

SPRUCE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
The 9th Regular Meeting of the Spruce Mountain School District Board of Directors
For 2017-18 will be held

Thursday, January 25, 2018 6:00 pm Cedar Street Conference Room
Finance Committee Meeting – 5:30 pm

Present: Doug DiPasquale, Tammy Frost, Sara Hughes, Dale Leblanc, Shannon McDaniel, Michael Morrell, Shari Ouellette, Joel Pike and Ann Schwab.

Absent: Denise Rodzen, Holly Richards and Robert Staples

Present Student Representatives: Scott Jackson and Orion Schwab

~MINUTES~

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Morrell called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

3. ATTENDANCE

9 Present (Ann Schwab arrived at 6:12 pm)

3 Absent (Denise Rodzen, Holly Richards and Robert Staples)

2 Student Representatives Present (Orion Schwab arrived at 6:03 pm)

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Remove 15.2

Excuse Christopher Hollingsworth 12.6

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

5.1 January 11, 2018 – Board Meeting minutes

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Shannon McDaniel to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2018 regular board meeting with changes.

Vote: 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
2 Student Representatives Yes

6. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE – NONE

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7. PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

8. BOARD COMMENTS - NONE

Joel Pike asked about the heating system not working at SMES. Superintendent Healey said that they are working on a solution. Tammy Frost asked if there will be any make up days for the snow days. Superintendent Healey said he would discuss it with the Administrative Team.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

As of January 19, 2018 our student population is 1446 PK – 12, SMPS 417, SMES 330, SMMS 302, and SMHS 397. (-4 from the last report)

Ed Tech and Secretaries proposed contract cannot, be considered until our next School Board meeting. They need to vote on an adjustment that was made to the contract prior to the School Board formal consideration.

Teacher Negotiations was cancelled on Monday, January 22, 2018 due to freezing rain. Still working on getting another date to start.

We still need dates for Directors and Managers and Central Office Staff Negotiation. I hope after the meeting tonight we can get some common dates to offer the three associations.

I testified in Augusta yesterday before the Joint Standing Education Committee, in favor of LD 1689, a bill to repeal the Systems Administration penalty.

We were told that the ED 279's will be issued on February 1, 2018.

There will be a Special Board Meeting on February 7, 2018 @ 6:00 pm to discuss use of property in executive session.

Superintendent Healey expressed RSU 73's sympathy to Chris Hollingsworth and family for the passing of his father.

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10. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT - NONE

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Doug DiPasquale reported that Siemens was meeting with the Building and Grounds Committee on February 5.

12. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

12.1 Tina Collins – Special Services

Tina has been working on the budget.

There was a training for special services staff at the SMMS library.

12.2 Robyn Raymond – Adult Education

-Tech Grant

We applied for a rural development technology grant in 2015. We were a recipient of the grant and our device has recently been unboxed and set up. The goal is to have further education outreach via distance learning. I'll give examples of how we'll accomplish that goal in just a bit.

-Code Night

I have a quick slide show of the Code Night we spearheaded with Amy Ryder at the high school library with kids as young as five navigating the basics of computer programming, understanding patterns and problems solving, using cute little characters on the screen. Not only were the kids engaged – the parents were right into it – and leaning right alongside their kids. We hope to run another coding night in the spring.

-catalogs and additional offerings

Our catalogs arrive in mailboxes on Jan 9th – one section of bagel making and our cheese making course filled in one week. That was a clear indicator that next year we need to invest in cooking/culinary classes. Basic computers is almost at capacity, too. To get back to utilizing tech to expand our course offerings with our Literacy Volunteer partnership instead of booking multiple literacy tutor training event all over Greater Franklin & Somerset Co., we can host prospective tutors here at our location and connect via the Promethean wherever the tutor session may be – Rangeley, Skowhegan,

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Phillips, Strong. More efficient use of time technology. We've also use this device for our English Language learners when we hold class in Fayette and have a student connect from Stratton.

-EMT

The last item – which I'm thrilled to be offering – is an EMT course starting in March, Successful completion of the course will result in a National certification and opportunities for local employment, our orientation will be held in the Bass Room at Franklin Memorial Hospital on February 13th, 5:00 – 8:30 pm. This class is not in our catalog, but advertised on Facebook. Please send interested folk our way – even high school students as young as 16 years old can enroll in the course.

