

**SPRUCE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
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**Thursday, April 11, 2019 6:00 pm**  
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**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Robert Staples, Board Chair called the April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 school board meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all those present at the meeting.

**3. ATTENDANCE**

1. Doug DiPasquale	Present	
2. Tammy Frost	Present	
3. Sara Hughes	Present	
4. Scott Jackson, Student Representative		Excused
5. Steven Langlin	Present	
6. Dale LeBlanc	Present	
7. Shannon McDaniel		Absent
8. Michael Morrell, Board Vice Chair	Present	
9. Shari Ouellette	Present	
10. Joel Pike	Present	
11. Phoebe Pike	Present	
12. Denise Rodzen	Present	
13. Ann Schwab	Present	
14. Orion Schwab, Student Representative	Present	
15. Robert Staples, Board Chair	Present	

**4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

**15.4 Storm day make up**

Discussion: No discussion on the adjustments to the agenda, accepted as written.

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## 5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

5.1 March 21, 2019 – Board Meeting Minutes

<p><i>Motion made by <b>Tammy Frost</b> and seconded by <b>Orion Schwab</b> to accept the School Board Meeting Minutes from March 21, 2019.</i></p>			
<p>Orion questioned page 12 of the minutes regarding the contingency vote. Bob Staples explained the error, and that there would be steps taken at future meetings to ensure this didn't happen again.</p>			
<p>Bob Staples further explained that the "Orange" name cards would be used in the future for all votes, and that the cards should be held high in the air with the name forward to ensure a correct count is documented. He also stated that we would not move forward until Laura had all board member votes accounted for.</p>			
<p>Dale LeBlanc asked if the contingency amount should still be on the warrant as an article since it did not in fact pass at the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.</p>			
<p>Bob Webster replied that yes, it would remain an article on the warrant as that was approved at the District Budget Meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup>.</p>			
<p>Michael Morrell also pointed out that on page 14 his last name is spelled incorrectly. MORRELL</p>			
<p>After the meeting Laura questioned Bob Staples and Bob Webster regarding changing the minutes in regard to the contingency fund and they both agreed the minutes were fine as written.</p>			
<p><i>Vote to accept the school board meeting minutes from 3.21.19:</i></p>			
<p>Yes (9)                      Tammy Frost                      Sara Hughes                      Steven Langlin                      Dale LeBlanc                      Michael Morrell                      Joel Pike                      Phoebe Pike                      Ann Schwab                      Orion Schwab</p>	<p>No (2)                      Shari Ouellette                      Denise Rodzen</p>	<p>Abstain (1)                      Doug DiPasquale</p>	<p>Student Rep (1)                      Orion Schwab – yes</p>

## 6. COMMUNICATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE

Robert Webster stated that he had received a response to his Kindergarten waiver request from the DOE this week. Waiver had been approved by the DOE.

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Rob Taylor asked if there was a plan in place to prevent this from happening again next year.

Robert Webster stated that he would speak in further detail regarding this during his Interim Superintendent's Report.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

**8. STUDENT PRESENTATIONS - None**

**9. BOARD COMMENTS**

Doug DiPasquale commended Laura White, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent for her improved note taking during Board Meetings. He stated that the notes were very well written.

Laura thanked Doug for the compliment.

**10. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Webster reported that our district had an unannounced visit from a Maine Department of Labor inspector. The inspector spent most of the day touring the schools and will be sending out an official report within the next few weeks. Bob continued that he had an exit interview with the inspector and knew there would be citations. He stated that Ken Vining has been working on addressing and remedying the problems that were brought to his attention and that until the official report came out we wouldn't know if there would be any penalties to the district. Typically, the report is given and there is an allowance of time to address the citations before the penalties are assessed.

In response to this unexpected visit, Ken Vining and Bob Webster contacted MSMA, who is now working with us in hopes to alleviate future problems and help identify area where problems may arise.

The waiver for Kindergarten has been approved by the MDOE for the remainder of this school year. Bob Webster has been working with Kevin Harrington and his staff on additional ed tech personnel to help the high enrollment numbers for Kindergarten.

Bob Webster has been working with the district's Business Manager, Kristal Flagg, on an end of year budget balance. They have taken the payroll and benefit costs with an estimate of additional expenditures through

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the end of the year. An estimate of \$150,000 to \$200,000 in carry over funds is likely when the books close on June 30. This amount is a very small (less than 1%) margin on 18.8-million-dollar budget.

