

SPRUCE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 17th Regular Meeting of the Spruce Mountain Board of Directors
For 2017-18 will be held

Thursday, June 14, 2018 6:00 pm Cedar Street Conference Center

Present: Doug DiPasquale, Tammy Frost, Dale Leblanc, Michael Morrell, Shari Ouellette, Joel Pike, Denise Rodzen, Ann Schwab and Robert Staples.

Absent: Sara Hughes

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

~MINUTES~

1. CALL TO ORDER

Superintendent Healey called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

2.1 Election on Board Chair

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Robert Staples to nominate Denise Rodzen as Board Chair for the 2018/2019 term year.

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

Following the appointment as Board Chair, Superintendent Healey turned the meeting over to Chair Rodzen.

2.2 Election of Board Vice-Chair

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Tammy Frost to nominate Michael Morrell as Vice Chair for the 2018/2019 term year.

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

3. ATTENDANCE

**9 Present
1 (Sara Hughes) Absent
2 Student Representatives Present**

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4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

5.1 May 24, 2018 – Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve the minutes of May 24 2018 regular board meeting.

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

6. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Resignation of Courtney Flagg, SMMS Title 1 Reading Teacher.

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Doug DiPasquale to accept the resignation of Courtney Flagg, SMMS Title 1 Reading Teacher.

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

6.2 Retirement of Susan Sandler, SMES 5th Grade Teacher.

Motion by Tammy Frost and seconded by Michael Morrell to accept with regret the retirement of Susan Sandler, SMES 5th Grade Teacher.

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

6.3 Resignation of Alina Steadman, SMPS Title 1 Teacher.

Motion by Robert Staples and seconded by Shari Ouellette to accept the resignation of Alina Steadman, SMPS Title 1 Teacher.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

7. BOARD COMMENTS

Shari Ouellette said that she attended graduation on Sunday and it was a very nice ceremony.

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Tammy Frost also said the speakers were great and the ceremony flowed smoothly.

8. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

As of June 8, 2018 our student population is 1443 PK – 12, SMPS 415, SMES 331, SMMS 304, and SMHS 393. (-1 from the last report)

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

Had the privilege of attending the Spruce Mountain High School Scholarship Night on June 6, 2018 and Graduation June 10, 2018. The ceremonies were wonderful.

Administrative Retreat on June 21, 2018.

I will also be sending out a robo call tomorrow as a reminder about the construction going on in the district tomorrow.

Thank you Sue Sandler for her incredible service to RSU 73.

9. BOARD CHAIR’S

Chair Rodzen said that we will have a discussion in executive session to answer all of your questions on the personnel matter.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Doug DiPasquale said that the Buildings and Grounds committee wanted to thank Ken for the letter he sent out to parents and also the robo call. Also, we want to thank Ken Vining for all the work he is doing getting the building prepared for construction.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORTS

12.1 TJ Plourde – SMHS Principal

- Graduation was phenomenal.
- On Scholarship Night approximately \$187,000 was given out in scholarships. That is the most we have ever given out. We have a lot of giving people in this community.
- Prom was a success with over 120 students attending and that is the most we have ever had, that location was unbelievable.

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- Wind Challenge Team came in 1st place at the competition at the University of Maine. Each team member will receive a \$20,000 yearly internship if they attend the University of Maine.
- Principal's Award (Rhylee Delaney)
- Valedictorian - Jordan Daigle
- Salutatorian - Rhylie Saunders
- Fine Arts Night was very well attended
- HS Band Concert went very well just like they always do, we have some talented kids in this community.
- Envirothon (Rob Taylor) they are kicking it this year.

12.2 Scott Albert – SMMS Principal

Today our students went on their end of trimester rewards trips. Grade 8 went to Fun town, Grade 7 went to Mt. Blue State Park, and Grade 6 went to UM fieldhouse/pool and then to the movies where they saw Show dogs.

Last night we had the 8th grade promotion ceremony, we promoted 73 8th graders to high school. We acknowledged our 8th graders who have been on the honor roll for every trimester in middle school.

Honor: Jayden Achorn, Owen Bryant, Summer Chretien, Ashlyn Condon, Kim Fleury and Quin Fourtiner.

High Honors: Leah Gilbert, Kaila Godbey Courtney Hogan and Ella Plourde.

The 8th Grade State of Maine Citizen Award went to Jayden Achorn.

The 2018 Principal's Award went to Courtney Hogan and Ella Plourde.

We have 19 students signed up for summer school. 10 for 1 subject, 9 for 2 subjects.

Summer school starts on July 10 and runs every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning until August 16th.

12.3 Chris Hollingsworth – SMES Principal

Another successful Fun Day was had by all at SMES today. Students and parents alike enjoyed the inflatable obstacle course in the Wild Zone the Water slide in the Wet zone and Cotton Candy in the Chill zone.

Today after school staff said their good-byes to Susan Sandler, who has been a teacher for 41 years. 38 of those years here at Spruce Mountain.

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A crew from CCB has been working quietly out back dismantling our boiler piece by piece. They have been very cooperative and seem to know what they are doing. I offered my assistance and they politely declined.

As you may already know, we recently had a middle school and elementary school student displaced from their home due to fire. Both Jen Stone and Catherine Siggins have been in touch with the family and I am proud to announce that faculty, students and parents from both the Middle School and Elementary School have already raised a large amount of money to help the family get needed items such as clothes, food and everyday essentials.

