

December 7, 2015
South Paris, Maine

A regular meeting of the M.S.A.D. #17 Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, December 7, 2015 at Central Office, 232 Main Street, South Paris, Maine, with the following members in attendance: Jared Cash, Buddy Coffren, Curtis Cole, Stacia Cordwell, Stephen Cummings, Don Gouin, Bob Jewell, Ronald Kugell, Ann Macro, Tom Moore, Barry Patrie, Olive Sanborn, Elizabeth Swift, Joe Vaillancourt, Don Ware, Toby Whitman and Lewis Williams. Board members absent were Natalie Andrews, David Dunn (exc.), Judy Green (exc.), Al Lisowski (exc.) and Henry Raymond. Also present were Clyde Clark, Elizabeth Clarke, Cathy Coffey, Joe Cummings, Troy Eastman, Student Representative Rosemary Eichorn, Margaret Emery, Heidi Everett, Jennifer Feely, Hilary Hendricks, Kendall Hill, Donna Kusheba, Shawn Lambert, Heather Manchester, Donna Marshall, Pat McCoy, Eli Merrill, Pam Merz, Ted Moccia, Jane Morse, Kirsten Petroska, Susan Slee, Jamie Toohey, William Toohey, David Twombly, Helen Twombly, Isaac Twombly-Wiser, Jeremy Twombly-Wiser, Jolene Twombly-Wiser, Madeline Twombly-Wiser, Katrina Webster, Joan Wenzel, Leslie Dixon from the Sun Journal and Superintendent of Schools Richard Colpitts.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Kugell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **FLAG SALUTE:** Chairman Kugell led the flag salute.
3. **WELCOME TO VISITORS:** Chairman Kugell welcomed staff and visitors.
4. **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None
5. **REPORTS:**

Student Representative: Ms. Rosemary Eichorn reported that the Junior college visits are completed and that the Christmas for Teens benefit went well.

Curriculum Committee: Ms. Macro reported on the committee.

Operations Committee: Mr. Williams reported that the committee met on December 1, 2015 at the bus garage.

Personnel Committee: Ms. Macro reported that the committee met before tonight's Board meeting and will have recommendations on items 11.D. and F.

Policy Committee: Mr. Colpitts reported that the committee has met twice on the School Resource Officer Policy but did not have a quorum at either meeting.

6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Mr. Moccia and Mr. Eastman gave administrative updates.

Mr. Colpitts Congratulated November Staff Member of the Month, Donna Kusheba, Oxford Hills/Buckfield Adult Education Teacher and December Staff Member of the Month, Jolene Twombly-Wiser, Oxford Hills Middle School Teacher.

Mr. Colpitts congratulated December Students of the Month:

Grade 9 – Austin Doughty	Grade 10 – Caroline Burns
Grade 11 – Chad Martin	Grade 12 – Sarah Carter

Mr. Colpitts congratulated Jennifer Cox, Math Teacher at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, on earning her Masters Degree in Education.

Mr. Colpitts congratulated Board Director Don Gouin on receiving a letter of recognition from the President of the United States on his 63 years of service to the District.

7. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None

8. **CONSENT AGENDA:** None.

9. **ACTION ON MINUTES:**

A. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Ms. Macro and voted 15 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention to approve the November 2, 2015 regular Board meeting minutes.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Shawn Lambert, Director of Region #11, Oxford Hills Technical School, presented on Region #11 activities and programs.

B. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Patrie and voted unanimously in favor to accept a donation of \$700.00 from Waterford Women's Fellowship to be used to purchase a projector for the Waterford Memorial School.

C. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Coffren and voted unanimously in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Lisa Maxim as Special Education Teacher at Guy E. Rowe Elementary School.

D. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Swift and voted unanimously in favor to create an Educational Technician I position at Paris Elementary School to be paid for with IDEA funds.

- E. Mr. Cole made the motion, seconded by Mr. Moore and voted unanimously in favor to table approving the first reading of the following policy:

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School Resource Officer

- F. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Vaillancourt and voted unanimously in favor to approve an unpaid leave of absence from November 3, 2015 to May 13, 2016 for Jeanne Feder, Special Education Teacher.

12. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:

Mr. Gouin spoke to his years of service and all the friends he has made in the District.

Mr. Patrie commented that, although he is not advocating for this, we should consider contracting out busing services.

Mr. Colpitts said that he would look into this and other options.

Mr. Vaillancourt commented that we should look hard before contracting out busing services as it could be more expensive in a long run.

Mr. Moore commented that we should keep local control of buses and find a way to have more mechanics on the job instead of subbing as drivers, as our mechanic do.

Mr. Williams said that we need to look at all our options before getting rid of our fleet of buses. We could have different kinds of mechanics to do different jobs, also add different hours so that some mechanics work at night when all the buses are in the garage.

Mrs. Sanborn agreed that there should be more mechanics on the job and not subbing as drivers.

Mr. Cole questioned the changes in attendance between November and December as shown on the attendance reports included in Board packets.

Mr. Moccia spoke to the time of year being a reason for this, as well as increased discipline issues.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Colpitts
Superintendent of School