

SPRUCE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
The 15TH Regular Meeting of the Spruce Mountain School District Board of Directors
For 2016-17 will be held

Thursday, April 27, 2017 6:00 pm Cedar Street Conference Room
Finance Committee Meeting – 5:30 pm

~MINUTES~

Present: Doug Dipasquale, Tammy Frost, Dale Leblanc, Shari Ouellette, Cea Jay Pitcher,
Denise Rodzen, Laurie Sanborn, Cindy Young
Absent: Michael Morrell, Joel Pike, Holly Richards, Robert Staples
Trevor Doiron, Student Representative Present

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rodzen 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
4 Absent
1 Student Representative Present (Trevor Doiron)

Chair Rodzen introduced new board member Dale Leblanc from Jay

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

5.1 April 13, 2017 – Board Meeting minutes
Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Tammy Frost to approve the minutes of April 13, 2017 regular Board meeting.

Vote: **4 Yes (Doug Dipasquale, Tammy Frost, Shari Ouellette, Denise Rodzen)** **0 No**
4 (Cindy Young, Cea Jay Pitcher, Dale Leblanc, Laurie Sanborn) Abstain
1 Student Representative Yes

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6. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Retirement of William Biliouris, Spruce Mountain High School Science teacher as of the end of the 2016/2017 school year.

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Cindy Young to accept with regret the retirement of William Biliouris, Spruce Mountain High School science teacher.

Vote: 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
1 Student Representative Yes

6.2 Retirement of Raymond Chase, Spruce Mountain High School Science teacher as of the end of the 2016/2017 school year.

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Cindy Young to accept with regret the retirement of Raymond Chase, Spruce Mountain High School science teacher.

Vote: 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
1 Student Representative Yes

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

8. BOARD COMMENTS - None

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

As of April 14, 2017 our student population is 1455 PK – 12, SMPS 454, SMES 297, SMMS 286, and SMHS 418. (+ 1 from last report - 34 from the beginning of the year)

Dale Leblanc asked what the reason is for the drop in numbers. Chair Rodzen explained that it was due to students moving away.

We have hired the following non-teaching and non-administrative positions:
See Attached List.

I would like to thank Ray Chase and Bill Biliouris for their combined 78 years of service to the school district. They both will be missed deeply.

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I'm on vacation from May 25, 2017 to May 31, 2017 visiting my daughter in Chicago. Kevin Harrington will sit in for me during the May 25, 2017 School Board Meeting.

10. BOARD CHAIR'S - None

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

12. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

12.1 Dora York – Food Service

The veggie grant for the Primary, Elementary and Middle School have been filled out and we're waiting to hear if we qualify. Chair Rodzen asked how much money we can expect for the grant. Dora York said that last year we received \$ 60,000 for the three schools.

12.2 Ken Vining – Facilities/Transportation

Maintenance and Grounds:

We completed three walls on our electrical building (off from football field). We had our first home games for baseball and softball on Tuesday, April 11, 2017. Last week we started our spring sweeping and cleaning around the schools. Roadways, parking areas, and lawn areas to get ready for mowing. May 5th is the deadline for our snow removal bids. So far no one has shown any interest. Oil prices are coming back down.

Wednesday afternoon ended at \$1.74 per gallon for #2 oil and \$1.96 per gallon for diesel, plus \$.075 per gallon to the town. Will check again on Friday 4/28/17 and perhaps lock in.

Transportation:

We're extremely busy with baseball, softball, track and tennis. Bus #20 is still in the paint shop today but will hopefully be ready sometime next week. Last Friday 4/21/17 15 bus drivers attended a great day of training put on by MAPT at Mt. Blue High School. The topics were 1. Attitude of the Driver, 2. Student Connection, 3. In the Zone, 4. Rails to you, and 5. Pre-Trip.

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Chair Rodzen asked how the fields are. Ken Vining said that they are drying up and that they are able to play. Chair Rodzen asked if there had been problems with people passing school buses as they stop to pick up and drop of students. Ken Vining said that we do not have a problem here as in other parts of the state. Bus drivers take down license plate numbers and report them to the police.

12.3 Robyn Raymond – Adult Education

As you know, we have a lot going on in the world of Adult Ed. Just to highlight a few things: I attended a National conference at the beginning of the month and it was the best professional development opportunity I've had this far in my career. My primary focus was to attend workforce development sessions and network with Adult Educators around the country. I connected with a State Director that had a lot of experience with manufacturing job loss and we've been in touch since the conference brainstorming ways to better meet the needs of the Jay/Livermore/Livermore Falls community looking at missed opportunities since he was in a similar situation as we are with Verso.

Our HVAC class starts tonight. 10 people are enrolled. 8 did job shadowing up front to ensure the program is a good fit. I want to thank the local employers Ranor, ABT, A. Maurais & Son, Specialty Services, Dead River, Community Energy, Cornerstone Plumbing & Heating, and True Plumbing & Heating.

