

SPRUCE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 15th Regular Meeting of the Spruce Mountain Board of Directors
For 2017-18 will be held

Thursday, May 10, 2018 6:00 pm Cedar Street Conference Center

Finance Committee 5:30 pm

~MINUTES~

Present: Doug DiPasquale, Tammy Frost, Dale Leblanc, Michael Morrell, Shari Ouellette, Joel Pike (arrived at 6:40 pm), Holly Richards, Denise Rodzen and, Ann Schwab.

Absent: Sara Hughes, Shannon McDaniel, Robert Staples, Alphonso Barker,

2 (Scott Jackson) (Orion Schwab) Student Representatives 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

9 Present

4 Absent

2 Student Representatives

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

6.1 Resignation of Annika King, SMHS Guidance Counselor effective July 2, 2018.

15.12 Removed

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

5.1 April 26, 2018 – Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Tammy Frost to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2018 regular board meeting.

Vote: 8 Yes 0 No 1 (Michael Morrell) Abstain
Student Representatives 2 Yes

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6. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Resignation of Annika King, SMHS Guidance Counselor effective July 2, 2108.
Motion by Tammy Frost and seconded by Shari Ouellette to accept resignation of Annika King, SMHS Guidance Counselor effective July 2, 2018.

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

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

8. BOARD COMMENTS – None

9. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

As of April 13, 2018 our student population is 1441 PK – 12, SMPS 414, SMES 331, SMMS 303, and SMHS 393. (-10 from the last report)

You have a list of resignations in front of you.

I would like to thank all of the hard working teachers and staff during this week of celebration honoring their significant contribution public education and to RSU 73. They are truly appreciated every single day.

I had the honor of attending a ceremony at the Hall of Flags this afternoon celebrating the Teachers of the Year from each Maine County. The Franklin County Teacher of the Year is Jessica Ellingwood-Simpson, Mathematics Teacher from Spruce Mountain High School. We are very proud of her and her contribution to our students, school and community. She will now compete for the Maine Teacher of the Year.

I will be attending the annual DWM Annual Superintendent’s Conference, tomorrow May 11, 2018 in Freeport.

Tammy Frost questioned the large number of students leaving the district since Superintendent Healey’s last report.

Kevin Harrington said in his school alone 4 students in one family moved away.

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10. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT--

Chair Rodzen said to Tammy Frost, I know you have a son graduating this year. I would like you to think about whether you are interested in being the Board Chair at Graduation. Also, Holly, I know you may also be interested in attending Graduation and representing the Board. At our next Board meeting we will take the appropriate action. Please let me know.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

12. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

12.1 TJ Plourde – SMHS

Nearly 500 guests attended on the night of the MVC Honors Banquet. The kitchen staff was outstanding. All 500 guests were served in under 45 minutes. AP Exams are underway. I will give you a report at the next meeting regarding the number of students taking the exam.

May 15th at 5:40 Social 6:00 pm start for the SMHS Honors Banquet awards and cords associated with Latin Honors who have reached 90% or better on their GPA.

Today the Maine Department of Education selected Mrs. Jessica Ellingwood-Simpson as Franklin County 2018 Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Ellingwood-Simpson was recognized at the Hall of Flags in Augusta. I am super-impressed with Jessica, the caliber of teacher she is, and what she does for our kids. It is very evident how much she cares about her kids.

12.2 Chris Hollingsworth – SMES

Yesterday, the 3rd grade students enjoyed a Planetarium visit right in our own Gym, the planetarium came to us, to go along with their Space Unit in Science. Every year we do this for the 3rd grade.

The Spruce Mountain Elementary School Civil Rights Team along with the Spruce Mountain Middle School Civil Rights Team will be attending the Portland Sea Dogs on Friday, May 11th for the Maine Civil Rights Team Project Recognition.

5th Grade Drama Students will be performing the Lion King on June 8th at 7pm in the Middle School Cafeteria

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We will be having our spring into Reading Assembly in conjunction with the local Masons on June 13th, where two lucky students from each grade will win a bike for their reading efforts.

Lastly, we had an amazing week of staff appreciation with the help of the PTO, who did a great job of keeping staff fed, especially during the longer hours this week.

Doug DiPasquale asked about the extended school day. Chris Hollingsworth replied that the kids are doing great, the teachers however are dragging!

12.3 Kevin Harrington – SMPS

A kindergarten student who was choking was saved from choking by educational technicians Monique Cunningham and Diana Pomerleau. An account of their actions was in the paper.

Touch a Truck will be happening on May 31st. We have a bunch of field trips coming up, Grade 2 is going see Portland Symphony Orchestra on May 22; Patriotic Concert on the 23rd; Gray Wild Life Park trip; June 11 and June 12 at 6pm is Pre-K graduation. Field Day and BBQ day will both be held on the same day? The kids will be going to see the Lion King at the middle school

12.4 Amanda Hersey – Curriculum

This month will close out the curriculum committee meetings. The social studies team will be meeting the last two weeks of this month. I am very proud of the work completed and would like to thank the committee members administrators, and board members that were all part of the different content teams.

We have completed all state assessments, including science, which were sent back last week. NWEA assessments are finishing up at the schools, as well. Last, we were recently awarded a small but additional grant for Title One summer school funding which will enable us to offer summer school at each school this year.