12.3 Amanda Hersey – Curriculum Coordinator

I would like to talk tonight about the March 23rd workshop day.

Those of you who have attended curriculum meeting have heard me talking about his day for a while. We will be collaborating with WMEC for this day holding a workshop at Mr. Blue Campus for our PK-12 teachers. Because we are collaborating with other schools within the WMEC out teachers will benefit from choosing from approx. 60 workshops sessions focused on proficiency-base education, specifically;

Instructional Practice

Assessment Practices and

Grading and Reporting Practices

We do have a few teachers from our district presenting that day. It is estimated that over 800 teachers will be present so it will be a great day for collaborating and sharing.

Within the next few weeks teachers will be sent registration forms to sign up for the various sessions and we are grateful for our membership with the WMEC and the opportunity to be part of this professional learning opportunity.

12.4 TJ Plourde – SMHS Principal

There will be a Math Meet next Wednesday, January 30.

Mid-year make up exams are over and report cards will go out next week.

MVC championships will take place before vacation, cheering regionals will take place on January 27. Skiing MVC will take place on February 7 -10.

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A new quarter has started and we're very busy. There is a food drive this week at SMHS and a blood drive will take place next week. The Phoenix Olympics will be during the second week of March. We will give out student awards tomorrow including the award for Student of the Month.

12.5 Scott Albert – SMMS Principal

Congratulations to the December Student of the Month Winners:

Grade 6

Aubrey Kachnovich and Brooklyn Fournier

Grade 6

Joel Thornton and Mackenzie Guay

Grade 7

Summer Chretien and Quin Fournier

Congratulation to Kim Fleury the winner of our Geography Bee.

Kaila Godbey was first runner-up and Daniel Wilson was second runner-up.

Kim now needs to take a test provided by National Geographic. It will be graded by them and the 100 students with the top score in each state qualify for the state bee to be held on April 6th

Congratulation to our School Spelling Bee Winners

8th graders:

Kaila Godbey 1st place

7th graders:

Peyton Martin 2nd place

Savannah Duggan 3rd place

Mackenzie Curtis 4th place

These four students will represent SMMS at the County Bee. The Franklin County Bee takes place Feb. 6 at the Strong Elementary School at 7 pm.

SMMS Dance is tomorrow night from 6 to 8 pm. Music is provided by DJ Jazzy Mr. Scott Harford.

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12.6 Chris Hollingsworth – SMES Principal - none

12.7 Kevin Harrington – SMPS Principal

We have spent a lot of time on the budget. We have received a \$200.00 gift card from Tractor Supply toward one classroom to be used for seedlings. PBIS Dance Party was held on January 18. We received an \$ 8,000.00 anonymous Phoenix Pantry Donation. The practicum students are doing a good job in the classrooms. There will be a movie day in Farmington Aril 13th at 8:30 AM. The Kindergarten and Pre-K registration dates have been announced. Registration for Kindergarten will take place April 6 & 9. Pre-K registration will take place April 25 & May 2. On May 4th the NED Show will be at the SMPS at 1:00 pm. There will be a Gr 2. Patriotic concert at the SMMS on May 23rd at 6 pm. The enrollment for SMPS is 418; 208 boys and 210 girls.

13. POLICY - NONE

14. OLD BUSINESS - NONE

15. NEW BUSINESS

15.1 NEASC Presentation – Standard 3 and 4

Michelle Brann gave an overview presentation on Standard 3 and Heather Ahern-Huish presented an overview presentation on Standard 4.

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

16. APPOINTMENTS - NONE

17. OTHER BUSINESS

Please pick up your budget books from Regina as you leave this evening.

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18. CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

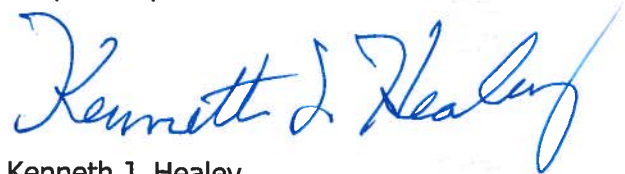
February 7, 2018 – Special Meeting – 6:00 pm Cedar Street Conference Room
February 8, 2018 – Regular Meeting – 6:00 pm Spruce Mountain Middle School

19. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Tammy Frost to adjourn at 6:39 pm

Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
2 Student Representatives Yes

Respectfully submitted:



Kenneth J. Healey
Superintendent of Schools