

July 17, 2017
South Paris, Maine

A regular meeting of the M.S.A.D. #17 Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, July 17, 2017 at Central Office, 232 Main Street, South Paris, Maine, South Paris, Maine, with the following members in attendance: Natalie Andrews, Jared Cash, Robert Celeste, Buddy Coffren, Stacia Cordwell, Stephen Cummings, Michael Dignan, David Dunn, Bob Jewell, Ronald Kugell, Michael Marshall, David McVety, Diana Olsen, Barry Patrie, Henry Raymond, Gary Smith, Elizabeth Swift, Don Ware and Lewis Williams. Board members absent were Judy Green (exc.), Al Lisowski and Toby Whitman. Also present were Cathy Coffey, Dean Dillingham, Troy Eastman, Fred Garbo, Tony Giambro, Dan Hart, Patrick Hartnett, Shawn Kane, Jane Morse, DJ Thorne, Scott Vlaun, Student Representative Catrina Wilson, 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, visitors and returning Board Director Michael Dignan. He congratulated re-elected Board Directors George (Buddy) Coffren, David Dunn, Michael Marshall and Henry Raymond.
4. **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None

5. **REPORTS:**

Student Representative: Ms. Catrina Wilson reported on summer activities.

Operations Committee: Mr. Williams reported that the committee met before tonight's Board meeting and will have recommendations on items 11.F. and L.

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

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

6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

1. **Administrative Updates:**

Ms. Manchester and Ms. Morse gave administrative updates.

Mr. Colpitts handed out a memo from MSMA concerning additional state funding.

Mr. Colpitts will be presenting at a Math Conference at University of Maine next week and will also speak on school bus driving at the Maine Association of Pupil Transportation Conference of Sugarloaf.

7. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** Mr. Patrie made the motion, seconded by Dr. Ware and voted unanimously in favor to replace agenda item 11.I with corrected Item 11.1.

8. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mr. Jewell made the motion, seconded by Mr. Coffren and voted 17 in favor, 1 opposed and 0 abstentions in favor to approve the following:

A. The following appointments for FY 2018:

Philip Catanese	Science Teacher, Oxford Hills Middle School
Christopher Titone	Science Teacher, Oxford Hills Middle School
Crystal Cochran	Special Education Teacher, Guy E. Rowe
Mercedes McClean-Wheeler	Language Arts Teacher, OHMS
Lynne Pelletier	Math Teacher, OHCHS
Pamela Marshall	Grades 5/6 Teacher, Otisfield Community
Allyson Kirby	Grade 5 Teacher, Oxford Elementary School
Kimberly Struck	Elementary Counselor

B. The following Co-Curricular Assignment stipends for FY 2018:

Senior Class Advisors	Jeni Jordan and Torrey Poland
Junior Class Advisors	Stephanie Grover and Virginia Valdes
Sophomore Class Advisors	Jennifer Cox and Barbara Rooth
Freshman Class Advisor	Corrine Turner
Band and Orchestra Director	Kyle Jordan
Choral Director	Dennis Boyd
Drama Club	Corrine Turner
Interact Club Advisor	Tina Fox
Key Club	Amy White and Dennis Boyd
National Honor Society	Jeni Jordan and Torrey Poland
Student Council	Craig Blanchard and Ken Poulin
Varsity Math Team Coach	Allen Gerry
Assistant Math Team Coach	Steve Buttner
Yearbook Advisor/ Business Manager	Cyndi Kugell

C. The following Department Heads for FY 2018:

English	Brewster Burns
Math	Torrey Poland
Science	Mike Morrill
Social Studies	John Pinto
Special Education	Brandy Seames
World Languages	Anne Smith

9. ACTION ON MINUTES:

- A. Mr. McVety made the motion, seconded by Mr. Williams and voted 16 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstentions to approve the June 19, 2017 regular Board meeting minutes.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Mr. Patrie made a motion, seconded by Ms. Swift to nominate Mr. Kugell as Board Chair, Mr. Dunn made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cordwell to cease nominations and called for a vote. The Board voted unanimously in favor to elect Mr. Kugell as Board Chair.
- B. Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Coffren to nominate Dr. Ware as Board Vice Chair, Ms. Cordwell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jewell to cease nominations and called for a vote. The Board voted unanimously in favor to elect Dr. Ware as Board Vice Chair.
- C. Dr. Ware made a motion, seconded by Mr. Coffren to nominate the current Finance Committee members Barry Patrie, Bob Jewell, Al Lisowski and Board Chair Ron Kugell, along with new member Lewis Williams to the Finance Committee. The motion passed by a unanimous vote in favor.
- D. Mr. Williams made the motion, seconded by Ms. Olsen to nominate Debra Hertell as Voter Registration Clerk for District meetings. The motion passed by a unanimous vote in favor.
- E. Scott Vlaun, Executive Director of Center for an Ecology-Based Economy (CEBE) presented on solar charging stations.
- F. Mr. Patrie made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews and voted unanimously in favor accept a gift of solar charging stations through CEBE by an anonymous donor to be installed at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School.
- G. Dr. Ware made the motion, seconded by Mr. Coffren and voted 17 in favor, 1 opposed and 0 abstentions to reappoint the following teachers who resigned under article 10B of the teacher's contract and seek reappointment:
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| Kelsey Redmond | Elementary Teacher, Paris Elementary School |
| Joseph Sullivan | Math Teacher, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School |
| Kathleen Beauchesne | Grade 1 Teacher, Waterford Memorial School |
- H. Mr. Marshall made the motion, seconded by Ms. Cordwell and voted 16 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstentions in favor to approve the second and final reading of the following policies:

