

SPRUCE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
The 9th Regular Meeting of the Spruce Mountain Board of Directors
For 2018-19 was held

**Thursday, February 14, 2019 6:00 pm Spruce Mountain Elementary School
Policy Committee Meeting – 5:00 PM**

~MINUTES~

Present: Doug DiPasquale arrived at 6:04, Tammy Frost, Sara Hughes, Steven Langlin, Dale Leblanc, Shannon McDaniel, Michael Morrell, Shari Ouellette, Joel Pike, Phoebe Pike arrived at 6:20, Denise Rodzen, Ann Schwab and Robert Staples

Absent:

2 Student Representatives: Scott Jackson arrived at 7:28 pm , Orion Schwab Present

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Superintendent Albert 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 of Board Chair

Acting Superintendent Albert called for a motion to elect a Board Chair.

Motion by Joel Pike to elect Michael Morrell as Board Chair.

Michael Morrell declines.

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Michael Morrell to elect Robert Staples Board Chair.

Motion by Tammy Frost to elect Joel Pike as Board Chair. Joel Pike declines.

**Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 1 (Robert Staples)
Abstain**

1 student representative (Orion Schwab) Yes

1 student representative (Scott Jackson arrived at 7:28

pm)

Robert Staples elected Board Chair.

Doug DiPasquale arrived at 6:04 pm

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3. ATTENDANCE

13 (Phoebe Pike arrived at 6:20 pm) Present
0 Abstain
2 Student Representative Present (Scott Jackson arrived late and Orion Schwab left early.)

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

16.2 Removed
Move 15.2 with 15.1
Move 16.2 to 12.1

Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Denise Rodzen to approve adjustments.

Vote	12 Yes	0 No	0 Abstain
	1 student representative (Orion Schwab) Yes		
	1 student representative (Scott Jackson) late		

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

5.1 January 31, 2019 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Motion by Tammy Frost and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

Vote:	11 Yes	0 No	1 (Denise Rodzen)
Abstain			
	1 student representative (Orion Schwab) Yes		
	1 student representative (Scott Jackson) late		

6. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE - None

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

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8. STUDENT PRESENTATION – Lego League

Robert Taylor and SMMS 8th Grade Lego League, the Astronuts, did a presentation for the Board. There were a total of 5 teams at the middle school this year. Rob Taylor said the season went very well this year with the team winning 2 awards at the State competition. Rob thanked all for the tremendous support' the middle school kids, high school kids who mentored the middle school kids and many other adult mentors who helped throughout the year. The kids had a great season and a great time.

9. BOARD COMMENTS

Dale Leblanc thanked the students and Rob Taylor for their presentation.
Phoebe Pike arrived at 6:20 pm.

10. ACTING SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Enrollment numbers; SMPS 434, SMES 307, SMMS 336 and SMHS 379 for a total enrollment of 1442, down 17 from the beginning of the year.
I have been involved in 2 Zoom meetings that are like face time between more than 2 people. One was for the sharing information to get a proposal together for another 21st century grant for afterschool programming for our district in conjunction with Franklin County children's task force. The second one was with board members of the WMEC and going over proposed future budget of the regional service center. In the future we will be receiving a MOU (memorandum of understanding) as well as a SOP (standing operation procedure) of how things will be shared and what will be included in the fee. Also I had a meeting with the finance committee and the auditors from MacPage and they will be presenting to you this evening.

11. BOARD CHAIR'S COMMENTS - None

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

12.1 Auditor MacPage Presentation

13. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

13.1 Amanda Hersey – Curriculum and Technology

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Registration has begun for our March Workshop day. We will be participating in the Western Maine Education Collaborative 2nd Annual Rendezvous, to be held at the University of Maine Farmington, on our March 22 workshop day. We will be one of 13 WMEC districts participating in this day of shared professional learning. Over 1400 educators are anticipated to be in attendance with over 100 workshop sessions offered.

The tech team is preparing to send out the yearly Bright Bytes survey. This will survey all k-12 staff and all students in grades 3-8. This will be our 3rd year of data. From this survey, we will review the technology plan. We are still looking for members from the staff and community to volunteer for the tech team so if anyone is interested in participating on this committee please let me know.

13.2 Kevin Harrington – SMPS

Good Shepherd Grant

We applied for and received a \$750 grant. With that grant money we purchased a new refrigerator.

School Vulnerability Assessment – our safety committee did some work on the school vulnerability assessment. They found a few things that we needed to work on, exterior lights, swipe cards, radios and windows of classrooms needed to be free from obstruction. Our security cameras are working but we are asking for additional bandwidth

PBIS is our behavior plan, if we fill out the bucket there is a reward. We are having a dance at 1pm tomorrow for the students.

ACES – Doug Saunders has been coming around to schools training staff on understanding children who come from adverse childhood experiences.

Social Worker Position – we have Karen Barnes in as our new social worker.

ESEA Visit – came in in November from DOE and did a couple of school visits at primary and elementary school to get a taste of what we do.

Practicum / Student Teacher – new group of students, 2 days per week.

