

# SPRUCE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the Spruce Mountain Board of Directors

For 2017-18 will be held

**Thursday, May 24, 2018 6:00 pm Cedar Street Conference Center**

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

Absent:

2 (Scott Jackson) (Orion Schwab) Student Representatives Present

~MINUTES~

**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**

**12 Present**

**0 Absent**

**2 Student Representatives**

**4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Remove 16.1 and 16.2

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

**5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

5.1 May 10, 2018 – Board Meeting Minutes

**Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2018 regular board meeting with changes.**

**Vote: 8 Yes 0 No 4 (Sara Hughes, Robert Staples, Shannon McDaniel and Joel Pike) Abstain  
Student Representatives 2 Yes**

**6. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE - None**

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## **7. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

## **8. BOARD COMMENTS**

Scott Jackson said that he was part of a team that participated on May 18 in the Klein-Schmidt Windstorm Challenge at the University of Maine. The Team had to design and construct a floating platform for an offshore wind turbine. Out of 25 teams competing from all over the state we won! We each received a \$20,000 internship if we attend the University of Maine.

Chair Rodzen said she had recently attended the Honors Banquet and it was a very enjoyable evening.

Holly Richards asked if the graduating seniors would be marching through the younger grades.

Superintendent Healey replied yes.

## **9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Our student population as of May 18, 2018 is 1444 PK – 12, SMPS 415, SMES 332, SMMS 304, and SMHS 393. (+3 from the last report)

You have a list of new hires in front of you.

I had the privilege of attending the Spruce Mountain High School Honors Banquet on May 15, 2018. The ceremony was wonderful and the food was fantastic as usual.

I will be trying to use up my remaining 8 vacation days between now and the end of June 2018. I will be on vacation most Fridays.

As we near the end of the school year I urge all of our students and staff to be extra safe during this time of year.

## **10. BOARD CHAIR'S**

Chair Rodzen said at the last Board meeting she asked if there was any board members who have seniors graduating, and we have two board members. Chair Rodzen would like to bestow on Tammy Frost and Holly Richards the title of chairman of the board so they can stand with Ken on the stage and greet the graduates.

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## 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Doug DiPasquale reported that the Building and Grounds committee has met twice in the last two weeks. We talked about the Efficiency Maine issue and the guidance we received was to be patient and apply on July 1.

We had our Kick Off meeting yesterday with the Siemens team, contractors and administrators. Kevin is the project manager, it was a very productive meeting with start and end dates. Asbestos removal will begin on June 18, I urge everyone to stay away from the elementary school as well as playground as all the summer projects happen. I will be giving you updates, everything is on track with no concerns.

Chair Rodzen said with the asbestos removal I had mentioned to Ken Vining about having to rent pods to put items from the school in. Are we going in that direction?

Doug DiPasquale said we have talked about it, there is no asbestos in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade wing. We can move everything there. It would be helpful if we could have staff on the weekend before the 18<sup>th</sup> move everything that needs to be moved.

Joel Pike reported that the policy committee has been given a packet of policies to review. We are getting together next Tuesday to start talking about these policy updates.

Chair Rodzen said for the Policy Committee members to read the policies being reviewed before you come to the meeting.

Superintendent Healey said as you are reading the policies and you feel there is a change to be made, write that change/suggestion on your copy and bring your copies to the meeting

## 12. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

### 12.1 Tina Collins – Special Services

We have engaged in a contract for tele speech services with dotcom therapy. Schedules are secured and technology is in place. We are also scheduling makeup sessions for any speech sessions that were missed during the period between last date of service and the new provider coming on board.

Spruce students participated in the Special Olympics Regional Spring games on May 11th at the Mt. Blue Campus. The participants had a great time, and it was wonderful to see the smiles and excitement of our students and the other participants on this day.

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On May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, our 4 life skills teachers, OT and director participated in professional development training sponsored by the University of Maine/Maine Autism Institute for Education and Research. The training was on the model for assessment and program development. It is a research based educational approach and multidisciplinary framework that directly addresses the core challenges faced by children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and related disabilities. It was a FANTASTIC professional development opportunity for our team!