The audit bid is coming due on April 19<sup>th</sup>, and although we haven't seen any bids yet, Mr. Webster stated that they are typically received close to the deadline. Kristal has spoken with a few of the companies that have requested further information, which she has sent.

The Building and Finance Committee met with representatives from Siemens on Wednesday. Bob Webster asked Shari Ouellette and Doug DiPasquale to speak about this meeting.

Shari stated that most of the project is complete, Siemens continues to work on the automation issues, but is in hopes to have those problems fixed over April vacation (next week). It could take up to one year to determine savings with the renovation project. She further stated that Siemens had to keep the Elementary project at \$2.5 million and that the roof was not in the original budget. Doug D. disagreed that the roof was in initial budget but that the funds were used to give taxpayers a tax break.

Doug DiPasquale stated that Siemens has worked very hard to get us rebates from Efficiency ME. Original projected rebates were supposed to be around \$205,000 but because the state set forth new regulations on these rebates it changed our rebate total, and Siemens has had to work diligently with Efficiency ME to get back the money promised. The district has received a total of about \$134,000 in rebates thus far, and should be getting back another \$60,000 after the project is complete.

Doug further stated that he was impressed with Siemens as they have written a list of items that will need to be addressed in the future, and he was hoping that in the future we could continue to work on these issues.

Shari agreed with Doug that she too thought Siemens did a good job putting the list of future items together and was hoping that the district could be proactive instead of reactive in the future with these potential issues.

Doug DiPasquale continued to state that he wanted to look at creating a five-year capital plan for the district, and the committee would work with the Superintendent and Ken Vining in coming up with that plan.

Denise Rodzen stated that she thought it was in the best interest of the district to keep the "redlined" items in that five-year capital plan, as they needed to be addressed.

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Doug DiPasquale also stated that the schools needed to have field work done, and was in hopes that the Holland Strong Fund may help with these projects.

Shari Oullette stated that the project wasn't without issues, and she felt that communication was one of the biggest shortfalls. She stated that in the future she thought it would be best for the committees, and project coordinators to meet regularly and keep the lines of communication open.

Tammy Frost asked why there were additional expenses that weren't originally accounted for in the project?

Doug again stated, that Siemens had to keep the cost at \$2.5 million, and that there were things when doing the initial project that came up that were just not in the original plan. For instance, the asbestos removal was not in the original project plan, but it was something that had to be completed. This became a customer direct cost; the project is at just about \$3.0 million.

Denise Rodzen stated that she thought it really was a perfect storm with all the staff changes and unexpected costs, but that the good news in all this was that the district now has a backup kitchen at the elementary school, which it hasn't had before.

Bob Webster stated that he thought Siemens had done a really good job at living up to their promises, and that they themselves had put a lot of money into the project.

Tammy Frost stated that she was upset that this information has just now become available to the board, and she questioned why they weren't made aware of the extra costs sooner.

Denise Rodzen stated that in fact emails from Siemens and herself were shared with the school board members, and that they were notified at the time of these extra costs.

Doug DiPasquale mentioned that it was a very good learning experience, and all we can do is move forward and ensure these issues don't arise again with any future projects. Doug further stated that he thought the "closeout" meeting would be held on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Bob Webster stated that the project should be completed around mid-May, but the closeout meeting would be in June. He would double check the closeout meeting date, and get back to the board with that.

Bob Webster recognized Shari Ouellette for her service as a board member. This was her final school board meeting. She was presented with a bouquet of flowers.



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## 11. BOARD CHAIR COMMENTS

### 11.1 Superintendent Search

Bob Staples stated that the Superintendent search is in full swing. There were a number of applicants, and the committee had started reviewing the applications. The committee adopted a rubric for scoring the applications, which the committee members have started using. They are in hopes to begin interviewing at the beginning of May.

## 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

This was previously covered in the meeting, with discussion regarding the Siemens project.

## 13. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

### 13.1 TJ Plourde – SMHS

3<sup>rd</sup> year students completed SAT testing this week (Tuesday) and all students were present and accounted for.

Senior scholarship deadline is tomorrow (Friday 4/12) and the Guidance Office is working diligently to chase down the seniors for these applications.

As of today, the seniors are still on track to graduate June 7<sup>th</sup> without having to do a Saturday make up day, should we have one more snow day this will have to be re-visited and a Saturday make-up will be necessary.

Congratulations to the SMART Robotics team for their outstanding year, and for their participation in the competition this past weekend. TJ asked Orion Schwab to speak regarding the competition. Orion stated that he was pleased with the year all in all, he thought that the team did the best they could with the resources they had. The team had many learning curves, but he was happy to be part of the team.

