

SPRUCE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 14th Regular Meeting of the Spruce Mountain Board of Directors

For 2017-18 will be held

Thursday, April 26, 2018 6:00 pm Cedar Street Conference Center

Finance Committee 5:30 pm

~MINUTES~

Present: Doug DiPasquale, Tammy Frost, Sara Hughes (6:09) Dale Leblanc, Shannon McDaniel, Shari Ouellette, Joel Pike (6:57), Holly Richards, Ann Schwab, Denise Rodzen, and Robert Staples

Absent: Alphonso Barker, Michael Morrell,

Student Representative: Scott Jackson, Orion Schwab

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rodzen called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ATTENDANCE

11 Present – Sara Hughes (6:09) and Joel Pike (6:57)

2 (Alphonso Barker and Michael Morrell) Absent

2 Student Representatives Present

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

6.1 Communication/Correspondence

Merge 15.2 & 15.3

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

5.1 April 12, 2018 – Board Meeting Minutes

Sara Hughes arrived at 6:09 pm.

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Tammy Frost to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2018 regular board meeting with corrections.

Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain (Ann Schwab)
Student Representatives 0 Yes 0 No 2 (Scott Jackson, Orion Schwab) Abstain

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6. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Resignation of Nicole Stevenson SMPS

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Holly Richards to accept the resignation of Nicole Stevenson, Spruce Mountain Primary School teacher as of the end of the 2017/2018 school year.

Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
Student Representatives 2 Yes 0 No

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

8. BOARD COMMENTS

8.1 Executive Session to discuss a personal matter in accordance with 1 M.S.R.A. § 405 (6) (A).

Motion by Robert Staples and seconded by Shannon McDaniel at 6:14 pm to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personal matter without specified statute. It should have been in accordance with 1 M.S.R.A. § 405 (6) (A).

Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
Student Representatives 2 Yes 0 No

Returned from Executive Session at 6:22 pm.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent's Report was read by Scott Albert.

As of April 13, 2018 our student population is 1451 PK – 12, SMPS 420, SMES 333, SMMS 302, and SMHS 396. (-1 from the last report)

You have a list of resignations in front of you. All these employees are to be thanked for their positive contribution to our school district and will be sorely missed.

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I would like to thank the voters from all three RSU #73 communities who exercised their right to vote on Tuesday, April 24, 2018. I'm very grateful that the school budget referendum passed in each community.

I would like to thank all of the hard working administrative assistants and secretaries during this week of celebration, honoring their significant contribution to RSU 73. We couldn't do it without them.

Chair Rodzen asked if Mr. Albert would explain what secretaries' day was about. He said that the secretaries had lunch at a local restaurant while either the principals or other staff worked in the office.

10. BOARD CHAIR'S - NONE

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS- NONE

12. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

12.1 Scott Albert – SMMS

Congratulations to our March Student of the Month Winners:

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| Grade 6 | Jonah Moore | Emily Nichols |
| Grade 7 | Shayna Bonnevie | Madyson Nichols |
| Grade 8 | Owen Bryant | Madelyn Castonguay |

I will be missing the next school board meeting because I will be attending the New England League of Middle Schools Scholar Leader Banquet at the Augusta Civic Center with our two student winners and their parents. Congratulations goes to Leah Gilbert and Kaila Godbey for being this year's winners.

The conditions for choosing the winners are:
An excellent attitude towards leaning
Provides service to classmates
Is a positive role model for peers
Takes responsibility for own behavior and learning

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NWEA testing – we will be using our extended days for NWEA testing. Students will test 1st period on Tuesdays & Thursdays. They will then have their first period class at the last period of the day. This way they are not missing academics because of testing this year.

Student council has organized a spring food drive. It will start on April 30th and end May 14th. During the last food drive, we were able to donate 492 pounds of food to the community.

Ann Schwab wanted to know if there are any particular requests for donations. There aren't any particular items that are being asked for.

Sara Hughes asked if the donations were going to our local food pantry or to Good Shepherd in Auburn. Scott Albert said they were going to the local food cupboard.

12.2 Dora York – Cafeteria

We are starting to get really busy in kitchen land. We have finished up and submitted our FFVP application for the SMPS, SMES, & SMMS. Awards should be announced the end of May.

I have been working on the summer feeding application, to coincide with summer rec.