EBCE	School Closings and Cancellations
JLF	Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect
JFAA	Admission of Resident Students
JKD	Suspension of Students

- I. Mr. Patrie made the motion, seconded by Ms. Olsen and voted unanimously in favor to approve the Resolution entitled, "Resolution to Authorize Lease Purchase of Computers and Copiers in the Principal Amount of \$362,563.00," be adopted in form presented to this meeting and that an attested copy of the Resolution be filed with the meeting minutes.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE LEASE PURCHASE OF COMPUTERS AND COPIERS IN
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$362,563.00**

The School Board of Maine School Administrative District No. 17 hereby resolves as follows:

That Superintendent of Schools (the "Superintendent") is authorized to accept the proposal of Androscoggin Bank, to provide tax-exempt lease purchase financing for computers and copiers (the "Equipment") in the principal amount of \$362,563.00 at an interest rate of 2.95% for a term of up to 3 years and any prior such action is hereby ratified and confirmed;

That under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 20-A M.R.S. sections 1001 and 1055, the Superintendent is authorized to execute and deliver a lease purchase agreement with Androscoggin Bank, or its nominee, in the name and on behalf of Maine School Administrative District No. 17 (the "District") for the Equipment, with an aggregate purchase price of \$362,563.00, in such form and on such terms not inconsistent herewith as the Superintendent may approve (the "Lease");

That no part of the proceeds of the Lease shall be used, directly or indirectly, to acquire any securities and obligations, the acquisition of which would cause the Lease to be a "private activity bond" or an "arbitrage bond" within the meaning of Sections 141 and 148, respectively, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code");

That the Lease issued pursuant hereto is designated as a qualified tax-exempt obligation within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of said Code;

That the Superintendent is authorized to covenant on behalf of the District to file any information report and pay any rebate due to the United States in connection with the issuance of the Lease, and to take all other lawful actions necessary to ensure the interest portion of the rental payments under and pursuant to the

Lease will be excludable from the gross income of the owners thereof for purposes of federal income taxation and to refrain from taking any action which would cause such interest portion of the rental payments to become includable in the gross income of the owners thereof;

That the appropriate officials of the District are authorized to execute and deliver such other documents and certificates as may be required in connection with the Lease; and

That the District hereby resolves and declares its official intent pursuant to Section 1.150-2(e) of the Treasury Regulations that the District reasonably expects to use the proceeds of the Lease to reimburse certain original expenditures from the RSU's general or other fund, paid not earlier than 60 days prior to adoption of this Resolution or to be paid, which original expenditures have been or will be incurred in connection with costs of the Equipment; and that the District reasonably expects that the maximum principal amount that the District will issue to finance the Equipment is \$362,563.00, and further that an attested copy of this declaration of official intent be kept in the permanent records of the District.

A true copy, attest: _____

Richard Colpitts, Secretary

Maine School Administrative District No. 17

- J. Dr. Ware made the motion, seconded by Mr. Coffren and voted unanimously in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Donald Thorne as Principal at Hebron Station School to a first year probationary contract.**
- K. Mr. Marshall made the motion, seconded by Ms. Olsen and voted 17 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Kevin Ryan as District Athletic Director.**
- L. Mr. Williams made the motion, seconded by Ms. Olsen and voted 17 in favor, 1 opposed and 0 abstentions to approve an agreement between the District and the Hebron Historical Society to lease land to the society for the placement of a historical structure.**
- M. Mr. McVety made the motion, seconded by Mr. Jewell and voted unanimously in favor to enter executive session at 7:44 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 8:20 p.m.**
- N. Mr. Raymond made the motion, seconded by Ms. Olsen 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.**

12. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:

Mr. Cash reminded directors to treat Board guests with respect.

Mr. McVety asked Superintendent Colpitts if he envisioned bilingual teaching in lower elementary classrooms.

Superintendent Colpitts does see this as a goal however these positions are difficult to fill.

Ms. Andrews asked about high school students teaching the younger grades.

Mr. Colpitts commented that this would be very time consuming for the older students.

Mr. Cash commented that perhaps the university center could supply teachers.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Richard Colpitts
Superintendent of School**