

January 20, 2015
South Paris, Maine

A regular meeting of the M.S.A.D. #17 Board of Directors was held on Tuesday evening, January 20, 2015 at Central Office, 232 Main Street, South Paris, Maine, with the following members in attendance: Sharon Chamings, Buddy Coffren, Stephen Cummings, Nick DiConzo, Mike Dignan, David Dunn, Judy Green, Ronald Kugell, Al Lisowski, Ann Macro, Tom Moore, Barry Patrie, Henry Raymond, Olive Sanborn, Elizabeth Swift, Don Ware, and Lewis Williams. Board members absent were Jared Cash, Curtis Cole, Donald Gouin (exc.) and Joe Vaillancourt (exc.). Also present were Denise Biggers, Beth Clarke, Cathy Coffey, Troy Eastman, Melanie Ellsworth, Denise Emery, Jane Fahey, David Fontaine, Dan Hart, Patrick Hartnett, Hilary Hendricks, Holly Hill, Sara Johnson, Tiffany Karnes, Jennifer Lance, Saara Leduc, Bill Lovell, Heather Manchester, Pam Merz, Ted Moccia, Jane Morse, Cindy Petherbridge, Abigail Rogers, Darlene Rogers, Kailani Rogers, Les Rogers, Sarah Timm, Jane Turner, Diane Todd, Carol Walker, 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 visitors, staff and members of the press.
4. **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None
5. **REPORTS:**

Negotiations Committee: Mr. Patrie reported that there would be a Committee meeting this Thursday, January 22, 2015. Mr. Colpitts asked that the meeting time be changed from 5:00p.m. to 4:30p.m. All members present agreed to the change.

Curriculum Committee: Ms. Macro reported that the Committee met last week and will have a recommendation of Item 11.G.

Policy Committee: Ms. Green reported on the Committee.

Personnel Committee: Ms. Macro reported that the Committee met before this evening's Board meeting and will have a recommendation on Item 11.C.

Finance Committee: Mr. Patrie reported that the Committee met this evening and will have recommendations on Items 11.C. and 11.H.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Colpitts congratulated January Staff Member of the Month, Darlene Rogers, Ed Tech I at Agnes Gray Elementary School.

Ms. Emery, Ms. Fahey, Ms. Clark, Mr. Eastman, Mr. Moccia, Ms. Karnes, and Mr. Hart all gave administrative updates.

David Fontaine, Director of Transportation, Saara Leduc, Physical Activity Director at Stephen's Memorial Hospital and Daniel Hart, Guy E. Rowe Elementary School Principal gave a presentation on the Maine Walking School Bus Program.

Superintendent Colpitts congratulated the January OHCHS Students of the Month:

Grade 9 – Maighread Laliberte
Grade 11 – Hailee Cote

Grade 10 – Anthony Whitman
Grade 12 – Monica Harthorne

7. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Dr. Ware, and voted unanimously to add Supplemental Agenda items 11. J. and 11.K. to the Agenda.

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cummings and voted unanimously in favor to approve the following Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School coaching nomination for the Winter 2014-2015 season:

Wrestling Volunteer

Chris Cobbett

9. ACTION ON MINUTES:

A. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Patrie and voted 14 in favor, 0 opposed and 3 abstentions to approve the December 15, 2014 regular Board meeting minutes.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

11. NEW BUSINESS:

A. District Librarians Jennifer Lance, Cindy Petherbridge and Pam Merz presented on district wide library programming.

B. Jane Morse, Director of Special Services, presented on the Special Education Program.

- C. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Ms. Macro and voted unanimously in favor to approve the following new Special Education Ed Tech positions:**
- 1. Ed Tech II – Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Applied Academics Program to be paid out of regular funds.**
 - 2. Ed Tech II – Oxford Hills Middle School Day Treatment to be paid out of contingency funds.**
 - 3. Ed Tech II – Guy E. Rowe Elementary School Autism Functional Life Skills and K-3 Resource to be paid out of contingency funds.**
 - 4. Ed Tech II – Paris Elementary School Autism Functional Life Skills and K-3 Resource to be paid out of contingency funds.**
- D. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. DiConzo and voted unanimously in favor to approve an anonymous gift of \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars), that when combined with a \$19,000 (Nineteen Thousand Dollars) Homeland Security Grant will upgrade the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School security surveillance system.**
- E. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. DiConzo and voted unanimously in favor to approve a gift of \$1,000 (One Thousand Dollars) from Kate Herlihy to be used for marching percussion equipment at the Oxford Hills Middle School.**
- F. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cummings and voted unanimously in favor to accept a gift of \$400 (Four Hundred Dollars) to the Otisfield Community School from the Town of Otisfield to be used at the discretion of the school.**
- G. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Dignan and voted unanimously in favor to approve the following School Wide Plans:**
- Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School**
 - Oxford Hills Middle School**
- H. Mr. Patrie made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cole and voted unanimously to award the paper bid to W. B. Mason in the amount of \$19,345.20.**
- I. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cummings and voted unanimously in favor to approve the second and final reading of the District’s Strategic Plan.**

- J. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Ms. Macro and voted unanimously in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Patricia Brennan as Ed Tech II at Oxford Elementary School.**
- K. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cole and voted unanimously in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Michael Loveless as Ed Tech II at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School.**

12. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:

Mr. Williams asked what the procedure would be for a Board member visiting District schools.

Mr. Colpitts commented that the first step would be to obtain an identification badge from Central Office. Then Board members can visit any school by simply showing up and presenting the badge upon entry and reminded Board members that they would be visiting as a resident as opposed to a Board member.

Mrs. Swift commented on local athlete and alumnus Josh Kennison, who is an accomplished athlete and recently set a new record in his athletic pursuits.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Patrie made the motion, seconded by Mr. Dignan, and voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Richard Colpitts
Superintendent of School**