TJ also congratulated Annabelle Collins and Acacia Fournier for making the dean's list at this past weekend's competition, great job ladies!

Also congratulated was the High School Math Team who placed 14<sup>th</sup> at the State Math Meet.

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The high school library hosted author, Julie Berry on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Students and parents were invited in to hear her presentation and purchase books.

Class Marshall tryouts have begun. Mr. Plourde is surprised with the students lack of rhythm, but the students are doing well, and working hard.

The Guidance Department is continuing to hold FAFSA meetings with students and parents in hopes at getting their FAFSA applications completed.

Anne Schwab stated that she had attended the SMART Robotics competition this past weekend and was also very impressed with the students. They were very well behaved and showed terrific sportsmanship.

## **13.2 Scott Albert – SMMS**

Scott announced and congratulated the March Students of the Month:  
Grade 6 – Lily Fortier and Bluebell Chen  
Grade 7 – Bryce Marston and Belle Given  
Grade 8 – Mackenzie Michaud and Ava Coates  
Congratulations!

Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> is the grade level awards assembly for Trimester 2.

8<sup>th</sup> graders will be visiting CMCC on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is a continuation of the Career and Technical education pilot.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade team is doing a great job integrating the career prep into their class room curriculum. Ms. Flagg and Ms. Edmunds have been working with students on a career budget exploration unit, and Ms. Baker and Ms. Ventrella are requiring the students to write reflection papers on their experiences while visiting the career fair earlier this year.

The 8<sup>th</sup> graders will also be taking the Science MEA's on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. They are going to continue to be busy through the end of the school year.

Also, the spring NWEA's will take place throughout the month of May.  
The MS has just finished the EMPower ME testing, which was a success.

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## 13.3 Chris Hollingsworth – SMES

Chris reminded those present that April Vacation was next week, and he was very excited for that.

The elementary students are also working on finishing up the EMPOWER ME testing, and this will hopefully be completed the week after school vacation, as some kids were unable to finish before leaving with their families for vacation.

Chris spoke of a conference he attended "Why Rural Matters". He was impressed with the literature presented, and handed out information to the board regarding Maine. He noted a few facts in the handout and pointed out interesting facts about our state regarding state funding and rurality. He pointed out that Orion's comment about using the resources available speaks true not just about Robotics but about education in general. Chris stated that he's impressed with Maine educators, because given that we may not have all the resources available to bigger schools, we remain mid pack academically and actually above average in regards to college readiness.

Phoebe Pike asked if he knew what the Yankee Candle fundraiser figures were, and although he didn't know what the total figure raised was, he stated that the class that sold the most items would be awarded with a Sundae Party. Turns out that Ms. Giroux's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class blew the rest of the contenders out of the water, and they would be getting their Sundae party this week (tomorrow). Chris further stated that the money raised would go back into the school activities, whether it be PBIS, or something else, the money raised would be used to reward the students.

## 13.4 Kevin Harrington – SMPS

Kevin spoke of Kindergarten registration which happened earlier this month. He stated that 43 students were registered on that day, and that additional students were scheduled to register later this month. He estimated a total Kindergarten class for next year would be around 105 students. He further stated that when students do register for Kindergarten, Ms. Bolduc created a packet of summer work for the students, and if they return that packet completed their name would be entered into a drawing for 2 Santa's Village tickets, courteous of Santa's Village. The hope is that parents and students will work together on the packets which will set a good tone and have the students ready to begin Kindergarten with necessary skills.

Pre K registration is coming up later this month as well, another date is also scheduled for May.

Pre K graduation dates have been set for June 10<sup>th</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup>.



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Spring pictures were scheduled for Monday, but of course the storm day has forced them to re-schedule these for April 25<sup>th</sup>. If you need a picture ID, please stop by and get your picture done on that day.

Grade 2 will be performing a Patriotic Show on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Middle School, all are invited to attend. Show is scheduled for 6:00 pm

Shari Ouellette stated that the child staying with her came home one day with kale and oranges. Shari asked for more information on the food cupboard program. Kevin stated that produce distribution is free and happens every week and that the kids can take what they want or need. He also stated that they do and Oakhurst distribution and LED light bulbs are given out.

Doug DiPasquale stated that his student also comes home with produce, and thinks it's a great thing. He questioned enrollment numbers and whether Kevin thought the current teaching staff would be able to meet the student's needs. Kevin said the questions always lie in the students' assessments, and where they place, but he is in hopes that the current staff will be able to get the job done.

