

SPRUCE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
The 7th Regular Meeting of the Spruce Mountain School District Board of Directors
For 2017-18 will be held

Thursday, December 14, 2017 6:00 pm Cedar Street Conference Room
4:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting

Present: Doug DiPasquale, Tammy Frost, Dale Leblanc, Michael Morrell, Shari Ouellette, Denise Rodzen, Holly Richards, Laurie Sanborn, Ann Schwab and Robert Staples.

Absent: Joel Pike, Sara Hughes, Shannon McDaniel

~MINUTES~

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rodzen called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

3. ATTENDANCE

10 Present

3 Absent (Joel Pike, Sara Hughes, Shannon McDaniel)

3.1 Approval of Student Board of Directors Representatives.

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Doug DiPasquale to approve Orion Schwab and Scott Jackson as Student Board of Director Representatives

Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 1 (Ann Schwab) Abstain

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

4.1 Executive Session to discuss litigation in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (E).

Motion by Doug DiPasquale and seconded by Holly Richards to enter into Executive Session at 6:08 pm to discuss litigation in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (E).

Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Out of Executive Session at 6:45 pm.

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5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

5.1 November 9, 2017 – Board Meeting minutes

**Motion by Bob Staples and seconded by Shari Ouellette
to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2017 regular board
meeting.**

**Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 2 (Doug DiPasquale and Michael
Morrell) Abstain**

6. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Tammy Frost asked about a regionalization plan. Superintendent Healey replied that we are watching 23 applications. Doug DiPasquale said there have been positive comments about regionalization from SAD 9.

Bob Staples said he has visited the middle school and high school seeing many positive things. He hopes to visit the elementary and primary schools soon.

Ann Schwab attended the Robotics competition. 3 out of 4 teams won a trophy. They did very good.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

As of December 8, 2017 our student population is 1452 PK – 12, SMPS 416, SMES 331, SMMS 303, and SMHS 402. (-6 from the last report)

You have a list of newly hired positions and resignations in front of you. Note: Julia and Regina. Thank Stella Breton last day today.

We have come to a Tentative Agreement with the Education Technicians and Secretaries Collective Bargaining Agreement. The association will vote to ratify the contract agreement sometime in January, after which time the agreement will be brought to the next scheduled school board meeting for your consideration. Thanks all those involved.

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Teacher Negotiations will begin on Monday, December 18, 2017.

The Central Office Support Staff have also asked to open up negotiations. Hopefully we can find them some dates early next year.

We are also scheduled for mediation with the Teamsters on January 4 & 8, 2018.

The Auditors will present their last year's finding at the January 11, 2018 School Board Meeting.

I will be on vacation from December 26-29, 2017. I will be available during this vacation time.

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to all.

10. BOARD CHAIR'S - NONE

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS - NONE

12. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

12.1 Tina Collins – Special Services

On December 7th we received notification that the RSU 73 Gifted and Talented Application/plan was approved by the MDOE. Many thanks to Rob Taylor for his work and efforts to ensure the components of the plan are updated for this annual report.

EFS-05 (Child count reporting) was completed in early November. This year was 232, with a total population of 1442 so that is about 16%. Last year was 210, with a total population of 1477, so that is about 14%. The preceding year was 220 with a total population of 1517, so that is about 14%.

I want to give thanks to Kristal Flagg for her support with the year end LocEnt reporting in working with the DOE and the auditors to ensure things are correctly posted and documented. Our work with the DOE was approved on November 1st

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for the report, and this has been shared with and accepted by the Auditor as of December 8th.

Changes in local conditions for Ed Techs: There have been new students entering the district with high level of needs. We have adjusted staffing as much as possible by moving staff from other assignments. Shifted an Ed Tech 1 from the high school to the elementary school, shifted Ed Tech 2 from middle school to high school. Restructured position from Ed Tech 1 to Ed Tech 2 at the middle school, and posted for an Ed Tech 1 at the high school due to resignation of Kelly Goodwin.

The retirement of Stella Brenton, Special Services Administrative Assistant, is effective January 1st. Her last work was today, December 14th. Cross training has been occurring over the past few weeks to help prepare for the transition of Julia Parker.

12.2 Amanda Hersey – Curriculum Coordinator

The K-12 science curriculum team is currently meeting. The team is working hard reviewing units and topics by grade level for alignment to the standards and performance indicators. We are also looking at the Discovery Ed Techbook, which is used at the 6-8 grade levels. This year we are also piloting the use of the Techbook at the 5th grade was well. Once we are able to receive more feedback from this pilot we will make a decision on extending the use of Discovery Ed to other grade levels and elementary school.

