

December 4, 2017
South Paris, Maine

A regular meeting of the M.S.A.D. #17 Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, December 4, 2017 at Central Office, 232 Main Street, South Paris, Maine, with the following members in attendance: Jared Cash, Robert Celeste, Buddy Coffren, Stephen Cummings, Michael Dignan, David Dunn, Bob Jewell, Ronald Kugell, Al Lisowski, Michael Marshall, Diana Olsen, Barry Patrie, Henry Raymond, Kristin Roy, Gary Smith, Elizabeth Swift, Donald Ware, Toby Whitman and Lewis Williams. Board members absent were Natalie Andrews, Stacia Cordwell (exc.), and Judy Green (exc.). Also present were Cathy Bickford, Paul Bickford, Tina Christophersen, Laurie Catanese, Cathy Coffey, Dean Dillingham, Desiree Dunn, Dan Hart, Patrick Hartnett, Heather Manchester, Tiffany Karnes, Jamey Martin, Dana Medici, Samantha Medici, Ted Moccia, Mary Lou Peterson, Claudette Pierce, John Springer, DJ Thorne, Student Representative Catrina Wilson, Marsha Wood, 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. Catrina Wilson reported that pre-season sports have begun. College visits have ended.

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

6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Congratulations to December Staff Member of the Month Samantha Medici, Grade 4 Teacher at Guy E. Rowe Elementary School.

Mr. Bickford, Ms. Christophersen, Ms. Peterson, Mr. Hart, Mr. Moccia and Ms. Coffey gave administrative updates.

7. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None
8. **CONSENT AGENDA:** None
9. **ACTION ON MINUTES:**

- A. Mr. Dunn made the motion, seconded by Mr. Smith and voted 14 in favor, 0 opposed and 4 abstention to approve the November 20, 2017 regular Board meeting minutes.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Superintendent Colpitts and Business Manager Cathy Coffey presented regarding Energy Retrofit Projects – Phases 1- 6.
- B. Superintendent Colpitts gave a brief report describing implemented strategic initiatives.
- C. Dr. Ware made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cummings, and voted 17 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention to award the bid for musical instruments to David French Music in the amount of \$17,322.
- D. Mr. Patrie made the motion, seconded by Ms. Olsen and voted unanimously in favor to approve the Superintendent’s nomination of Kristina Sabin as Educational Technician III at Western Maine Regional Program for Children with Exceptionalities.
- E. Mr. Jewell made the motion, seconded by Mr. Coffren and voted unanimously in favor to enter into executive session at 7:46 p.m., in accordance with 1M.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 left Executive Session at 8:16 p.m.
- F. Mr. Smith made the motion, seconded by Mr. Dunn 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.
- G. Mr. Jewell made the motion, seconded by Mr. Patrie to enter into executive session at 8:18 p.m. in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D), to discuss negotiations between the Oxford Hills School District Board of Directors and the Oxford Hills Educational Secretaries Association.
The Board left executive session at 8:27 p.m.
- H. Mr. Williams made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cummings and voted 17 in favor, 1 opposed and 0 abstentions in favor to approve the Oxford Hills Educational Secretaries Association contract as recommended by the Negotiations Committee.

12. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:

Mr. Jewell asked for the definition of “peace and usefulness of the school” and also what the difference would be for a student using a substance or using it and sharing it. Why would one be expelled and the other not?

Superintendent Colpitts stated that it was the way the Board of Directors had chosen to handle these situations.

Mr. Raymond stated that the Board had looked into changing this policy and had decided not to.

Mr. Coffren said that if a Board member wanted this changed they could come to a committee meeting to request a change.

Mr. Lisowski asked why there had been no power at several schools and Central Office this morning and why it had taken so long for the generator to start up at the high school.

Superintendent Colpitts stated that the power outage was caused by a blown out substation in Lewiston/Auburn and the generator had a circuit breaker out.

Rev. Celeste handed out a statement on the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Maine for all to consider.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Richard Colpitts
Superintendent of School**