

SPRUCE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 6th Regular Meeting of the Spruce Mountain School District Board of Directors
For 2014-15 will be held

Thursday, October 9, 2014 6:00 p.m. at Cedar Street Learning Center

~MINUTES~

Present: Tammy Frost, Diane Gould, Tim Madden, Amy McDaniel, Michael Morrell, Shari Ouellette, Denise Rodzen, and Cindy Young. Newly appointed Board Member Bert Poisson present but not voting because has not been sworn in.
Absent: Jackie Knight, Darcie Calden, Tamara Hoke
Late: Michael Schaedler arrived at 6:15 pm.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Denise Rodzen, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

3. **ATTENDANCE**
8 Members Present
2 Members Excused Absent (Jackie Knight and Tamar Hoke)
1 Member Unexcused Absent (Darcie Calden)
1 Late arrival (Michael Schaedler)

4. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
September 25, 2014 – Board meeting minutes
Motion by Mike Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2014 Board meeting as presented.
Vote: 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
2 Absent Excused (Jackie Knight and Tamara Hoke)
1 Absent Unexcused (Darcie Calden)
1 Late arrival (Michael Schaedler)

6. **COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE**
Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Diane Gould to move Communications/Correspondence 6.1 through 6.5 to 14. New Business.
Vote: 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
2 Absent Excused (Jackie Knight and Tamara Hoke)
1 Absent Unexcused (Darcie Calden)
1 Late arrival (Michael Schaedler)

- 6.1 Request by Maria Rier for a Field Trip to Quebec City, Quebec for 30-35 SMHS students who are pursuing studies in French or Spanish in May 2015.
- 6.2 Request by Maria Rier for an educational exchange experience for SMHS students with St-Georges, Quebec students in March 2015.
- 6.3 Request by Dan Lemieux for Spruce Mountain School District to provide transportation for the SMART Robotics team to two out of state competitions (Durham NH and Worcester MA).

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6.4 Request by TJ Plourde and Lee Hixon to amend the jacket policy in the SMHS Student Handbook.

6.5 Request by SMHS to extend the Performance Based Diploma requirement to school year 2020.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

8. BOARD COMMENTS –

Shari Ouellette wished to extend condolences to the family of Jay Police Chief Larry White. Amy McDaniel discussed stipend calculations in Lewiston school system. Tim Madden inquired about the school districts policy concerning communicable diseases.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT -

Ken Healey said that on Thursday morning he witnessed the collectiveness of this community by parents, teachers, students and community members at the Spirit Challenge Tailgate Breakfast. This gathering was the most impressive school event Ken Healey has seen in his 17 years working in education. It was heartwarming and motivating and it was great to see teachers making breakfast for the students. Kudos to everyone involved.

10. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT –

Negotiations this coming Tuesday with the Teamsters will have to be rescheduled. Chair Rodzen will announce new date when it has been set.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

12. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

12.1 Spruce Mountain High School – Thomas Plourde

The school spirit challenge was an awesome event. Outstanding to see everyone working together. Michelle Brann did all the work in the beginning. Nearly \$5,900 had been collected so far. There will be many more events over the next couple of weeks. The challenge will continue until October 31.

12.2 Spruce Mountain Middle School – Scott Albert

Congratulations to our new student council members. Progress reports went home today, parent teacher conferences are next Tuesday and Wednesday, picture day is October 21.

12.3 Jay Elementary School – Chris Hollingsworth

Elementary schools are involved in helping the high school Spirit Challenge.....LES has challenged JES, currently LES has 2,200 lbs. of food and JES has 2400 lbs. of food.

Grandparents Day was very successful, we had over 800 people inside JES. We have great support.

12.4 Livermore Elementary School – Kevin Harrington

We have a Grandparents Day coming. We have 4 committees that are all up and running and very vocal with great ideas. We have a visiting author coming up on the 16th.. There is a 1st grade costume social coming up.

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13. POLICY - None

14. OLD BUSINESS - None

15. NEW BUSINESS

- 15.1 Request by Maria Rier for a Field Trip to Quebec City, Quebec for 30-35 SMHS students who are pursuing studies in French or Spanish in May 2015.

Motion by Diane Gould and seconded by Michael Morrell to approve the request for a Field Trip to Quebec City, Quebec for 30-35 SMHS students who are pursuing studies in French or Spanish in May 2015.

**Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
 2 Absent Excused (Jackie Knight and Tamara Hoke)
 1 Absent Unexcused (Darcie Calden)**

- 15.2 Request by Maria Rier for an educational exchange experience for SMHS students with St-Georges, Quebec students in March 2015.