We received our Career Pathways plan back from the DOE. This plan looked at where we were 3-5 years ago, what we're doing now and how we plan to grow and implement change in the future. Our plan was fully approved and the scoring committee highlighted our strong partnerships with employers, career centers and other adult education, great activities planned with LWIB and advanced job training, strong advising and counseling practices and strong program data. They did suggest more technology classes to support our community

Lastly, Alan Chretien's story ran in the Livermore Falls Advertiser last week. Thank you Barry for capturing such a powerful adult ed. student experience. I have extra copies if anyone else would like to read about his journey. He was in D.C. this week speaking about the importance of Adult Education. I'd like to invite him to the next board meeting to share about his trip to D.C.

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Home & Living Show: Collected over 30 names of people offering to teach new enrichment classes in the fall. Thank you to Anthony Reardon and Jay/Livermore Falls Lions Club for this opportunity.

It's quiet here tonight – our students took a field trip to Farmington Library for the poetry contest. Seven of our students submitted poems and will be standing up and sharing their work. We have students there now who did not submit poems just to go and support their Adult Education friends.

Tammy Frost asked if adult ed. student numbers are counted per class or per student. Robyn stated that they count per student and this year they served over 700 people. Since Robyn started the student population has quadrupled.

12.4 Tina Collins – Special Services

Completed half of the CDS transitions. The other half is scheduled for Monday, May 8, 2017. We finished the Alternate Assessment.

Special Olympics Spring Games will take place on May 12 (rain date: May 19) at Mt. Blue Campus. Registration is at 9:00 AM, Games from 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM. Tina Collins extended an invitation to all board members to attend the Special Olympics Games.

13. POLICY - None

14. OLD BUSINESS

14.1 Action on FY 17 Budget

14.2 Signing of Warrant and Notice of Election that a referendum election to be held on June 13, 2017.

14.3 Signing of Notice of Public Hearing on the FY 17 Budget to be held on May 18, 2017 at Spruce Mountain Middle School at 23 Community Drive, Jay, ME.

Motion by Tammy Frost and seconded by Doug Dipasquale to move that the Vote entitled, "Vote to Call and Approve the Warrants for the Budget Meeting and the Validation Referendum and to Authorize the Notice of Amounts Adopted," be approved in form presented to this meeting and that a copy of said Vote be included with the minutes of this meeting.

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VOTE TO CALL AND APPROVE THE WARRANTE FOR THE BUDDGET MEETING AND THE VALIDATION REFERENDUM AND TO AUTHORIZE THE NOTICE OF AMOUNTS ADOPTED

VOTED: That the warrant for the Regional School Unit No. 73 (the "Regional School Unit") Budget Meeting presented to the meeting be approved and that a Regional School Unit Budget meeting be called for May 18, 2017 for the purpose of voting on the annual budget for the Regional School Unit for the 2017-2018 fiscal year;

That the Warrant and Notice of Election for the Regional School Unit Budget Validation Referendum presented to the meeting be approved, and that a Regional School Unit budget validation Referendum be called for June 3, 2017 for the purpose of approving the budget adopted at the Regional School Unit budget meeting for the 2017-2018 fiscal year; and

That the form of Notice of Amounts Adopted at Budget Meetings presented to this meeting be approved, and that the Superintendent of Schools of the Regional School Unit be authorized and directed to complete said notice in accordance with the Regional School Unit budget meeting on May 18, 2017, and to cause copies of said Notice, as completed, to be delivered to the municipal clerks of each municipality of the Regional school Unit for posting at the polling places for the June 13, 2017 Regional School Unit Budget validation referendum.

Chair Rodzen explained that the board is voting on sending notices to the towns and that the District Budget Meeting will be held May 18, 2017 at Spruce Mountain Middle School and that the vote will take place on June 13, 2017.

Dale Leblanc asked how many total cuts were made to the budget. Michele Coates said that we cut over \$1,000,000.00.

**Vote: 7 Yes 0 No 1 (Dale Leblanc) Abstain
 1 Student Representative Yes**

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14.4 Budget Timeline

May 18, 2017 – District Budget Meeting – 6:00 PM Spruce Mountain Middle School Cafe

14.5 Siemens RFQ

15. NEW BUSINESS - None

16. APPOINTMENTS - None

17. OTHER BUSINESS – None

18. CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 11, 2017 – Board Meeting – 6:00 PM Cedar Street Conference Room

May 18, 2017 – District Budget Meeting – 6:00 PM Spruce Mountain Middle School Cafe

May 25, 2017 – Board Meeting – 6:00 PM Cedar Street Conference Room

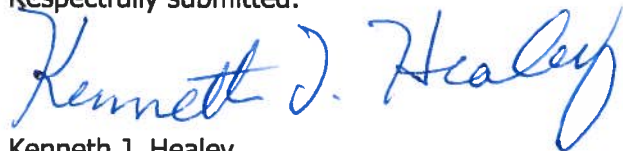
19. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Cindy Young to adjourn at 6:57 PM.

Vote: 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
1 Student Representative Yes

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