

# SPRUCE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 2nd Regular Meeting of the Spruce Mountain Board of Directors  
For 2018-19 was held

**Thursday, September 13, 2018 6:00 pm Spruce Mountain Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room**

## ~MINUTES~

Present: Doug DiPasquale, Tammy Frost, Sara Hughes, Dale Leblanc, Shannon McDaniel, Shari Ouellette, Joel Pike, Phoebe Pike (arrived at 6:17 pm), Denise Rodzen, Ann Schwab (arrived at 6:07 pm) and Robert Staples  
Absent: Steven Langlin, Michael Morrell  
(Orion Schwab arrived at 6:07 pm) and (Scott Jackson) Student Representatives Present

### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Board 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**

**11 Present**

**2 (Steven Langlin and Michael Morrell) Absent**

**2 Student Representatives Present**

### 4. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

### 5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

5.1 August 23, 2018 – Board Meeting Minutes

**Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Doug DiPasquale to approve the minutes of August 23, 2018 regular board meeting.**

**Vote: 6 Yes 0 No 3 (Robert Staples, Denise Rodzen, Shannon McDaniel) Abstain  
1 Student Representatives Yes**

### 6. **COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE - None**

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

### 8. **BOARD COMMENTS**

Tammy Frost expressed sympathy to Eric Jewett on the passing of his wife Barbara and to the Glass family for the passing of Matiana Glass.

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Ann Schwab and Orion Schwab arrived at 6:07 pm.

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

Superintendent LeRoy thanked staff, the central office staff and the board for making him feel welcome. I am learning a great deal every-day and I feel secure I have good people helping me. It will be a fun ride! My thanks to building principals and staff for the great open houses. I had a nice opportunity to speak with many teachers, parents and students. It was nice to see the number of families attending the open houses. I enjoyed being there and meeting everyone. The policy committee members will be getting a packet of policies to review. I am not bringing back the substitute teacher policy that was brought forward at the last board meeting. Further review of the policy is needed. I would like to schedule the policy committee meetings the first board meeting of the month at 5:00 pm since finance committee meets the second board meeting of the month.

The MSBA fall conference will be October 25 and 26 in Augusta. The board needs to appoint a delegate for that conference. I would highly recommend that any board member who can attend this conference. There is a great deal of information that is available to participants at the conference. Please get in touch with the central office if you are interested in attending. Finally, as far as student numbers go, the week ending August 30 we had a total of 1460 students and the end of last week our number was 1457.

## **10. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT - None**

## **11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **11.1 Update on the renovation project.**

Chris Hollingsworth, Principal, SMES presented a slide show of before and after pictures of the renovation project. As of next Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> they should be cooking in the kitchen. The project group will be meeting next Tuesday.

Phoebe Pike arrived at 6:17 pm

## **12. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS**

### **12.1 Amanda Hersey – Curriculum/Technology Director**

We are planning for the October 5<sup>th</sup> workshop day. We will be offering district wide training on the Build Your Own Curriculum software. This is our second

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training being offered so it will be a refresher for some staff and a chance to ask follow up questions.

I have established curriculum committee meeting dates for the content teams and grade level teams. There has been some requests for additional grade level meeting dates so we may be revisiting that schedule to offer teachers more time together. We have had two well-attended meetings and looking forward to a successful year.

Todd I would like the board for bringing Amanda in. It is exciting to have someone who is leading the district in curriculum.

We had parent nights for laptops. 3-5 grade laptops are still being inventories but hope next week. It has gone pretty well.

Chair Rodzen reminded school board members to hand in their committee assignment sheets by next week.

## 12.2 TJ Plourde – SMHS

Principal Plourde said that we just got some good news, the final NEASC report is in. We are accredited! I will email it to you all and will discuss at our next board meeting. There are 97 pages but I hope you will be able to take a look at it. Please if you have any questions before the meeting please email me. We do have things to work on just like every other school.

Homecoming is this week coming with kick off on Monday. I will send out the event list to you. Thursday is the bon fire and Saturday is the dance. You are all invited to attend any or all events.

We do still have a full-time guidance position open and also we are looking for a registrar.

## 12.3 Scott Albert – SMMS

Principal Albert said we have had a great start! Open house was well attended. The new lighting has been installed and it really makes a huge difference. The installation happened during second shift so there was no interruption to our school day. Fall sports have started with 78 student athletes participating and 30 students participating in Lego League.

## 12.4 Chris Hollingsworth – SMES

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Principal Hollingsworth said that each grade level has a 30-minute intervention time and the students are working with Rocket Math on math facts. Rocket Math has a speed test and sets a goal for the student to attain.

Doug DiPasquale asked about the new behavior program.

Principal Hollingsworth said that the handbooks are done and the referral process is starting. Like any new program, the program could not start on the first day because not everything was in place. We are now able to move forward because things are now in place.

## 12.5 Kevin Harrington – SMPS

Principal Harrington said that the open house at the primary school was on August 27. The event went well and was packed. We have made a couple of changes with Pre K. The Head Start program has some regulations we had to work through. Head Start wanted less transition for the students when we added unified arts. We tweaked it a little and we have a new schedule.

From June until now we went up 30 students in kindergarten. We have added a new class for the additional students and have place a long-term substitute teacher in the class. After we completed the testing of the children we found what we were hoping for in terms of results were actually the opposite. The majority of that group of students actually tested as transitional kindergarten students rather than kindergarten. Today we went through class lists and worked out transition kindergarten students and kindergarten students. We have chatted with parents about what we have found. As of Monday this new additional class will be a transitional kindergarten classroom. Parents have been notified of this change. On our web page we have listed all of the up-coming events such as Grandparents Day and Picture Day.

## 13. POLICY

**There will be a Policy Committee meeting on October 11 at 5:00 pm before the regular school board meeting.**

## 14. OLD BUSINESS - None

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**15. NEW BUSINESS**

- 15.1 Approval to hire a Kindergarten Teacher  
**Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Robert Staples to approve the hiring of an additional kindergarten teacher.**  
Vote:                    **11 Yes                    0 No                    0 Abstain**  
                                 **2 Student Representatives Yes**
- 15.2 2018/2019 School Board Meeting calendar approval  
**Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Phoebe Pike to approve the 2018/2019 School Board Meeting calendar.**  
Vote:                    **11 Yes                    0 No                    0 Abstain**  
                                 **2 Student Representatives Yes**
- 15.3 Executive Session to discuss contract/negotiations in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A).  
**Motion by Robert Staples and seconded by Ann Schwab to enter into Executive Session at 7:07 pm to discuss contract/negotiations in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A).**  
Vote:                    **11 Yes                    0 No                    0 Abstain**  
                                 **2 Student Representatives Yes**

**Return from Executive Session at 7:29 pm.**

**Motion by Dale Leblanc and seconded by Phoebe Pike to ratify the contract between RSU 73 Board of Directors and RSU 73 Education Association/MEA/NEA effective September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.**

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

**16. APPOINTMENTS - None**

**17. OTHER BUSINESS - None**

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**18. CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

September 27, 2018 – Regular Meeting – 6:00 PM Cedar Street Conference Room –  
Finance Committee meeting at 5:00 PM prior to Regular Meeting.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Robert Staples and seconded by Shari Ouellette to adjourn at  
7:33pm.**

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

Respectfully submitted:



Todd E. LeRoy  
Superintendent of Schools