

July 13, 2015
South Paris, Maine

A regular meeting of the M.S.A.D. #17 Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, July 13, 2015 at Central Office, 232 Main Street, South Paris, Maine, with the following members in attendance: Jared Cash, Buddy Coffren, Curtis Cole, Stephen Cummings, David Dunn, Donald Gouin, Judy Green, Bob Jewell, Ronald Kugell, Al Lisowski, Tom Moore, Barry Patrie, Olive Sanborn, Elizabeth Swift, Don Ware and Lewis Williams. Board members absent were Natalie Andrews (exc.), Ann Macro (exc.), Henry Raymond, Joe Vaillancourt (exc.) and Toby Whitman. Also present were Patrick Hartnett, Heather Manchester, Ted Moccia, Jane Morse, 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, new Board member Bob Jewell and extended congratulations to Jared Cash and Tom Moore on their reappointment to the Board.
4. **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None
5. **REPORTS:**

Negotiations Committee: Mr. Patrie reported that the Committee met before tonight's Board meeting and will have a recommendation on Item 11. Q.

Policy Committee: Ms. Green reported that the Committee met before tonight's meeting and that the Committee has invited Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School students to the next Board meeting to discuss the policy on hats.

Personnel Committee: Mr. Patrie reported that the Committee will have recommendations on items 11. E., F. and I.

Operations Committee: Mr. Williams reported on the Committee met before the Board meeting this evening and will have recommendations on items 11. N., O., and Supplemental Agenda Item 11.R.

6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Superintendent Colpitts welcomed new Board member Bob Jewell from Paris.

It was noted that there are multiple activities going on throughout the District all summer long.

Mr. Moccia, Ms. Manchester, Ms. Morse and Mr. Hartnett all gave Administrative updates.

Mr. Colpitts congratulated Michele Snow on receiving her Masters Degree plus 30.

7. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Dr. Ware and voted unanimously in favor to add Supplemental Agenda item 11. R. to the regular agenda.
8. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Patrie and voted unanimously in favor to approve Items A – H.
9. **ACTION ON MINUTES:**
 - A. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cummings and voted unanimously in favor to approve the June 15, 2015 regular Board meeting minutes with the following correction: Mr. Patrie reported on the Operations Committee in place of Mr. Williams who was unable to attend the meeting.
10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None
11. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. Dr. Ware made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dunn to nominate Mr. Kugell as Board Chair, Mr. Patrie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to cease nominations and called for a vote. The Board voted unanimously in favor to elect Mr. Kugell as Board Chair.
 - B. Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Patrie to nominate Dr. Ware as Board Vice Chair, Ms. Green made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams to cease nominations and called for a vote. The Board voted unanimously in favor to elect Dr. Ware as Board Vice Chair.
 - C. Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ware to nominate the current Finance Committee members (Curtis Cole, Don Gouin, Barry Patrie, Joe Vaillancourt and Board Chair Ron Kugell) to the Finance Committee. The motion passed by a unanimous vote in favor.
 - D. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cummings to nominate Debra Hertell as Voter Registration Clerk for District meetings. The motion passed by a unanimous vote in favor.

- E. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Williams and voted unanimously in favor to reappoint the following teachers who resigned under Article 10B of the teacher's contract and seek reappointment:**

**Betsey Cooper Elementary Teacher, Paris Elementary School
Jennifer McAlister Special Education Teacher, Guy E. Rowe Elementary**

- F. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Williams and voted unanimously in favor to create a teaching position at Oxford Elementary School to address anticipated overcrowding to be paid for through FY 2016 Contingency Funds.**

- G. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Coffren and voted unanimously in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Lori Pacholski as Assistant Principal at Paris Elementary School.**

- H. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Williams and voted unanimously in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Katherine Sterling as District IEP Coordinator.**

- I. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, and voted unanimously in favor to approve a request for an unpaid leave of absence for Katherine Sterling, Special Education Teacher at Guy E. Rowe Elementary School for the 2015-2016 school year.**

- J. Superintendent Colpitts presented on District goals for the upcoming FY 2016.**

- K. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Patrie and voted 11 in favor, 4 opposed and 0 abstentions to approve a field trip for the Varsity Baseball team to go to Tarboro, North Carolina to play tournament baseball at the beginning of April 2016.**

- L. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Dr. Ware, and voted unanimously in favor, to approve an educational and cultural field trip for Science Department students to Greece, Italy and Spain in April of 2016.**

- M. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cole and voted unanimously in favor to approve a field trip for Hebron Station School fifth and sixth grade students to the Schoodic Institute in Winter Harbor, Maine, November 9-10, 2015.**

- N. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cole and voted unanimously in favor to award the bid for refinishing the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School gym floor to D. M Walsh, Inc. for the amount of \$29,990.**

- O. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cole and voted unanimously in favor to award the bid for servicing District bleachers to A+ Athletic Products, LLC. for the amount of \$14,000.
- P. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Ms. Greene, and voted unanimously in favor, to enter executive session at 8:31p.m., in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (D), concerning negotiations between the Oxford Hills Educational Secretaries Association and the M.S.A.D. #17 Board of Directors. The Board left executive session at 8:42 p.m.
- Q. Mr. Williams made the motion, seconded by Ms. Green and voted unanimously in favor to ratify the contract between the Oxford Hills Educational Secretaries Association and the M.S.A.D. #17 Board of Directors.
- R. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Patrie and voted unanimously in favor to approve the purchase of a dishwasher for the Oxford Elementary School from Central Restaurant Products for \$9,908 on the condition the bid includes the same warranty described in the other two bids offered.

12. **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:**

Mr. Williams asked if anything had been done to address the acoustics in the Board meeting room.

Mr. Colpitts stated that there is a proposal for acoustical work slated to be presented at the August 17, 2015 Board meeting.

Mr. Jewell commented that he would like there to be consequences for coaches after several losing years. The District does not have the same expectations of coaches that it does of other employees.

Mr. Patrie commented that the sports programs have scholarship opportunities and it is important that these programs are supported.

Mr. Williams stated that the percentage of students benefitting from sports scholarships is very low and that athletics have taken a priority over academics.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Gouin made the motion, seconded by Mr. Patrie and voted unanimously in favor to adjourn at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Colpitts
Superintendent of School