

September 5, 2017
South Paris, Maine

A regular meeting of the M.S.A.D. #17 Board of Directors was held on Tuesday evening, September 5, 2017 at Central Office, 232 Main Street, South Paris, Maine, South Paris, Maine, with the following members in attendance: Natalie Andrews, Robert Celeste, Stacia Cordwell, Stephen Cummings, Michael Dignan, David Dunn, Judy Green, 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 Jared Cash, George Coffren (exc.), Al Lisowski and Toby Whitman. Also present were Paul Bickford, Tina Christophersen, Elizabeth Clarke, Cathy Coffey, Melanie Ellsworth, Margaret Emery, Dan Hart, Patrick Hartnett, Tiffany Karnes, Frederick Labbe, Heather Manchester, Matthew McGreevy, Ted Moccia, Jane Morse, Tara Pelletier, Mary Lou Peterson, Katie Russell, Kevin Ryan, DJ Thorne, 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.
4. **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** Mr. Frederick Labbe asked the Board to review policy JFAA and regulation JFAA-R1 to allow transportation for children transferring schools within the District. Mr. Kugell asked for documents in support of this to be shared with the Superintendent.

5. **REPORTS:**

Student Representative: Ms. Catrina Wilson reported that school has started and that the Freshman class has made the transition to the high school smoothly.

Finance Committee: Mr. Patrie reported that he had been elected chair at tonight's meeting and the committee will have a recommendation on item 11.C.

Personnel Committee: Mr. Patrie reported that he had been elected committee chair at tonight's meeting and that the committee will have a recommendation on item 11.B.

6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Thank you to the Board members who attended opening day on August 28.

The State School Construction Team will be touring the Oxford Hills Middle School and Agnes Gray Elementary School on September 12, 2017.

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

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Marshall made the motion, seconded by Mr. Patrie and voted unanimously in favor, to approve the following:

A. The following appointments for FY 2018:

Devan Truman	Educational Technician I, Guy E. Rowe Elementary
Bettina Licata	Food Service Assistant, Guy E. Rowe Elementary
Deborah Buffington	Food Service Manager, Waterford Memorial School
Jennifer Constantine	Evening Receptionist/Administrative Assistant, Adult Ed.
Katherine Bonawitz	Grade 6 Math/Science Teacher, Guy E. Rowe

B. The following coaching candidates for the Fall 2017 season:

OHCHS

Asst. Coach, Girls Field Hockey

Susan Newkirk

OHMS

Field Hockey Coach

Mikeckney Ward

Head Coach Grade 8 Soccer

Lyndsey Fox

C. The following appointments to Western Maine Regional Program for Children with Exceptionalities?

Deborah Ball	Teacher
Nicole Norton	Social Worker
Tania Hutchins	Educational Technician III
Emily Denny	Educational Technician III
Dana Ryerson	Educational Technician III
Michael Porter	Educational Technician III

9. ACTION ON MINUTES:

A. Ms. Andrews made the motion, seconded by Mr. Jewell and voted 16 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention to approve the August 21, 2017 regular Board meeting minutes.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

11. NEW BUSINESS:

A. The following District Building Principals and selected Directors reported on opening day of the new school year:

Tara Pelletier	Assistant Principal, Oxford Hills Middle School
Paul Bickford	Principal candidate, Oxford Hills Middle School
Tiffany Karnes	Principal, Otisfield Community/Oxford Schools

Kevin Ryan	Athletic Director
Tina Christophersen	Adult Education Director
Mary Lou Peterson	Principal, Paris Elementary School
Matthew McGreevy	Director, Western Maine Program for Children with Exceptionalities
Dan Hart	Principal, Guy E. Rowe Elementary School
Margaret Emery	Principal, Harrison Elementary/Waterford Memorial Schools
Donald Thorne	Principal, Hebron Station School
Elizabeth Clarke	Principal, Agnes Gray Elementary School
Ted Moccia	Principal, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School

- B. Mr. Jewell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ware, and voted unanimously in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Paul Bickford as Principal of Oxford Hills Middle School.**
- C. Mr. Jewell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews and voted unanimously in favor to award the paper bid to W.B. Mason for \$20.87 per case.**
- D. Mr. Patrie made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews and voted unanimously in favor approve a field trip for the marine Biology class at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School to the New England Aquarium in Boston, Massachusetts in October or November of 2017.**
- E. Mr. Marshall made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews and voted 15 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstentions to approve a field trip to United Nations in New York for the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Interact Club on November 10-11, 2017.**
- F. Mr. Marshall made the motion, seconded by Ms. Swift and voted 16 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention to approve a field trip to volunteer at the Common Ground Fair and Moxie Gore Rafting trip for the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Interact Club on September 22-24, 2017.**
- G. Mr. Marshall made the motion, seconded by Mr. Patrie and voted unanimously in favor to enter into executive session at 8:11 p.m., in accordance with 1M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(B), to conduct a readmission hearing.
The Board left Executive Session at 8:27 p.m.**
- H. Mr. Patrie made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews and voted unanimously in favor to readmit a student to the Oxford Hills School District.**
- I. Ms. Andrews made the motion, seconded by Mr. Jewell and voted unanimously in favor to enter executive session at 8:30 p.m. in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(D) to discuss negotiations between the Oxford Hills Board of Directors and the Oxford Hills Educational Support Personnel Association.
The Board left executive session at 8:48 p.m.**

J. Ms. Olsen made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews and voted unanimously in favor to approve the Oxford Hills Educational Support Personnel Association contract as recommended by the Negotiations Committee.

12. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:

Mr. Williams questioned the creation of a food pantry at Agnes Gray and if it will come to the Board for approval.

Superintendent Colpitts stated that all food pantries must be Board approved.

Mr. Williams was concerned about the language used by Principal Clarke addressing the students' "mind, body and soul". He would like to have the school use other wording instead of "soul".

Dr. Ware would like more information on the benefits of schools starting later and asked where we are at in the process of initiating this.

Superintendent Colpitts stated that later starts would have a financial impact on the District and will need to be addressed through the budget process.

Ms. Andrews questioned how many additional buses would be needed for later school day starts, Mr. Colpitts said the District would need 10 additional buses.

Ms. Andrews asked if there is any literature on an increase in drug related issues use since the legalization of marijuana.

Superintendent Colpitts stated that it is his perception that there has been an increase in drug related issues.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Colpitts
Superintendent of School