Bob Staples said that he had a parent question regarding Kindergarten registration and that the wording may need to be cleaned up before it's put out next year. All three district towns should be included in the advertisements.

Denise Rodzen stated that she would like to have the packet that was given out to the new Kindergarten students, which Kevin jokingly stated would cost her \$2.

## **13.5 Amanda Hersey – Curriculum Coordinator and Technology**

Amanda handed out an article regarding the WMEC Rendezvous Conference that was attended at UMF on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. She said it was a great experience, and there was a lot of positive feedback, they are in the beginning stages of planning another event like this for 2020. She gave a special thanks to all of the RSU 73 staff members who presented, and further stated she heard wonderful things about them.

She also mentioned the EMPOWER ME testing, and the schools were nearing completion of these tests. She thanked all those involved in making this successful and further stated that at one time during the tests the district had 600 students logged on at the same time, which is no small feat.

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Curriculum meetings will continue through the end of the year. After April vacation she will be holding science and unified art content meetings.

14. **POLICY** - None

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

## **15.1 Budget FY 20**

Mr. Webster stated he didn't have anything "new" to report on the FY 20 budget. A new budget brochure was designed this week to be passed out in the towns, and that all board members were given a copy this evening. He reminded everyone the Budget Validation Referendum would take place in each of the towns on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **15.2 Draft 2019-2020 School Calendar**

Laura White mentioned that it was just brought to her attention that graduation is slated for June 14<sup>th</sup> on this draft calendar, but that it was originally planned for June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Rob Taylor, teacher, stated that he thought graduation should be left on June 14<sup>th</sup> as he thought this would help alleviate the crunch time with storm day make up.

Doug DiPasquale agreed that graduation may work better on the 14<sup>th</sup> to avoid storm day make up with senior requirements.

TJ Plourde was asked what his thoughts were. He stated that as long as it was decided before the first of the next school year, it didn't really matter to him. But once the calendar is approved and disbursed to the parents, it's nearly impossible to move graduation.

Dale LeBlanc stated that this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row we have used more than 5 snow days and in fact we are more likely to use closer to 10 days, if next year follows suit.

Orion questioned who had the authority to change or designate the calendar, which was answered that the calendar is made up and approved by the board, but there are limitations on how many days can differ than other regional school districts calendars due to the Foster Tech Center.

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Dale LeBlanc questioned why were weren't starting before Labor Day? Mr. Webster replied that he was waiting to hear back from RSU 9 Superintendent, Tina Meserve. He further stated that this is only a draft calendar.

Mr. Webster stated that he did anticipate future changes, one of which would be that the start date would be moved up and that it would be before Labor Day.

Orion made a motion to move graduation to June 14<sup>th</sup>, which was seconded by Mike Morrell. This motion and second was later withdrew after further discussion.

Sara Hughes stated that she would like to have more information and know the actual start date before making any final decisions regarding the calendar for next year.

Joel Pike stated that he agreed with Sara, he too thinks there are too many loose ends to make a decision at this point and that we need to hold off to see what the final say is regarding the start date.

Tammy Frost questioned why we have follow the RSU 9 calendar, which TJ spoke of. TJ stated that we can only have 5 days different than RSU 9 because of the Foster Tech Center and the state law requiring consistent calendars in each voc/tech region.

Denise Rodzen further agreed that the board didn't have enough information to vote on the calendar or move of graduation this evening.

## **15.3 Western Maine Regional Service Center**

Mr. Webster had emailed the board members the current "interlocal" plan which was provided to him. He stated that this WMRSC is picking up steam throughout the involved districts and thought that RSU 73 would have to make a decision this spring as to whether the district wanted to join or not. Mr. Webster stated that he had met with Mike Cormier early this month, and also attended a Superintendent's meeting where he was brought up to speed on the plan. This vote not only has to be approved by the board but also by the district.

Doug DiPasquale questioned what other districts would be part of the WMRSC, Laura handed him a copy of the handout provided, at which point Doug read off the other schools looking to join.

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Denise Rodzen stated that this was just another level of bureaucracy. It's just one more level of paying more people to do what's already being done. She questioned what the differences were between the WMEC and the WMRSC. Scott Albert stated that the cost is \$1.25 per student for the WMRSC.

Shari Ouellette stated that she thought the district should hold informative meetings regarding this information where community members could attend and learn more about this before voting.