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13. POLICY - None

14. OLD BUSINESS - None

15. NEW BUSINESS

15.1 Early Graduation request

Emily Wilson a current junior at SMHS requested permission to graduate early on June 10, 2018. Superintendent Healey said she has completed all of her course work. Mr. Plourde said she is a very driven student. Emily said that she plans to attend EMCC, UMA or UMF with the goal of transferring to Brigham Young University

Motion by Dale Leblanc and seconded by Michael Morrell to allow Emily Wilson to graduate early on June 10.

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

15.2 Boardmanship Review

Superintendent Healey presented an overview of the procedure that board members need to follow to request an executive session. The requesting Board Member must provide a Maine Statute citation as the reason for executive session. Superintendent Healey provided a document from Drummond Woodsum that identifies the Maine Statutes authorizing executive sessions. Superintendent Healey also provided the Board copies from MSBA Handbook – 2011 Edition "Role of the Board Chair" and "Responsibilities of School Boards". Your authority as a board member only extends while you are here and you meet together as a group.

The board chair has a unique role in relationship with the superintendent. That relationship is different from yours as board members. The board chair presides over the school board meetings, run the meetings and orchestrate the meetings. (Joel Pike arrived at 6:40 pm)

Procedurally I, along with board members, should be asking for permission to speak and the board chair then gives permission to speak. All questions should be directed to the board chair. Board members should let the superintendent know if they have any concerns about staff and teachers.

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If we go into executive session you need to be able to cite the statute for that executive session. If you know in advance you want to request an executive session talk to the board chair before.

Michael Morrell asked Chair Rodzen, often in board meetings, you say entertaining a motion, do you have authority to not recognize a motion?

Chair Rodzen replies yes I can do that, but I do not like to do that.

Orion Schwab asked if student board members can make a motion.

Chair Rodzen replied that they cannot make a motion about financial, hiring or firing, but most everything else you can.

- 15.3 Action on 2nd Year Probationary Contract 2018/2019 for Kathy Brush.
- 15.4 Action on 2nd Year Probationary Contract 2018/2019 Donna Peare.
- 15.5 Action on 2nd Year Probationary Contract 2018/2019 Myrna Robinson.
- 15.6 Action on 2nd Year Probationary Contract 2018/2019 Natasha Smith.

Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve 2nd Year Probationary Contract 2018/2019 for 15.3 through 15.6.

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

- 15.7 Action on 3rd Year Probationary Contract 2018/2019 for Jennifer Baker.
- 15.8 Action on 3rd Year Probationary Contract 2018/2019 for Samantha Bellerose.
- 15.9 Action on 3rd Year Probationary Contract 2018/2019 for Bernadette Bessey.
- 15.10 Action on 3rd Year Probationary Contract 2018/2019 for Sikwani Dana.
- 15.11 Action on 3rd Year Probationary Contract 2018/2019 for Jeremy Gath.
- 15.12 Action on 3rd Year Probationary Contract 2018/2019 for Kyle McLellan.
- 15.13 Action on 3rd Year Probationary Contract 2018/2019 for Mark Ostroff.
- 15.14 Action on 3rd Year Probationary Contract 2018/2019 for Amy Ryder.

Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve 3rd Year Probationary Contract 2018/2019 for 15.7 through 15.14.

Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
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- 15.15 Action on 1st Year Continuing Contract 2018/2019 for Jayne Flagg.
- 15.16 Action on 1st Year Continuing Contract 2018/2019 for Michelle Grimbilas.

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- 15.17 Action on 1st Year Continuing Contract 2018/2019 for Michelle Hall
- 15.18 Action on 1st Year Continuing Contract 2018/2019 for Donna Landry moved by consensus to be dealt with separately after 15.21.
- 15.19 Action on 1st Year Continuing Contract 2018/2019 for Brandy Latham.
- 15.20 Action on 1st Year Continuing Contract 2018/2019 for Susan Lyons.
- 15.21 Action on 1st Year Continuing Contract 2018/2019 for Christopher Sagner.
Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Holly Richards to approve 1st Year Continuing Contract 2018/2019 for 15.15, 15.16, 15.17, 15.19, 15.20 and 15.21.

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

- 15.18 Action on 1st Year Continuing Contract 2018/2019 for Donna Landry.
Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve 1st Year Continuing Contract 2018/2019 for Donna Landry.

Vote: 8 Yes 0 No 1 (Dale Leblanc – board member related) Recuse
Student Representatives 2 Yes

16. APPOINTMENTS - None

17. OTHER BUSINESS - None

18. CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 24, 2018 – Regular Meeting – 6:00 PM Cedar Street Conference Room

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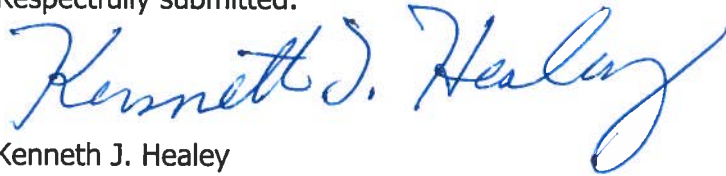
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19. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Holly Richards to adjourn at 6:56 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted:



Kenneth J. Healey
Superintendent of Schools