

November 20, 2017
South Paris, Maine

A regular meeting of the M.S.A.D. #17 Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, November 20, 2017 at Central Office, 232 Main Street, South Paris, Maine, with the following members in attendance: Robert Celeste, Buddy Coffren, Stacia Cordwell, Michael Dignan, David Dunn, Judy Green, Bob Jewell, Ronald Kugell, Michael Marshall, Diana Olsen, Barry Patrie, Henry Raymond, Kristin Roy, Gary Smith, Elizabeth Swift, Toby Whitman and Lewis Williams. Board members absent were Natalie Andrews, Jared Cash, Stephen Cummings (exc.), Al Lisowski and Dr. Ware. Also present were Paul Bickford, Tina Christophersen, Cathy Coffey, Melanie Ellsworth, Margaret Emery, Patrick Hartnett, Heather Manchester, Ted Moccia, Jane Morse, 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 and visitors.
4. **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None.
5. **REPORTS:**

Student Representative: Ms. Catrina Wilson reported that winter sports try outs are this week and next week. Thanksgiving break is this week. Juniors have been going on college visits and deadlines for seniors attending college is coming up.

Curriculum Committee: Ms. Green reported that the Committee met and the minutes are in the Board packet.

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

6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Mr. Bickford, Ms. Christophersen, Mr. Thorne and Ms. Manchester gave administrative updates.

Welcome to new Board member Kristin Roy of Otisfield.

Central Office will be closing at noon on Wednesday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The State has notified the District that we are eligible for additional subsidized buses through the State's bus replacement program.

7. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

Ms. Olsen made the motion, seconded by Mr. Raymond and voted unanimously in favor, to approve the following:

- A. An anonymous donation to support English Language Arts staff professional development at Oxford Hills Middle School expenses up to \$800.

9. ACTION ON MINUTES:

- A. Mr. Patrie made the motion, seconded by Mr. Dignan and voted 14 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstention to approve the November 6, 2017 regular Board meeting minutes.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Superintendent Colpitts, Ms. Olsen, Dr. Hartnett and Mr. Patrie all gave highlights from the MSMA Annual Fall Conference.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Mr. Marshall made the motion, seconded by Mr. Jewell and voted unanimously in favor to approve an Indoor Track Club for the 2017-2018 season.
- B. Curriculum Director Heather Manchester gave a presentation on District Assessments.
- C. Mr. Marshall made the motion, seconded by Ms. Olsen, and voted 15 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention to approve the second and final reading of the following policies:

BCB	Board Conflict of Interest
BIA	New Director Orientation
BIB	Director Development Opportunities

- D. Mr. Marshall made the motion, seconded by Mr. Coffren and voted 15 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention to approve the nomination of Robert Kirchherr to the MVR #11 Cooperative Board.
- E. 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 Three School Buses and a truck in the Principal Amount of \$319,980," be adopted in form presented to this meeting.

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 (the "Lessor"), to provide tax-exempt lease purchase financing for three school buses and a truck with an aggregate purchase price of \$319,980.00 at an interest rate of 2.91% for a term of

approximately two (2) years (3 annual payments), and any prior acceptance by the Superintendent is hereby ratified and confirmed;

That under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 20-A M.R.S. sections 1001, 1055, and 5401(15), the Superintendent is authorized to execute and deliver a lease purchase agreement with Lessor, or its nominee, in the name and on behalf of Maine School Administrative District No. 17 (the "District") for the Equipment, in the principal amount of \$319,980.00, 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 Superintendent is authorized to designate the Lease 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;

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 District'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 \$319,980.00.

- F. Ms. Cordwell made the motion, seconded by Ms. Green and voted unanimously in favor to authorize the Superintendent, pursuant to 20-A M.R.S. § 5401(15), to arrange for the acquisition of two new school buses during the 2017-2018 school year and lease purchase financing of the buses with the initial lease payments to be funded by the District's contingency account. The acquisition and financing of the buses shall be subject to Department of Education approval of state subsidy for the buses.

12. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:

Mr. Jewell asked if it were possible to project what our student testing will look like in the next five years.

Superintendent Colpitts said that we need to give our recent curriculum a chance to work before we can tell how the test results will be affected.

Mr. Kugell stated that the tests keep changing which makes projections difficult.

Ms. Swift commented that all students learn differently making the results difficult to read.

Mr. Marshall questioned what the total price of the Indoor Track Club would be.

Mr. Ryan there would be no uniform or equipment fees, only transportation and registration to participate fees.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Richard Colpitts
Superintendent of School**