

SPRUCE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
The 6th Regular Meeting of the Spruce Mountain School District Board of Directors
For 2017-18 will be held

Thursday, November 9, 2017 6:00 pm Cedar Street Conference Room
5:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting

Present: Tammy Frost, Sara Hughes, Dale Leblanc, Shannon McDaniel, Shari Ouellette, Denise Rodzen, Holly Richards, Laurie Sanborn, Ann Schwab and Robert Staples.
Absent: Joel Pike, Michael Morrell, Doug DiPasquale

~MINUTES~

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rodzen called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

3. ATTENDANCE

10 Present

3 Absent (Michael Morrell, Joel Pike, Doug DiPasquale)

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

5.1 October 26, 2017 – Board Meeting minutes

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Shannon McDaniel to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2017 regular board meeting.

Vote: 7 Yes 0 No 3 (Bob Staples, Denise Rodzen and Holly Richards)

6. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE - None

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

8. BOARD COMMENTS - None

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

As of November 3, 2017 our student population is 1458 PK – 12, SMPS 412, SMES 335, SMMS 298, and SMHS 413. (Remains the same from the last report)

You have a list of newly hired positions in front of you.

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Regionalization is still a hot topic. Six of the surrounding districts plan on submitting an application to form a Western Maine Regional Service Center that would cover sub-calling, bulk food purchasing, and Special Education Services found in the Penacook Day Treatment Center. For us to participate the board would need to authorize the district to be part of the application. I would recommend that we not, we can always get in on the tail end, there is still not an exit strategy.

Shari Ouellette asked if the district could opt in on part of it. Superintendent Healey replied that you have to participate in 2 areas out of 4, what these folks are looking at is doing 3, you have to do at least 2 of them. I still think it is likely legislation will happen that will change the legislation.

Sara Hughes asked what districts will be a part of the service center. Superintendent Healey replied, RSU 9, 10, 56, 44 and 74. I will double check on that.

I will be on vacation from November 14, 2017 to November 24, 2017. Scott Albert will be acting Superintendent in my absence.

Happy Veterans Day and Happy Birthday to all present and past Veteran and Marines. Tammy Frost asked what mentors do. Superintendent Healey replied that all new teachers are required to have a mentor.

10. BOARD CHAIR'S

Chair Rodzen said that she hoped that those who went to the MSMA conference found the courses worthwhile. There were a lot of good courses. If any of you can't attend next time (after registering), please let us know so we can have someone else participate.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

12. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

12.1 Amanda Hersey – Curriculum

I have been meeting with the math curriculum team for the past few weeks. I scheduled the curriculum meetings a bit differently this year so one content area meets for three weeks in a row and this schedule seems to be allowing us to

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work more efficiently. We are continuing to review the graduation standards and the performance indicators by grade span and grade level alignment.

The tech team has scheduled monthly Tech Tips Mondays. On these days our tech lead, Scott Ladd, is facilitating after school trainings on topics that are of importance. Last month's topic was Power Teacher Pro, which is our digital grade book.

12.2 Dora York – Food Service

I guess I owe an apology to the SMPS parents. It was brought to my attention today that parents were posting school pictures on Facebook of their kids with chocolate bread in their teeth after it was served on picture day. Sorry. We have two bottle fillers at the high school now that have become quite popular. We have students serving lunch at SMES, they are having fun doing it, and a parent told me tonight her son wanted to eat hot lunch because his buddy was serving. All of our kitchens were recognized as Smarter lunchrooms in 2016/2017 by 5210. SMPS, SMES, SMHS received silver, SMMS received gold status. I am very proud of my crew and how hard they work. Tuesday 31 Veteran's ate lunch with students at SMES and 3 with Pre-K at SMPS. Today at SMPS 51 Veterans ate lunch. I am so happy the kids go the privilege of their company. I would like to thank all Veteran's past and present for their service.

12.3 Tina Collins – Special Services – Excused

12.4 Robyn Raymond – Adult Education

We are in our 3rd week of medical assisting, we have expanded our partnerships and there are enough job openings for all students. If they are a good fit for the job, they'll be hired. I highly encourage you to check out the CMA/Flex space. We will be having literary volunteers in that space 4 times a week. Each week we are improving. Our hope is we will be doing more active programming with children but also engaging adults about role modeling literacy in the home. We were featured on MPBN All Things Considered last night.

12.5 Ken Vining – Facilities/Transportation

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Transportation: Good news is that Bus #32, our special needs bus is back and running well. Also, Bus #16 is back from transmission repairs.

This week has been a week with several minor repairs being performed on several buses. It certainly helps with no sporting events going on.

Maintenance: At the elementary school, Mrs. Deering's 4th Grade wrote me several letters requesting their wishes to get some items. The items most requested were lockers for each student, new playground equipment added, and a football field lined out for them.

There is also a picture of a bench constructed at the primary school by two of our custodians.

In the pictures you will also see the pipes that run in a trench under the elementary school floor. On 10/26/17 we had a water pipe burst and we had to jack hammer the floor and repair.

Siemens will be here November 29, 2017 to present their report of the facilities assessments performed. I'm certainly in hopes that some much needed repairs to the elementary get done from this.

At the last meeting you asked me to look into what it would take to change our street going to the elementary from Tiger Drive to something else. I contacted the Jay Town Manager (Shilo LaFreniere) who told me to contact the Town E911 representative (John Johnson). Mr. Johnson said the only thing needed would be for the School Board to authorize the Superintendent to send a brief written request with the reason for the change and what the new name would be. Mr. Johnson would then fill out the necessary paperwork and present it to the Select Board for their approval. Mr. Johnson said the biggest pain would be to notify the post office and to get all our vendors to use the new address.

Shannon McDaniel asked if we had sustained any damage from the storm Ken Vining replied, no, we were very fortunate.

13. POLICY - None

14. OLD BUSINESS - None

15. NEW BUSINESS

15.2 Review of Budget Timeline FY 19

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Superintendent Healey presented a draft of the budget time line.
Superintendent Healey said I have already instructed the administration to start work on their budget. Hopefully the dates will accommodate the board. We are going to meet with the finance committee prior to January 25.
Tammy Frost asked if we could have a snow day built into the schedule.
March 20, 2018 was added as a snow date.
The FY 19 Budget timeline was approved.

- 15.3 Approval of RSU 73 Technology Learning Plan
Tabled

- 15.1 Executive Session to discuss contract/negotiations in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A).

Motion by Bob Staples and seconded by Shari Ouellette to enter into Executive Session at 6:43 pm to discuss contract/negotiations in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A).

Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
Return at 6:56 pm

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Bob Staples to ratify the contract between RSU 73 Board of Directors and RSU 73 Administrators Association effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

- 15.4

Motion by Bob Staples and seconded by Sara Hughes to enter into Executive Session at 6:58 pm to discuss contract/negotiations in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A).

Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
Return at 7:15 pm.

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16. APPOINTMENTS - None

17. OTHER BUSINESS - None

18. CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

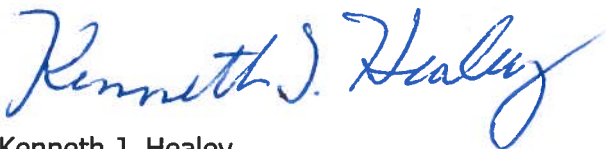
December 14, 2017 – Regular Meeting – 6:00 PM Cedar Street Conference Room

19. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Holly Richards to adjourn at 7:15 pm.

Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Respectfully submitted:



Kenneth J. Healey
Superintendent of Schools