13.3 Chris Hollingsworth – SMES

We are having our end of the month reward for March with Dr. Seuss. I will be reading to the students "If I ran the Zoo" and after the children will be able to win prizes.

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An update on the flooding, they are almost done with the repairs. It looks like they will be done by Wednesday of vacation. Teachers can come in Thursday to set up their rooms.

13.4 Scott Albert – SMMS

Congratulations to the January students of the month

Grade 6 Layden Washington and Cariana Rollins

Grade 7 Jonah Moore and Leah Burgess

Grade 8 Emma Diaz and Faughn Marston

Congratulations to our 4 representatives for participating in the Franklin County Spelling bee on the evening of February 5th at the Mt. Blue High school forum.

Makenzie Curtis, Mackenzie Reed, Daniel Wilson, and Dillon Kneeland.

We are looking for track coaches, please contact central office if you are interested.

Just wanted to congratulate my teachers who have used Donors Choose to raise money for things in their classrooms. Over the past 2 years Rachel Toner has gotten over \$3700 in donations for books for her classroom, furniture (like wobbly seats, book carousels,) also subscriptions for her class.

Mrs. Shink, Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Ventrella have also gotten things for their classrooms through Donors Choose.

13.5 TJ Plourde – SMHS

We did have a family who lost their house last week, I have a list of things they will need, I can send that list to the board. If you have anything for the family, please bring it to the high school and I will get it to the family. We are in at the final stretch for high school for basketball, state ski meets and the bowling which will be ending soon.

The student being recognized by the MPA this year is Gabby Beaudoin.

Next year course sign-ups will happen tomorrow. The sign-up is much like how it works in college. Juniors will get first choice, sophomores 2nd choice and freshman 3rd. We will be working with incoming Freshman in March. The students will have their courses by the end of the year.

14 POLICY – Joel Pike announced there will be a policy meeting on the 28th.

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15 OLD BUSINESS

- 15.1 Graduation requirement informational presentation (Social Studies).
SMHS teachers presented vision for requiring Economics to be added to the Social Studies department as a graduation requirement thus increasing graduation requirement from 24 to 25.
When examining academic programming offered here at Spruce Mountain High School, we were able to reflect upon curriculum needs through the Accreditation process. It is essential that each of our students be aware of economic factors that impact their daily lives. The scope of such awareness must be clear to students not only from an individual perspective – this level of understanding must be deep enough for students to appreciate Economics locally, as well as at the state and federal level; and finally, how Economics impact the global economy. Our department can and will accomplish these goals by adjusting the graduation requirements for Social Studies here at SMHS. With your approval, we will add a required one-year Economics course that all SMHS students must complete before graduation. This will add one additional credit to the existing Social Studies requirements. This requirement will begin with the graduating Class of 2021. All current Juniors and Seniors will still have the option of our Economics elective that will be offered for the next two years, if needed. There will be no additional expense to the District to make this change; we will utilize current books and digital resources to implement the change. All Social Studies teachers at the high school are certified to oversee instruction as described. In supporting our request, the Board will be able to see that this requirement will only benefit our students, rather than offering this very important course as only an elective. Jeremy Gath will be spearheading the implementation of our Economics effort next year.

Scott Jackson arrived at 7:28 pm.

- 15.2 Executive Session to discuss personnel issue in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A).

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Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to enter into Executive Session at 7:33 pm. to discuss personnel issue 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 9:01 pm

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Phoebe Pike to hire Robert Webster as Interim Superintendent.

Vote: 8 Yes 1 (Michael Morrell) No 2 (Doug DiPasquale and Dale Leblanc) Abstain
1 Student representative (Scott Jackson) Yes
Orion Schwab left meeting early.

16 NEW BUSINESS

- 16.1 Request from Marc Keller, SMHS Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, for board support for a cooperative Lacrosse team with Winthrop and Maranacook.

One student at SMHS is interested in playing Lacrosse.

Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Doug DiPasquale to approve a cooperative Lacrosse team with Winthrop and Maranacook.

Vote: 11 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
1 Student Representative Yes
1 Student Representative (Orion Schwab) left early

17 APPOINTMENTS – None

18 OTHER BUSINESS

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Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve the change in graduation credits from 24 to 25, to include an Economics class from the Social Studies Department.

Vote: 11 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
1 Student Representative Yes
1 Student (Orion Schwab) left early

19 CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

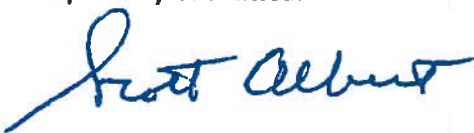
February 28, 2019 – Regular School Board Meeting and Budget Meeting
6:00 PM Spruce Mountain Primary School
March 14, 2019 – Regular School Board Meeting and Budget Meeting
6:00 PM Spruce Mountain Elementary School
March 21, 2019 – Budget Meeting – Board Vote on Warrant
6:00 PM Spruce Mountain High School
April 4, 2019 – District Budget Meeting
6:00 PM Spruce Mountain Middle School

20 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to adjourn at 9:09 pm.

Vote: 11 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain
1 Student Representative Yes
1 Student (Orion Schwab) left early

Respectfully submitted:



Scott Albert
Acting Superintendent of Schools