

### 12.2 Food Service – Dora York

On October 7 the crew went to Mt. Blue and received their Serve Safe certification. Today we served 306 lunch meals at the Primary school which was one of our goals, to serve 300 lunches.

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## 12.3 Special Services – Tina Collins

A DOE training for education technicians on working with students with challenging behaviors was offered and we had an overwhelming interest/response from our staff. I approached DOE to see if they would consider coming to RSU 73 to offer it on March 17, 2017 workshop day and they said yes! This is a great partnership opportunity with DOE and a wonderful opportunity for our staff.

I have been working with DOE and MSB (Maine State Billing) partner regarding billing for speech tele therapy. I am hopeful we may be able to do so in the near future, I will be meeting with MSB again next week.

The DOE held a webinar about alternate assessments with Amanda Hersey and I participated in earlier this week.

The DOE held a teleconference about certification for special education teachers given the shortage in certified staff. DOE is working on alternate pathways for certification. Ken Healey and I participated in that last week.

## 12.4 Technology – Craig Suttie

I will be at technology and Law conference on November 4<sup>th</sup> in Augusta.

Bandwidth has been ample through the NWEA testing window.

We are 35 days into all the laptops being out and only 1 has been sent to us for damage. We will submit it to claims and hope that the number of damages stays low.

We are deploying chrome books to 5<sup>th</sup> graders slowly. I have a couple of chrome books here for the board to see for themselves. Per the direction from Mr. Healey, Fiona, Kyle Richards and I are creating a unified, shared google calendar for the website. When completed the secretaries will be trained. Hopefully we can get to a point where adding events are seamless, consistent, current and accurate.

## 12.5 Facilities/Transportation – Ken Vining

As we talked about previously the boiler at the elementary school did not pass inspection, it has a one to two inch crack inside. Siemens sent someone inside and it was patched. I have spoken to Siemens and it is definitely something we are going to have to look at as a top priority. I have met with Craig Boone and within 2 weeks we will come up with a facilities report for the facilities committee. I know that some of you have heard about the lead and cooper in the water in this area, we have tested the water over at the primary school and there is no lead in the water and very little copper in the water. Also did a text for e-coli and chloroform, both came back negative. We have the three new buses going now the children are very happy. I have some pictures to show you. We did sell three old buses \$2,280.00, we received \$660 for 2 buses and \$960 for the third.

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Shari Ouellette said that she saw a bus dropping children off very late. Ken Vining said that is the bus for the children who attend the late program which ends at 4:30pm. Scott Albert said that program is part of the 21<sup>st</sup> century grant. Tammy Frost asked if Ken Vining knew when construction was to end, Ken replied mid-October. They are just trying to finish up.

**13. POLICY - None**

**14. OLD BUSINESS - None**

**15. NEW BUSINESS**

**15.1 Review of Budget Timeline FY 18**

Superintendent Healey said that I have created a draft for your consideration of the FY 2018 Budget Timeline. As you can see there are 2 extra meetings. My hope is that we will be able to get through all information early and we will not need the additional meeting. If so, we can cancel that meeting.

Joel Pike said that this year we had a couple of the meetings at the middle school which is a larger venue and this looks like they are all at central office.

Amy McDaniel suggested that we should consider having one meeting in each school in order to get the community to buy-in, we should we take that step. Superintendent Healey said that if this is something the Board would like to do he will make those changes. He said that he would like the final public meeting to be held at the middle school. Amy McDaniel said that if the parent has a child in that school they may be more apt to attend. Vice Chair Morrell directed Superintendent Healey to make those corrections to the Draft and we will bring it for approval at the next Board meeting.

Doug DiPasquale asked if the timeline would be sent home with parents, Superintendent Healey said that we do not usually send that home with students. It is on the web site and the newspaper. Vice Chair Morrell asked that the timeline be sent home with students.

**16. APPOINTMENTS - None**

**17. OTHER BUSINESS - None**

**18. CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Regular Board Meeting on:

November 10, 2016 – Regular Meeting – 6:00 PM Cedar Street Conference Room

Joint Meeting of town elected officials and School Board:

November 2, 2016 – 6:00 PM at SMMS Café.

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Negotiations Committee meeting on November 3, 2016 at 5:30 PM Cedar Street  
Conference Room

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Darcie Calden to adjourn at 6:29 PM.

Vote:            11 Yes                    0 No                    0 Abstain

Respectfully submitted:



Kenneth J. Healey  
Superintendent of Schools