

December 17, 2018
South Paris, Maine

A regular meeting of the M.S.A.D. #17 Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, December 17, 2018 at 232 Main Street, South Paris, Maine, with the following members in attendance: Jared Cash, Curtis Cole, Stephen Cummings, David Dunn, Judy Green, Bob Jewell, Ron Kugell, Kathy Laplante, Al Lisowski, Diana Olsen, Sarah Otterson, Barry Patrie, Troy Ripley, William Rolfe, Kristin Roy, Gary Smith, Donald Ware and Lewis Williams. Board members absent were Natalie Andrews (exc.), Stacia Cordwell (exc.), Henry Raymond (exc.) and Elizabeth Swift (exc.). Also present Debra Hertell, Shawn Lambert, Ted Moccia, John Springer, Leslie Dixon from the Sun Journal, Dylan Mills from NPCTV and Superintendent of Schools Richard Colpitts.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Diana Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **FLAG SALUTE:** Chair Diana Olsen led the flag salute.
3. **WELCOME TO VISITORS:** Chair Diana Olsen welcomed staff and visitors.
4. **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None
5. **REPORTS:**

Student Representative: Ms. Catrina Wilson was absent

Curriculum Committee: Dr. Ware reported that the Committee last met on December 10, 2018.

6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Superintendent Colpitts welcomed new Board Director William Rolfe.

Congratulations to December Students of the Month:

Grade 9 – Kaiden Stack

Grade 10 – River Thurston

Grade 11 – Riley McGough

Grade 12 – Kirsten Edwards

There will be an abbreviated business meeting followed by a Board workshop on grading at the January 7, 2019 regular Board meeting.

7. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** Mr. Patrie made the motion, seconded by Mr. Kugell and voted unanimously in favor to add Supplemental Agenda item 11.D to the regular Board agenda.
8. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
Mr. Smith made the motion, seconded by Dr. Ware and voted unanimously in favor to approve the following:

- A. To accept a \$2,500 donation with \$750 from Ann Gavin and \$500 from Marianne Tenore, to be matched by BAE Systems for the purpose of helping homeless and struggling students at OHCHS.**
- B. To approve the Superintendent's nomination of Jennifer Grover as Elementary Librarian.**
- C. To approve the Superintendent's nomination of Robert Hendry as 20 hour/week Custodian at Oxford Hills Middle School South Campus.**

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 December 3, 2018 regular Board meeting minutes.**

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. MVR #11 Director Shawn Lambert and OHCHS Principal Ted Moccia presented on the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).**
- D. Mr. Patrie made the motion, seconded by Mr. Ripley and voted unanimously in favor to enter executive session at 7:34 p.m. in accordance with 1M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(E), for consultation with Legal Counsel.
The Board left Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.**
- B. Mr. Patrie made the motion, seconded by Mr. Jewell and voted unanimously in favor to enter into executive session at 8:42 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 9:35 p.m.**
- C. Mr. Ripley made the motion, seconded by Mr. Jewell 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. Ripley stated that he has read the recommended 'The Seventh Wish' book and found that it is a great book for opioid epidemic but has concerns about some of the adult themes.

Mr. Jewell would like the last 5 years of math, writing and English results from Curriculum Committee. Something is wrong and he would like an improvement plan and accountability.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Richard Colpitts
Superintendent of School**