The Board Chair emailed me a link to enter a drawing for kitchen equipment sponsored by Hobart and Traulsen. #saveyourkitchen. I entered all 4 school; it is to drawn on May 4, so hopefully we'll win something. There a 2 more drwaings, July 20 and October 19, that I have marked on the calendar to enter as well. So, I would like to thank Denise for telling me about that.

May 3, we will be hosting the MVC Banquet, expecting approximately 450 people. May 8 & 9, I will be attending the Tri-state conference in South Portland. May 11 is our final Capital Area Co-op Bid meeting for their year, again part of our regionalization. May 15 is the Honor's Banquet at the High School. After all this, I will be leaving May 22 for vacation to South Dakota and will return to work June 11.

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12.3 Tina Collins – Special Services

Our contracted tele-speech provider has provided us with notice of her resignation effective April 30, 2018, with regret due to her moving to another state where she is not yet licensed to practice. She noted that the students and staff have proven that tele therapy services can be quite impactful, and she encourages the board to continue to look at tele therapy in the future, noting that our youngsters are from the generation of technology and it's a natural fit for many of them. She asked me to express to the board her appreciation for forging new ground within the RSU relative to tele therapy services.

Franklin County spring games will be held at Mt Blue High School campus on May 11th. Opening ceremony is slated for 9am. Rain date is May 18th. Board members are welcome to come and cheer on all of the Athletes!

Doug DiPasquale asked if there were any concerns from parents about the extended school days. Tina said that the feedback she received from parents was to try it and see how it goes.

Chair Rodzen commented that people were appreciative that the board tried to come up with different options and that the extended school day option was best for the kids.

12.4 Robyn Raymond – Adult Education
Toured Foster Tech with Adult Education.

We completed upward of 70 CASAS tests for Verso Co. last month to assist with the hiring process. Thank you to our tech department for making that possible with access to computers within our facility. We also saw an increase in diploma/HiSET candidates by providing testing for Verso-Applicants. Verso requires High School Diploma or equivalent to be hired.

There are open positions for day and evening adult education secretary. Jobs will be posted on April 27 or April 30.

Adult Education Graduation will take place on Thursday, May 31 at 6PM. RSVPs are expected by May 24.

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13. POLICY - NONE

14. OLD BUSINESS

14.1 Consideration of concept approval for the Hollandstrong Community Foundation Proposal Project to improve the high school's athletic facilities.

Chair Rodzen addressed the fact that at there is a policy that we will not be able name the field after Mike Holland but this was possible to put a sign saying that the work was due do the donations to the Hollandstrong Community Foundation. Deb Roberts mentioned that Mary Luce will help with grant writing for the foundation. Architect Craig Boone will help with the design. TJ Plourde sent an email about the tennis courts and the track field which the foundation is looking to make improvements to.

Tammy Frost thanks Deb Roberts for all she has done for the students and that is means a lot to everyone.

Orion Schwab questioned whether this will be the only vote on the issue. Chair Rodzen explained that this vote will only be approving the project proposal.

Orion further questioned whether the environmental permitting has been looked into.

Craig Boone explained that we are not at that stage yet but to be assured that all the permitting will be taken care of.

Bob Staples wondered how this would impact AYS since they use the fields by the tennis courts. Mr. Boone said there wouldn't be too much of an impact since they're only going from 2 courts to 3. He also mentioned that Buildings & Grounds will be kept informed at every level.

Doug DiPasquale asked the length of the plan. Deb Roberts said that it depends on funding and that she will see it through. Initially it would be a 5 year plan.

Mary Luce remarked that they already have \$25,000.00 in the fund. Deb Roberts clarified that this is separate from the scholarship. The scholarship has \$80,000.00 in it.

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Deb Roberts also added that no one had applied for the scholarship. The deadline is April 30.

Motion by Robert Staples and seconded by Doug DiPasquale to approve the Hollandstrong Community Foundation Proposal Project to improve the high school’s athletic facilities.

Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain (Shari Ouellette)
Student Representatives 2 Yes 0 No

15. NEW BUSINESS

15.1 Superintendent requests Computation and Declaration of referendum election on FY 19 budget by citizens of Jay, Livermore and Livermore Falls on April 24, 2018.

| Question 1: | AFFIRMATIVE | NEGATIVE | BLANK |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Town of Jay | <u>271</u> | <u>208</u> | <u> </u> |
| Town of Livermore | <u>65</u> | <u>41</u> | <u> </u> |
| Town of Livermore Falls | <u>54</u> | <u>24</u> | <u> </u> |
| Total | <u>390</u> | <u>273</u> | <u> </u> |

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Doug Dipasquale that the Computation and Declaration of votes dated and attached hereto be and it is hereby approved.