Denise Rodzen stated that she would choose to be a part of the one that offers more freedom and flexibility.

Bob Webster stated that you can belong to one or to both, but that the WMEC doesn't meet regionalization standards set forth.

Tammy Frost stated that she needed more information before she could make a decision.

Bob Webster stated that this was the information provided to him, though it probably isn't in the friendliest of formats. Bob will provide a summary that is more user friendly.

## **15.4 Storm Day make up discussion**

TJ stated that as of right now the seniors are good, we do not to look at a Saturday make up day. Again, if we use one more storm day, this would need to be re-visited.

Scott Albert stated that as of right now the last day of school for students would be Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> and that the staff would need to return Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> for the workshop day. Seniors would be done on the 7<sup>th</sup> which would complete their 170 days.

Tammy questioned if we would have enough late starts to make up the days required? Yes, because we had one "floating" late start Wednesday which was used a storm day.

More snow days will mean more discussion, but for now we are good.

## **16. NEW BUSINESS - None**

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## 17. APPOINTMENTS

### 17.1 Co-Curricular Appointments

Bob Webster stated that he had emailed a list of co-curricular appointments to the board members for review.

Denise Rodzen stated that she wanted consistency in receiving paperwork, and that she would rather have a paper copy not an email. Mr. Webster responded that he's limited to working three days per week and he would do his best.

Here is a list of current co-curricular appointment through April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Boys Varsity Tennis – Bill Acritelli  
Varsity Softball – Clint Brooks  
Boys Varsity Track – Nathan Dana  
Girls Varsity Track – Sikwani Dana  
MS Varsity Softball – Melissa Dube  
Girls Varsity Track HS – Jessica Ellingwood  
Girls Varsity Tennis – Jeremy Gath  
MS Track – McKinley Goozey  
JV Softball HS – Adrianna Greco  
Boys Varsity Track HS – Jay Lindsey  
JV Baseball HS – Kyle McLellan  
Elementary Drama Director – Rebecca Spencer  
Varsity Baseball MS – Chris Sagner  
MS Track – Julie Thornton  
Varsity Field Hockey HS – Katie Trask



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## 18. OTHER BUSINESS

Robert Webster asked about moving board meetings back to the conference room.

Rob Taylor stated that his understanding on why board meetings were moved to the schools vs. the board room was due to community involvement and that it was a change of practice, not because of budget season.

Bob Staples stated that the wanted community members to attend meetings.

Mike Morrell state he is opposed to moving the meetings back to the board room. It's a cramped space, and feels being in schools is better.

Dale LeBlanc questioned if having the meetings in the schools was a burden to administrators? Chris Hollingsworth stated there was no burden on his part.

Orion Schwab stated he thought that rotating the meetings throughout the schools was a better idea and had no support for holding them at the board room again. He further stated that the rotation didn't allow for a meeting in Livermore Falls, as two schools were in Jay and one in Livermore. Is there a space available for Livermore Falls other than the board room?

Ann Schwab mentioned that an option for Livermore Falls may be the Town Office, she thought they may have a room large enough?

Kevin Harrington stated that although there was an initial conflict with the book fair and board meeting, that issue has now been resolved and that the board meeting scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup>, can still be held at the Primary School.

Denise Rodzen stated that when the decision was made it was a conscious decision based on what was shared among those present at that meeting.

The April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at the Primary School, and future meetings will continue to be rotated in the schools.

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**19. CALENDAR / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – District Budget Validation Referendum in each of the towns.
- Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – School Board Meeting at Spruce Mountain Primary School 6:00 pm
- Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> – School Board Meeting at Spruce Mountain Elementary School 6:00 pm
- Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – School Board Meeting at Spruce Mountain Primary School 6:00 pm

**20. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion made by **Shari Ouellette** and seconded by **Sara Hughes** to adjourn the April 11<sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting.*

*Vote to adjourn the meeting:*

Yes (13)	No (0)	Abstain (0)	Student Rep
Doug DiPasquale			Orion Schwab - yes
Tammy Frost			
Sara Hughes			
Steven Langlin			
Dale LeBlanc			
Mike Morrell			
Shari Ouellette			
Joel Pike			
Phoebe Pike			
Denise Rodzen			
Ann Schwab			

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:37 pm**

Any individual who needs special accommodations to enter the building or assistance to attend this public meeting, must contact the Superintendent's Office at least five (5) days in advance of the meeting (A.D.A.)

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Webster  
Interim Superintendent of Schools

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