

October 5, 2015
Otisfield, Maine

A regular meeting of the M.S.A.D. #17 Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, October 5, 2015 at Otisfield Community School, 416 Powhatan Road, Otisfield, Maine, with the following members in attendance: Natalie Andrews, Curtis Cole, David Dunn, Judy Green, Bob Jewell, Ronald Kugell, Al Lisowski, Tom Moore, Barry Patrie, Henry Raymond, Olive Sanborn, Elizabeth Swift, Joe Vaillancourt, Don Ware and Lewis Williams. Board members absent were Jared Cash (exc.), Buddy Coffren (exc.), Stephen Cummings, Donald Gouin (exc.) Ann Macro (exc.)Toby Whitman and Colin O'Neill (exc.). Also present were Isaiah Alexander, Nelson Baillargeon, Jessica Bickford, Cathy Coffey, Jayden Colby, Dean Dillingham, Jillian Douglas, Student Representative Rosemary Eichorn, Victoria Eichorn, Troy Eastman, Daniel Garber Dan Hart, Patrick Hartnett, Tiffany Karnes, Jordan Labbe, Mitchell Lisowski, Sydney Lisowski, McKayla Marois, Ted Moccia, Christian Ricci, Donald Thorne, Norway Police Chief Robert Federico, 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:** Student Council members from Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School read a letter to the Board.

5. **REPORTS:**

Student Representative: Ms. Rosemary Eichorn reported on student activities.

Finance Committee: Mr. Vaillancourt reported that the Committee met before tonight's meeting and will have a recommendation on item 11. D.

Operations Committee: Mr. Williams reported that the Committee met before tonight's meeting and will have a recommendation on item 11. E.

6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Administrative Updates: Mr. Moccia and Ms. Karnes gave administrative updates.

Mr. Colpitts congratulated Tiffany Colby, Special Education Teacher at Guy E. Rowe Elementary School, on earning her Master of Science Degree in Education from Saint Joseph's College.

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

8. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Patrie and voted unanimously in favor to approve the following committee member stipends:

Jamie Toohey, OHMS	English Language Arts Subject Area Committee
Rebecca Schaff, Paris	English Language Arts Subject Area Committee
Tracey Hartnett, OHMS	Math Subject Area Committee
Laurie Catanese, OHMS	Curriculum Coordinating Council
Cathy Bickford, Agnes Gray	Curriculum Coordinating Council

9. **ACTION ON MINUTES:**

- A. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Patrie and voted 14 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstentions to approve the September 21, 2015 regular Board meeting minutes.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Dan Hart, Principal of Guy E. Rowe Elementary School, presented on a Town of Norway grant to place a .75 FTE School Resource Officer at the Rowe School.
- B. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Ms. Green to approve the placement of a .75 School Resource Officer at Guy E. Rowe Elementary School; Mr. Jewell then made the motion to table the item, seconded by Mr. Lisowski, this motion was defeated and the main motion was passed, 13 in favor, 2 opposed and 0 abstentions.
- C. Cathy Coffey, Business Manager; Nelson Baillargeon, Facilities Director and Superintendent Colpitts presented on the District's Energy Performance Contracts.
- D. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Vaillancourt and voted unanimously to award the paper bid to W.B. Mason at a cost of \$22.79 per case.
- E. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Patrie and voted unanimously to award the snow removal bid for Harrison Elementary School to 4-Season Maintenance at a cost of \$125.00 per storm.
- F. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Dr. Ware and voted unanimously to approve a field trip for the World Language Department to Quebec City, Canada from April 7-9, 2016.
- G. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Williams and voted unanimously to approve a field trip for the Hebron Station Grade 6 class to participate in its traditional two-night trip to the 4-H camp in Bryant Pond from October 14-16, 2015.

12. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:

Mr. Patrie commented in regards to the Norway School Resource Officer Grant, that there are eight separate communities in the District, if one community comes in with a proposal we have to look at it individually.

Mr. Lisowski commented that he felt the Board should be the one to draw up a Policy and regulations for the School Resource Officer.

Note: The Policy Committee is reviewing a policy on school resource officers at their October 19, 2015 meeting.

Ms. Swift stated that the SAT exams are no longer cost effective for the District.

Note: The District doesn't pay for students to take SATs.

Mr. Cole would like the Board to look at the MSBA Resolutions.

Superintendent Colpitts will have this placed on the next agenda.

Mr. Moore commented that he thinks it will be nice to have a police officer in school.

Mr. Jewell commented that he was present at the meeting the students were concerned about and felt that some Board members were inappropriate.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Dr. Ware and voted unanimously in favor to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Richard Colpitts
Superintendent of School**