Discussion – Cindy Young asked if background checks were done on the families that the students stay with. Maria Rier said that background checks are not done. The students stay with student families that will be staying with them when they come to Maine.

Motion by Michael Morell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve the request for an educational exchange experience for SMHS students with St-Georges, Quebec students in March 2015.

**Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
 2 Absent Excused (Jackie Knight and Tamara Hoke)
 1 Absent Unexcused (Darcie Calden)**

- 15.3 Request by Dan Lemieux for Spruce Mountain School District to provide transportation for the SMART Robotics team to two out of state competitions (Durham NH and Worcester MA).

Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve the request for Spruce Mountain School District to provide transportation for the SMART Robotics team to two out of state competitions (Durham NH 3/20-22and Worcester MA 4/8-11).

**Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
 2 Absent Excused (Jackie Knight and Tamara Hoke)
 1 Absent Unexcused (Darcie Calden)**

- 15.4 Request by TJ Plourde and Lee Hixon to amend the jacket policy in the SMHS Student Handbook.

Motion by Tammy Frost and seconded by Michael Morrell to approve the request to amend the jacket policy in the SMHS Student Handbook.

**Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
 2 Absent Excused (Jackie Knight and Tamara Hoke)
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- 15.5 Request by SMHS to extend the Performance Based Diploma requirement to school year 2020.

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Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve the request by SMHS to extend the Performance Based Diploma requirement to school year 2020 with amended changes as discussed.

Discussion about the extension application.

**Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
 2 Absent Excused (Jackie Knight and Tamara Hoke)
 1 Absent Unexcused (Darcie Calden)**

- 15.6 Executive Session to consider the request for early graduation of a Spruce Mountain High School student in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(F).

Motion by Diane Gould and seconded by Michael Morrell to enter into Executive Session at 7:11 pm to consider the request for early graduation of a Spruce Mountain High School student in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(F).

**Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
 2 Absent Excused (Jackie Knight and Tamara Hoke)
 1 Absent Unexcused (Darcie Calden)**

Return from Executive Session at 7:25 pm.

Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Diane Gould to approve the request for a student to continue working toward early graduation of a Spruce Mountain High School student in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(F).

**Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
 2 Absent Excused (Jackie Knight and Tamara Hoke)
 1 Absent Unexcused (Darcie Calden)**

16. APPOINTMENTS

- 16.1 Executive Session to discuss personnel appointments in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A).

Motion by Diane Gould and seconded by Michael Morrell to enter into Executive Session at 7:26 pm to discuss personnel appointments in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A).

**Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
 2 Absent Excused (Jackie Knight and Tamara Hoke)
 1 Absent Unexcused (Darcie Calden)**

Return from Executive Session at 7:38 pm.

- 16.2 Superintendent nominates Willie Brown to the position of SMHS Boys Varsity Soccer Coach for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Motion by Tim Madden and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve the nomination of Willie Brown to the position of SMHS Boys Varsity Soccer Coach for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

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- Vote:** **9 Yes** **0 No** **0 Abstain**
2 Absent Excused (Jackie Knight and Tamara Hoke)
1 Absent Unexcused (Darcie Calden)
- 16.3 Superintendent nominates Barbara Jewett to the position of SMHS NHS Advisor for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Diane Gould to approve the nomination of Barbara Jewett to the position of SMHS NHS Advisor for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
Vote: **9 Yes** **0 No** **0 Abstain**
2 Absent Excused (Jackie Knight and Tamara Hoke)
1 Absent Unexcused (Darcie Calden)
- 16.4 Superintendent nominates Kenneth Landry to the position of SMHS Yearbook Advisor for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
Motion by Diane Gould and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve the nomination of Kenneth Landry to the position of SMHS Yearbook Advisor for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
Vote: **9 Yes** **0 No** **0 Abstain**
2 Absent Excused (Jackie Knight and Tamara Hoke)
1 Absent Unexcused (Darcie Calden)
- 16.5 Superintendent nominates Aurelie Merrill to the position of SMHS Yearbook Advisor for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
Motion by Diane Gould and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve the nomination of Aurelie Merrill to the position of SMHS Yearbook Advisor for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
Vote: **9 Yes** **0 No** **0 Abstain**
2 Absent Excused (Jackie Knight and Tamara Hoke)
1 Absent Unexcused (Darcie Calden)
- 16.6 Superintendent nominates Julie Bolduc to the position of Professional and Growth Development Committee member for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
Motion by Diane Gould and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve the nomination of Julie Bolduc to the position of Professional and Growth Development Committee member for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
Vote: **9 Yes** **0 No** **0 Abstain**
2 Absent Excused (Jackie Knight and Tamara Hoke)
1 Absent Unexcused (Darcie Calden)
- 16.7 Superintendent nominates Terry Leclerc to the position of Professional and Growth Development Committee member for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

