

SPRUCE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 5th Regular Meeting of the Spruce Mountain School District Board of Directors
For 2015-16 will be held

Thursday, October 8, 2015 6:00 pm Cedar Street Conference Room

~MINUTES~

Present: Doug DiPasquale, Tammy Frost, Mark Holt, Amy McDaniel, Michael Morrell, Shari Ouellette arrived at 6:04 pm , Joel Pike, Holly Richards, Denise Rodzen arrived at 6:04pm , Laurie Sanborn, Michael Schaedler arrived at 6:05 pm and Cindy Young.

Absent: Jackie Knight

1. CALL TO ORDER: Michael Morrell, Assistant Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Board Chair called for a moment of silence for El Faro.

3. ATTENDANCE

12 Members Present

1 Member Absent – Jackie Knight

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA - None

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

September 28, 2015 – Board Meeting minutes

Motion by Holly Richards and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2015 regular Board Meeting minutes with changes.

Vote: 11Yes 0 No 1 (Mike S)Abstain

6. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE - None

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

8. BOARD COMMENTS – Shari Ouellette inquired about suicide prevention in the schools. Thomas Plourde responded that there are different classes throughout the year and that staff are trained each year.

9. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - None

10. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT - None

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

12. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORTS

12.1 Special Services – Tina Collins

Tina wanted to give a shout out to our developmental program. They moved from LES to JES this year, it was a big move and everyone is very happy. The staff at JES have been very welcoming and the space is wonderful. Ken Vining and his crew did a wonderful job getting everything where it needed to be. The Special Services

department was able to use grant money for the end of last year to provide staff with new iPads.

12.2

Technology – Craig Suttie

On October 29 at 6 pm the technology department will be holding a meeting for the community, staff and students to evaluate the technology plan. There will be a total of 4 meetings throughout the year.

Erate under the direction of the FCC provides discounts to assist school and libraries in the United States to obtain affordable telecommunications projects and internet access. Phones will no longer be covered but there will be greater access for infrastructure support. At the high schools we can spend \$72,000, middle school \$59,000, LES \$69,000 and JES \$47,700. By November I will be able to share more information with you.

NEWA tests this year is are on line and completely web based, so far working pretty good.

Punch Alert the new emergency notification system is in the works. This is part of a Homeland Security grant. This is an application that sits on your phone that when activated in an emergency the cavalry comes! This however does not replace the emergency management plan. Go to punchalert.com to learn more.

Apple ID was a nightmare this year, it was a curveball from the state. We set up a universal Apple ID.

I contacted Oxford Hills school system about lap top insurance and they highly recommend the insurance. They current charge per laptop is an annual fee of \$80 with a \$0 deductible. I will call and get a quote, I will also check on the number of students that are currently covered under the third party Worthave Group lap top insurance.

12.3

Adult Education – Robyn Raymond

We hired Peter Osborn who holds a masters degree in adult and higher education. He will be our new computer/technology teacher.

College Transitions and Academic Programming classes started on the 28th and we have 6 students. We also have a steady stream of new learners entering our Adult Transitions program. Local business generously donated gym passes/gift cards for learners that make gains. Funding for these programs is tied to post-test gains. We want to celebrate their successes.

We held an open house and also attended the Apple Pumpkin Festival.

12.4

Facilities/Transportation – Ken Vining

A handout was given to the Board that listed completed projects. The new elevator will be shipped on November 13.

Yesterday we had our first lockdown and LES, SMHS and SMMS. It was a great turnout with state police, fire departments, police departments, sheriff departments and emergency management from both counties. Some things we need to adjust and correct. It went really well. LES did an exceptional job.

Also attached is snow plow bid, I hope it is accepted so we can schedule for winter. Busing has been busy with trips. Buses are running well.

Next Wednesday at LES there will be a bus training for kindergarten through grade 3 with training at JES on Thursday. There will be a skit with music, there will be two buses for the children to go through and a coloring book will be given to go home with the children.

Inspection at LES with buses went well.

12.5

Food Services – Dora York - **Absent**

13. POLICY - None

14. OLD BUSINESS

14.1 Snow Plow Bid – Ken Vining

Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Mark Holt to accept the Jean Castonguay bid for snowplowing and sanding for this year.

Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

14.2 Voting for delegate for MSMA 42nd Annual Fall Conference.

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Mark Holt to nominate Denise Rodzen as the voting delegate for the MSMA 42nd Annual Fall Conference.

Vote: 11 Yes 0 No 1 (Denise Rodzen)Abstain

15. NEW BUSINESS - None

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 Holly Richards at 6:56 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

Return from Executive Session at 7:10 pm.

- 16.2 Superintendent nominates Aurelie Merrill to the position of SMHS Yearbook Advisor for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
- 16.3 Superintendent nominates Ken Landry to the position of SMHS Yearbook Advisor for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status
- 16.4 Superintendent nominates Jessica Ellingwood-Simpson to the position of SMHS NHS Advisor for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
- 16.5 Superintendent nominates Jayne Costa to the position of SMHS Civil Rights Advisor for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
- 16.6 Superintendent nominates Dan Labonte to the position of SMMS Drama Advisor for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
- 16.7 Superintendent nominates Dan Labonte to the position of SMHS Chorus Director for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
- 16.8 Superintendent nominates Katie Lafreniere to the position of SMHS NEASC Standard Committee Co-chair (Curriculum) for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
- 16.9 Superintendent nominates Jenna Cote to the position of SMHS NEASC Standard Committee Co-Chair (Curriculum) for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
- 16.10 Superintendent nominates Eric Jewett to the position of SMHS NEASC Co-Chair for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
- 16.11 Superintendent nominates Michelle Brann to the position of SMHS NEASC Standard Committee (Instruction) for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
- 16.12 Superintendent nominates Jacqueline Kilbreth to the position of SMHS NEASC Standard Committee Chair (School Resources) for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
- 16.13 Superintendent nominates Barbara Jewett to the position of SMHS NEASC Standard Committee Chair (Core Values) for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

- 16.14 Superintendent nominates Mark Cyr to the position of SMHS NEASC Sub-Committee Chair (Community Resources) for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
- 16.15 Superintendent nominates Michele Hall to the position of SMHS Gear Up Block 5 Math Co-Teacher for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
- 16.16 Superintendent nominates Robin Miller to the position of SMHS Gear Up Block 5 Math Co-Teacher for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
- 16.17 Superintendent nominates Jessica Ellingwood-Simpson to the position of SMHS Gear Up Grade Augmentation Advisor for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
- 16.18 Superintendent nominates Megan Packard to the position of SMHS Gear Up (Block 5 Special Education) for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
- 16.19 Superintendent nominates Cynthia Paradis to the position of SMHS Gear Up (Block 5 Special Education) for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
- 16.20 Superintendent nominates Jordan DeMillo to the position of SMHS Gear Up (Block 5 Social Studies) for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
- 16.21 Superintendent nominates Cynthia Paradis to the position of Certification Committee Member for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
- 16.22 Superintendent nominates Rob Taylor to the position of SMHS Envirothon Advisor for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Cindy Young to approve 16.2 through 16.22 nominations for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

17. OTHER BUSINESS - None

18. CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting will be on:

October 22, 2015 – Regular Board Meeting – 6:30 PM Cedar Street Conference Room

19. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Holly Richards to adjourn at 7:19 pm.

Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Respectfully submitted:

Kenneth J. Healey
Superintendent of Schools