Further Voted: that the Computation and declaration of Votes be entered upon the records of Regional School Unit No. 73 (the “Regional School Unit”).
Further Voted: that a certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of votes be sent to each of the Municipal Clerks within the Regional School Unit.

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15.2 Consideration of funding for Siemens Energy Project and consideration of Siemens Energy Project Contract.

15.3 Merged with 15.2

Chair Rodzen talked about the building upgrades. Nine companies were contacted about financing and two responded. The rate is 3.7 % for 17 years. Robert Staples asked how the rate on the note compared to previous bonds. Chair Rodzen explained that it is different than a bond and is a lower rate. Shari Ouellette asked what the yearly payment would be. Board Chair provided the amount.

Joel Pike arrived at 6:57

Chair Rodzen that Siemens has assured us that if there are changes that Siemens will "eat the changes".

Holly Richards asked who would be doing the maintenance for the boilers. Doug DiPasquale said that they have sensors and that Siemens would alert us and the maintenance would be done by us.

Motion by Doug DiPasquale and seconded by Shari Ouellette to accept the "Resolution to Authorize a Tax-Exempt Lease Purchase Agreement in the Principal Amount of Not More Than \$5,574,765.00 to finance an Energy Savings and Facilities Improvements Project and to Authorize an Energy Performance Contract," be approved in form presented to this meeting and that an attested copy of said Resolution be included with the minutes of this meeting.

Vote: 11 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
Student Representatives 2 Yes 0 No

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16. APPOINTMENTS

17. OTHER BUSINESS

18. CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 10, 2018 – Finance Meeting – 5:30 PM Cedar Street Conference Room

May 10, 2018 – Regular Meeting – 6:00 PM Cedar Street Conference Room

19. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Robert Staples and seconded by Sara Hughes to adjourn at
7:15 pm**

Vote: 11 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
Student Representatives 2 Yes 0 No

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:



Scott Albert
Acting Superintendent of Schools

April 26, 2018

MOTION: I move that the resolution entitled, "Resolution to Authorize a Tax-Exempt Lease Purchase Agreement in the Principal Amount of Not More Than \$5,574,765.00 to finance an Energy Savings and Facilities Improvements Project and to Authorize an Energy Performance Contract." be approved in form presented to this meeting and that an attested copy of said Resolution be included with the minutes of this meeting.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A TAX-EXEMPT LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT
IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT MORE THAN \$5,574,765.00 TO FINANCE
AN ENERGY SAVINGS AND FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
AND TO AUTHORIZE ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACT**

The Board of Directors of Regional School Unit No. 73 (the "RSU") hereby RESOLVES as follows:

1. That, pursuant to section 15915 of Title 20-A of the Maine Revised Statutes and all other applicable law, the Superintendent of Schools (the "Superintendent") is authorized to enter into an agreement with Siemens Industry, Inc. (the "Energy Performance Contract") for the acquisition and installation of an energy conservation and related air quality improvements project at school facilities throughout the RSU (the "Project") at a cost of not more than \$5,574,765.00, provided that said agreement is in form acceptable to the Superintendent in consultation with the RSU's legal counsel;
2. That pursuant to Sections 1001, 1055, and 15915 of Title 20-A of the Maine Revised Statutes and other applicable law, the Superintendent is authorized to accept the proposal of Pinnacle Public Finance and to enter into a lease purchase agreement in the name and on behalf of the RSU (hereinafter, the "Lessee") with Pinnacle Public Finance or its affiliate or nominee (the "Lessor") for the tax-exempt lease purchase financing of the Project in a principal amount of up to \$5,574,765.00 to finance costs of the Project on such terms and in such form as the Superintendent may approve, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery thereof (the "Lease"), and that all actions previously taken by or under the direction of the Superintendent to request financing proposals are hereby ratified;
3. That, to the extent not inconsistent with this Resolution and the proposal of Pinnacle Public Finance, the Superintendent is authorized to select such date(s), maturity(ies), denomination(s), interest rate(s), place(s) of payment, form(s) and other details of the Lease as the Superintendent may approve, said approval to be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery thereof;
4. That the Superintendent is authorized to covenant on behalf of the Lessee that no part of the proceeds of the Lease shall be used directly or indirectly to acquire any securities or obligations, the acquisition of which would cause the Lease to be an "arbitrage bond" or "private activity bond" within the meaning of Sections 148 and 141 of the Internal Revenue