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Motion by Diane Gould and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve the nomination of Terry Leclerc to the position of Professional and Growth Development Committee member for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

**Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
 2 Absent Excused (Jackie Knight and Tamara Hoke)
 1 Absent Unexcused (Darcie Calden)**

- 16.8 Superintendent nominates Rachel Toner to the position of Professional and Growth Development Committee member for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Motion by Diane Gould and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve the nomination of Rachel Toner to the position of Professional and Growth Development Committee for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

**Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
 2 Absent Excused (Jackie Knight and Tamara Hoke)
 1 Absent Unexcused (Darcie Calden)**

- 16.9 Superintendent nominates Donna Labbe to the position of Professional and Growth and Development Committee Chair for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve the nomination of Donna Labbe to the position of Professional and Growth Development Committee Chair for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

**Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
 2 Absent Excused (Jackie Knight and Tamara Hoke)
 1 Absent Unexcused (Darcie Calden)**

- 16.10 Superintendent nominates Bernadette Bessey to the position of Teacher and Education Recertification Committee member for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Diane Gould to approve the nomination Bernadette Bessey to the position of Teacher and Education Recertification Committee member for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

**Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
 2 Absent Excused (Jackie Knight and Tamara Hoke)
 1 Absent Unexcused (Darcie Calden)**

- 16.11 Superintendent nominates Colleen Shink to the position of Teacher and Education Recertification Committee member for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Diane Gould to approve the nomination of Colleen Shink to the position of Teacher and Education Recertification Committee

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member for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

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1 Absent Unexcused (Darcie Calden)

- 16.12 Superintendent nominates Susan Sandler to the position of Teacher and Education Recertification Committee member for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Diane Gould to approve the nomination of Susan Sandler to the position of Teacher and Education Recertification member for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
2 Absent Excused (Jackie Knight and Tamara Hoke)
1 Absent Unexcused (Darcie Calden)

- 16.13 Superintendent nominates Farrah Poirier to the position of Teacher and Education Recertification Committee Member for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Diane Gould to approve the nomination of Farrah Poirier to the position of Teacher and Education Recertification Member for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
2 Absent Excused (Jackie Knight and Tamara Hoke)
1 Absent Unexcused (Darcie Calden)

- 16.14 Superintendent nominates Dianne Fenlason to the position of Teacher and Education Recertification Committee Chair, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Motion by Diane Gould and seconded by Cindy Young to approve the nomination of Dianne Fenlason to the position of Teacher and Education Recertification Committee Chair for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
2 Absent Excused (Jackie Knight and Tamara Hoke)
1 Absent Unexcused (Darcie Calden)

- 16.15 Superintendent nominates Bonita Melcher to the position of SMMS Educational Technician I for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve the nomination of Bonita Melcher to the position of SMMS Educational Technician I for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
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- 16.16 Superintendent nominates Daniel Labonte to the position of SMHS Chorus Director for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Cindy Young to approve the nomination of Daniel Labonte to the position of SMHS Chorus Director for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

**Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
 2 Absent Excused (Jackie Knight and Tamara Hoke)
 1 Absent Unexcused (Darcie Calden)**

17. OTHER BUSINESS

- 17.1 Executive Session to discuss contract/negotiations in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D).
Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Michael Morrell to enter into Executive Session at 7:45 pm to discuss personnel appointments in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A).

**Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
 2 Absent Excused (Jackie Knight and Tamara Hoke)
 1 Absent Unexcused (Darcie Calden)**

Return from Executive Session at 8:13 pm.

- Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to ratify the contract between RSU 73 Education Association/MEA/NEA and RSU 73 Board of Directors.**

**Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
 2 Absent Excused (Jackie Knight and Tamara Hoke)
 1 Absent Unexcused (Darcie Calden)**

18. CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Note: The next regular meeting will be on:
October 23, 2014 – Regular Board Meeting – 6:30 PM Cedar Street Learning Center

19. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Michael Morrell to Adjourn at 8:19 pm.**

**Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
 2 Absent Excused (Jackie Knight and Tamara Hoke)
 1 Absent Unexcused (Darcie Calden)**

Any individual who needs special accommodations to enter the building or assistance to attend this public meeting, must contact the Superintendent's Office at least five (5) days in advance of the meeting (A.D.A.)

Respectfully submitted:



Kenneth J. Healey
Superintendent of Schools