- 12.4 Kevin Harrington – SMPS Principal
We have interviewed for the Grade 2 literacy based teacher. Grade 2 concert went well, summer school begins June 25, Touch a Truck was a great success, the seniors graduating came over to march and the kids loved it. Pre-K graduation was well attended. A special thanks to Jan Gill. Field day was great and the weather held up for the most part. We had great volunteers.
- 12.5 Amanda Hersey – Curriculum Coordinator/Technology
We do value parent feedback and next week we are going to add a survey to the web site.
I am preparing for the new teacher orientation day August 22. This day has been successful due to the willingness of many staff and administrators presenting their expertise and advice for the new teachers. Each year I have received feedback as to how we can enhance the offerings and will incorporate that feedback for this year.
I am also planning for opening workshops for next year. There will be a continued focus on data based decision-making and BYOC.
- 12.6 Dora York – Food Service Director
The numbers for free and reduced lunch are: SMPS 61%, SMES 58%, SMMS 58% and SMHS 51% with an overall district coverage of 57%. The fresh fruit veggie grant has been awarded to SMPS and SMES, the middle school did not receive an award.
School lunch prices are not required to go up next year. They shall remain the same price as this year.

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The USDA inspector came in today to verify the beef crumbles we have are not impacted by the recall, and they are not.

There were 3 BBQ's this week and fun at Fun-Day.

The summer rec/summer feeding program begins on June 25 through August 3. Free breakfast and lunch to any children under the age of 18. The breakfast will be here at the AYS building (old Livermore Falls High School building) from 8:30-9:00 and bagged lunches will be served at lunch time. Last year we had about 220 served each day.

13. POLICY

Joel Pike said he would be scheduling a Policy Committee meeting in the future.

14. OLD BUSINESS - None

15. NEW BUSINESS

15.1 Cooperative ice hockey request.

Marc Keller, Athletic Director and Assistant SMHS Principal said he was requesting permission to participate in an ice hockey cooperative team with Maranacook, Winthrop and Madison. There is one student at SMMS that has played ice hockey with the middle school program from Maranacook/Winthrop for the last couple of years. I have been in contact with the Athletic Directors from all three schools and we would like to participate as a Cooperative Team. This will provide the student with an opportunity to continue to participate in a school team capacity and participate with the individuals and coaches that he currently has relationships. Opportunity for RSU 73 students to qualify for Regional and State competitions. Provides more opportunities for students to explore different opportunities with sport offerings in which we do not currently participate. This provides Spruce Mountain a team that will be recognized as Maranacook/Winthrop/Madison/Spruce Mountain. Also an opportunity to investigate the amount of interest that may arise while still allowing kids to participate.

Shari Ouellette asked about the district's financial commitment.

Marc Keller replied that there is not any financial commitment for the cooperative because of the number of students participating.

Chair Rodzen said that if it involves money you would have to come to the board for approval.

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Motion by Robert Staples and seconded by Scott Jackson to support the proposed cooperative ice hockey team.

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

- 15.2 Envirothon team request to attend National Conservation Foundation North American Envirothon July 22-29, 2018.
Rob Taylor said the team is requesting permission to go to Pocatello, Idaho to attend the National Conservation Foundation North American Envirothon July 22-29, 2018. All three of our teams went to the state competition where they placed 1st, 5th and 6th. The 1st place team will be representing the state of Maine in this competition. The budget is about \$6,000 and will be raised by the Envirothon team.

Motion by Scott Jackson and seconded by Ann Schwab to allow the team to attend the National Conservation Foundation North American Envirothon July 22-29, 2018.

**Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
1 Student Representative Yes (Scott Jackson)
1 Student Representative Abstain (Orion Schwab, member of the Envirothon Team).**

- 15.3 Executive Session to discuss personnel matter in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (A).
Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Robert Staples to enter into executive session at 6:56 pm to discuss personnel matter in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A).

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Return from Executive Session at 7:36 pm.

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Motion by Robert Staples and seconded by Michael Morrell to regretfully accept the resignation of Ken Healey as Superintendent of Schools at the end of this month.

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

Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to give the Board Chair the authority to search for an interim superintendent.

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

16. APPOINTMENTS

- 16.1 Superintendent nominates Nicole Burgess to the position of SMHS Social Studies Teacher for the 2018/2019 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprinting status.

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Michael Morrell to approve Nicole Burgess to the position of SMHS Social Studies Teacher for the 2018/2019 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprinting status.

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

- 16.2 Superintendent nominates Alisa Tibbetts to the position of SMPS 2nd Grade Teacher for the 2018/2019 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprinting status.

Motion by Robert Staples and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve Alisa Tibbetts to the position of SMPS 2nd Grade Teacher for the 2018/2019 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprinting status.

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- 16.3 Superintendent nominates Sierra Foshay to the position of Special Services Teacher for the 2018/2019 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprinting status.

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Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Tammy Frost to approve Sierra Foshay to the position of Special Services Teacher for the 2018/2019 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprinting status.

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

16.4 Superintendent nominates Kristyn Wiles to the position of SMES 4th Grade Teacher for the 2018/2019 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprinting status.

Motion by Tammy Frost and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve Kristyn Wiles to the position of SMES 4th Grade Teacher for the 2018/2019 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprinting status.

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

17. OTHER BUSINESS - None

18. CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

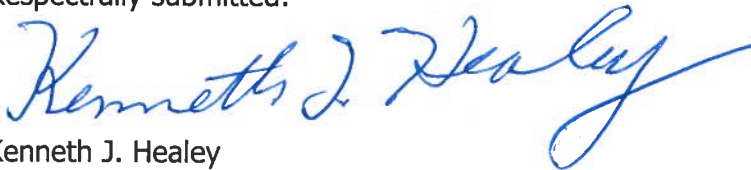
June 28, 2018 – Regular Meeting – 6:00 PM Cedar Street Conference Room

19. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Robert Staples and seconded by Michael Morrell to adjourn at 7:44 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted:



Kenneth J. Healey
Superintendent of Schools