Code of 1986, as amended, (the "Code") and to covenant on behalf of the Lessee to file any information report and pay any rebate due to the United States in connection with the issuance of the Lease;

5. That the Superintendent is authorized to designate the Lease as a qualified tax-exempt obligation for purposes of Section 265(b) of the Code;
6. That the Superintendent is authorized to execute and deliver such agreements, tax certificates, arbitrage and use of proceeds certificates, and other documents and certificates as may, in the Superintendent's opinion, be necessary or convenient to effect the transactions herein authorized, to be in such form not inconsistent with this Resolution as the Superintendent may approve, said approval to be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery thereof;
7. That the Superintendent is authorized to execute and deliver an escrow agreement among the Lessee, the Lessor, and Pinnacle Public Finance or its nominee (the "Escrow Agent") for the Escrow Agent to hold funds in an escrow account (the "Escrow Account") pending disbursement for the Project (the "Escrow Agreement"), said Escrow Agreement to be on such terms not inconsistent with the proposal of Pinnacle Public Finance and this Resolution as the Superintendent may approve, including without limitation a provision granting Lessor a security interest in the Escrow Account, said approval to be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery thereof;
8. That the Superintendent is authorized to covenant, certify, and agree, on behalf of the Lessee, for the benefit of the holder of the Lease, that the Lessee will file any required reports, make any annual financial or material event disclosure, and take any other action that may be necessary to ensure the disclosure requirements imposed by Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, to the extent applicable if any, are met;
9. That the Superintendent and other appropriate officials of the Lessee, acting singly, are authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Lessee such security agreements, UCC-1 financing statements, fixture filings, and other documents and certificates as may be required in connection with the Lease and the Escrow Agreement;
10. That the Superintendent and other proper officials of the Lessee, acting singly, are authorized and empowered in its name and on its behalf to do or cause to do all such other acts and things as may be necessary or desirable in order to effect the sale, execution, and delivery of the Energy Performance Contract, the Lease, and the Escrow Agreement in accordance herewith, and any such prior action by them is hereby ratified and confirmed;
11. That if the Superintendent or any other officer or official of Lessee is for any reason unavailable to, as applicable, approve, execute, or attest the Energy Performance Contract, the Lease, or the Escrow Agreement, or any related financing documents, the person or persons acting in any such capacity, whether as an assistant, a successor, a deputy, or otherwise, is authorized to act for such official with the same force and effect as if such

official had herself/himself performed such act, and any such prior action by them is hereby ratified and confirmed;

12. That the Lessee hereby resolves and declares its official intent pursuant to Section 1.150-2(e) of the Treasury Regulations that the Lessee reasonably expects to use the proceeds of the Lease to reimburse certain original expenditures from the Lessee's general or other fund, paid not earlier than 60 days prior to adoption of this Resolution or to be paid, which original expenditures have been or will be incurred in connection with costs of the Project; and that the Lessee reasonably expects that the maximum principal amount that the Lessee will issue to finance the Project is \$5,574,764.00; and further that an attested copy of this resolution and declaration of official intent be kept with the records of the Lease as required by the Code and be reasonably available for public inspection; and
13. That an attested copy of this Resolution be included with the minutes of this meeting.

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| <u>Wendie A. Rodger</u> | <u>Erin Jones</u> |
| <u>Doug Dittus</u> | <u>Jeffrey</u> |
| <u>Tammy Frost</u> | <u>Melby Richards</u> |
| <u>Shawn Kay Meadows</u> | <u>Shari Overstreet</u> |
| <u>Ann Schaefer</u> | |
| <u>Deborah</u> | |
| <u>RSU</u> | |

A majority of the Board of Directors of Regional School Unit No. 73

A true copy, attest:

Kenneth J. Healey

Kenneth J. Healey, Secretary
Regional School Unit No. 73

Instruction: File an attested copy of this Resolution with the minutes of this meeting.