The tech team has been working to offer after school trainings for teachers. Thanks to Scott Ladd who offered the training this past month. The topic was user's choice where staff could receive training on a topic of their choice. Next month, Carol Reed is offering a two-hour after school training on Google Classroom.

12.3 TJ Plourde – SMHS Principal

During vacation time kids are hurting in the community. The school has provided food baskets and gifts. We have a very giving community.

Winter sports teams are in full swing.

Robotics – the kids are super busy. Kids at school a lot and on weekends and nights.

Orion Schwab said the program changed his life.

In theater "Once Upon a Mattress" was presented with audience attendance up.

Mid-terms will begin after vacation.

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12.4 Scott Albert – SMMS Principal

Congratulations to the November students of the month:

Grade 6	Tanner Mayo	Belle Given
Grade 7	Kaylee Mercier	Emma Diaz
Grade 8	Clarice Rollins	Kaila Godbey

The first trimester incentive trip is on Monday and the students will be going to Narrow Gauge Cinemas. The choice of 3 movies are: Star Wars the Last Jedi; Ferdinand; and Wonder. In order to be eligible for the trip students need to pass all of their classes, be absent less than 7 times during the trimester and have one behavioral point left over.

Congrats to the Lego league teams.

“The Flaming Tigers” finished 11th in Robotic Performance and their project presentation on their solution to the problem of fire-fighting equipment freezing up in winter scored 35/36 possible points. The team includes Myles Labonte, Ava Coates, Owen Schwab, Abraham Geisinger, and Bryan Daigle.

“Who are we?” received the 2nd place Award for Inspiration for persevering and overcoming challenges throughout the season. Competing at the State Finals were Connor Roy, Nathaniel Lovewell, and Jaeden White.

“The Salty Savages” received the 2nd place award for Mechanical Design, which recognized their use of motor controlled and passively activated attachments to accomplish some of the more challenging missions on this year’s table. Quin Fournier, Jacob Bryant, Zayne Ashley, Evan Farmer, and Connor Blanche made up the team.

“The Snail People” received 1st place for Teamwork, which they demonstrated in their research project presentation on growing food with aquaponics and by doing the teamwork challenge for the judges by working together in a highly effective manner. The Snail People are Lily Bailey, Jacob Stevens, Zachary Donald, and Casey Gould.

12.5 Chris Hollingsworth – SMES Principal

Winter concerts are happening this evening. The concerts were previously scheduled for Tuesday, January 12 but because of the snow day they were re-scheduled to this evening. The concerts are by grade level to limit audience crowding. The food pantry at SMES receives food once a month from SMPS who receives produce from Good Shepard. SMES is under SMPS as Good Shepard

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does not like to serve 2 sites in the same district. This is not a "public" pantry. We have a list of families in need and every Friday the PTO does food bags.

- 12.6 Kevin Harrington – SMPS Principal
The Grade 1 concert was well attended. 435 Flu vaccines were given plus 80 employees. New boat behind school has been completed. Shed Happens built a boat for the playground and 43,500 tons of wood chips were donated by Irving. We are looking to build a clubhouse and Irving has agreed to provide lumber and carpenters. We are also planning a sliding night. Ann Schwab asked if the clubhouse would be handicap accessible. Mr. Harrington replied that it would be.

13. POLICY - NONE

14. OLD BUSINESS

- 14.1 Siemens Energy Audit update
Tom Seekins and Darryl Joudrey from Siemens presented their Energy Audit update.
- 14.2 Approval of RSU 73 Technology Learning Plan
Motion by Dale Leblanc and seconded by Michael Morrell to approve the RSU 73 Technology Learning Plan.
Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

15. NEW BUSINESS

- 15.1 NEASC Presentation
Diane Maruais presented an overview of the NEASC Standard #1 Core Values/Beliefs.
Eric Jewett presented an overview of the NEASC Standard #2 – Curriculum.

16. APPOINTMENTS - NONE

17. OTHER BUSINESS - NONE

18. CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 11, 2018 – Regular Meeting – 6:00 PM Cedar Street Conference Room

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19. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bob Staples and seconded by Shari Ouellette to adjourn at 8:03 pm.

Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Respectfully submitted:



Kenneth J. Healey
Superintendent of Schools