

January 4, 2016
South Paris, Maine

A regular meeting of the M.S.A.D. #17 Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, January 4, 2016 at Central Office, 232 Main Street, South Paris, Maine, with the following members in attendance: Natalie Andrews, Jared Cash, Buddy Coffren, Curtis Cole, Stacia Cordwell, Stephen Cummings, Bob Jewell, Ronald Kugell, Al Lisowski, Tom Moore, Barry Patrie, Henry Raymond, Olive Sanborn, Elizabeth Swift, Joe Vaillancourt and Don Ware. Board members absent were David Dunn (exc.), Don Gouin (exc.), Judy Green (exc.), Ann Macro (exc.) and Toby Whitman. Also present were Elizabeth Clarke, Cathy Coffey, Dean Dillingham, Troy Eastman, Student Representative Rosemary Eichorn, Dan Hart, Patrick Hartnett, Hilary Hendricks, Tiffany Karnes, Errol Libby, Pam Libby, Heather Manchester, Ted Moccia, Jane Morse, Mary Lou Peterson, John Springer, Leslie Dixon from the Sun Journal and Superintendent of Schools Richard Colpitts.

Superintendent Colpitts swore in re-elected Board member Albert Lisowski (Harrison, 3 year term).

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 and congratulated Superintendent Colpitts on being named Superintendent of the Year.
4. **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None
5. **REPORTS:**

Student Representative: Ms. Rosemary Eichorn reported that there will be a girl's basket ball game tomorrow night, the winter concert will take place at the high school on January 11th and Mid Terms start on Friday.

Curriculum Committee: Dr. Ware reported that the Committee will have a recommendation on Item 11.B.

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

Negotiations Committee: Ms. Patrie reported on the Committee.

6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Superintendent Colpitts welcomed administrators back from vacation.

Mr. Colpitts Congratulated January Staff Member of the Month, Errol Libby, Math Coach/Interventionist at Guy E. Rowe Elementary School and Oxford Hills Middle School.

Mr. Colpitts congratulated January Students of the Month:

Grade 9 – Cassadi Chasse Grade 10 – Sydney Rowell

Grade 11 – Emily Blackshaw Grade 12 – McKayla Ivey

7. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Coffren and voted unanimously in favor to add Supplemental Agenda item 11.N to the Agenda.

8. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Patrie and voted unanimously in favor to approve the following winter coaching candidate:

Oxford Hills Middle School Nordic Skiing Ann Schlaefer

9. **ACTION ON MINUTES:**

A. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Patrie and voted 12 in favor, 0 opposed and 3 abstentions to approve the December 7, 2015 regular Board meeting minutes.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Assistant Superintendent Patrick Hartnett and Business Manager Cathy Coffey presented on the Affordable Care Act and it's impact on the Oxford Hills School District.

B. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Dr. Ware and voted unanimously in favor to approve School-Wide Plans for all District schools.

C. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Vaillancourt and voted unanimously in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Donna Davis as District Van Driver.

D. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Dr. Ware and voted unanimously in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Philip Landry as District Bus Driver.

E. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cummings and voted unanimously in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Lisa Castonguay as Educational Technician I at Paris Elementary School.

- F. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cole and voted unanimously in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Kaitlyn Mann as Educational Technician I at Oxford Elementary School.**
- G. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Vaillancourt and voted unanimously in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Jodi Swasey as Food Service Manager at Paris Elementary School.**
- H. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cole and voted unanimously in favor to approve naming the baseball field at the Gouin Complex in memory of Timothy Bryant.**
- I. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Vaillancourt and voted unanimously in favor to approve a field trip for Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School students to visit the New England Aquarium in Boston, Massachusetts on December 21, 2015.**
- J. Mr. Patrie made the motion, seconded by Dr. Ware and voted unanimously to enter executive session at 7:29 p.m., pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(B) to conduct a hearing to determine if a student should be expelled from the Oxford Hills School District.
The Board reentered open session at 8:25 p.m.**
- K. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Patrie and voted 14 in favor, 1 opposed and 0 abstentions, that the allegations being substantiated, to expel the student under consideration of the Oxford Hills School District for the peace and usefulness of the school and that the Superintendent provide the Board and the parents with the Board's written findings.**
- L. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Coffren and voted unanimously to enter executive session at 8:27 p.m., pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(B) to conduct a hearing to determine if a student should be expelled from the Oxford Hills School District.
The Board reentered open session at 8:45 p.m.**
- M. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Dr. Ware and voted unanimously in favor that the allegations being substantiated, to expel the student under consideration of the Oxford Hills School District for the peace and usefulness of the school and that the Superintendent provide the Board and the parents with the Board's written findings.**
- N. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Coffren and voted unanimously in favor declare a Burnham Boiler #PF507, removed from Oxford Elementary School, as Surplus and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to transfer the boiler to the Town of Paris.**

12. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:

Mr. Jewell asked if the Board had recognized the students who had sent written requests to the Board asking for more physical education classes.

Superintendent Colpitts stated he had responded by email to the teacher and planned to send letters to the students.

Mr. Coffren commented that the Board is voting on the expulsion of students based on Mr. Moccia's expertise and would like to make a decision based on each case not on the policy. He would like a little leeway in the policy.

There was a discussion explaining the difference between a student using an illegal substance and supplying it to others and how that effects the expulsion process.

Mr. Cash stated that it would be useful to think about reinvesting in drug and alcohol prevention and also that he would like to see the Board involved earlier in the Budget process.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Colpitts
Superintendent of School