## 12.2 Robyn Raymond – Adult Education

Betsey Bremner and Michelle Guillaume are meeting with high school students about credit recovery, trying to break down the stigma of adult education. We filled our administrative assistant, we hired Stewart Wyman. I have been working with Chris Hollingsworth and Amanda Hersey about looking at running the summer program here. 7 of the 15 CMA students have been hired, there are 7 medical assistant positions open at the hospital. The National Exam for medical assistants is this evening. At graduation we are expecting 400 people will be attending. Last year we had 100 people attend.

## 12.3 Ken Vining – Facilities/Transportation

In transportation every day is extremely busy with regular runs, sports trips and field trips. Sports trips will slow down by the end of May except for playoffs. Field trips will go right up until June 14<sup>th</sup>. On May 8<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> we had our State Police bus inspection. It went very well.

In facilities we had another water leak at the elementary school. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> one in about a year in the underground trench. Piping will be address in the project.

Water damage repairs at the middle school were completed over April vacation. Total cost turned in was approximately \$53,735.14 after deductible and depreciations we should receive \$40,087.00.

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As can be expected I'm extremely busy working with our team on the start-up of construction projects this summer, along with coordinating the cleaning of our schools with our crews.

On June 18<sup>th</sup> Jackie Kilbreth will be conducting CPR, AED and first aid training to all custodian/bus drivers.

To finish up I was wondering if we could get input from the board on how you'd like snow proposals put out, of if you'd like the Facilities Committee to get together and discuss. Also, would like to discuss fuel bids, heating oil, diesel and propane.

Last year #2 oil we paid \$1.68 per gallon, today it is \$2.489; diesel we paid \$1.87 per gallon, today it is \$2.64 (plus 7.5 cents per gallon to the town of Jay); propane we paid \$1.28 per gallon, today it is \$1.513.

Superintendent Healey said I think we should look at putting out a bid for snow plowing next week.

Doug DiPasquale asked if there would be options for bidders.

Ken Vining replied yes, last year on the request for bids there were a number of options the bidders could bid on; the number of years, the specific area to be plowed were options offered.

Superintendent Healey said that if you want bids for 1, 2 or 3 or more years that is fine.

Doug DiPasquale said he wants to see what is out there.

Holly Richards asked where the bid is posted.

Ken Vining replied that it is posted in the Sun Journal and Livermore Falls Advertiser.

Doug DiPasquale said that a lot of things would be done by the start of school, however some projects will be going on into the fall. The major construction will be happening in June, July and August. The boiler installation will happen in September or October and the lighting in the fall.

Any construction in the fall will happen after school.

**13. POLICY - None**

**14. OLD BUSINESS - None**

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## 15. NEW BUSINESS

15.1 Approve Assessment Warrants and Installment Schedules

**Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette that the Warrant for Assessment of Tax and the Assessment Schedule and Notice of Installments for each member municipality prepared by the Treasurer for fiscal year 2018-2019 be approved and be issued in form presented to this meeting; and that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to deliver to each member municipality its Warrant for Assessment of Tax and its Assessment Schedule and Notice Installments.**

**Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain  
Student Representatives 2 Yes**

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

**Motion by Shai Ouellette and seconded by Robert Staples to enter into Executive Session at 6:41 pm to discuss contract/negotiations in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D).**

**Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain**

**Return for Executive Session at 7:08 pm.**

**Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to ratify the contract between RSU 73 Board of Directors and RSU 73 Central Office Support Staff effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.**

**Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain**

## 16. APPOINTMENTS - None

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**17. OTHER BUSINESS - None**

**18. CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

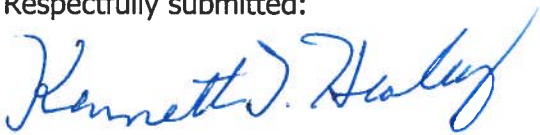
June 14, 2018 – Regular Meeting – 6:00 PM Cedar Street Conference Room

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Robert Staples and seconded by Orion Schwab to adjourn at 7:17 pm.**

**Vote: 12 Yes      0 No      0 Abstain**  
**Student Representatives 2 Yes**

Respectfully submitted:



Kenneth J. Healey  
Superintendent of Schools