

October 15, 2018  
South Paris, Maine

A regular meeting of the M.S.A.D. #17 Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, October 15, 2018 at 232 Main Street, South Paris, Maine, with the following members in attendance: Natalie Andrews, Jared Cash, Curtis Cole, Stacia Cordwell, Stephen Cummings, David Dunn, Judy Green, Bob Jewell, Ron Kugell, Kathy Laplante, Al Lisowski, Diana Olsen, Sarah Otterson, Barry Patrie, Henry Raymond, Troy Ripley, Kristin Roy, Elizabeth Swift, Donald Ware and Lewis Williams. Board members absent were Gary Smith (exc.) and Toby Whitman. Also present were Paul Bickford, Laurie Catanese, Tina Christophersen, Elizabeth Clarke, Cathy Coffey, Dan Hart, Patrick Hartnett, Debra Hertell, Ted Moccia, Jane Morse, Student Representative Catrina Wilson, Leslie Dixon from the Sun Journal, Anthony Lima 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 reported that sports team play offs will begin this week and next week, depending on the sport.

**Curriculum Committee:** Dr. Ware reported that the Committee met on October 9<sup>th</sup> and approved all of the school wide plans.

**Finance Committee:** Mr. Patrie reported that the Committee met before tonight's Board meeting and will have recommendations on items 11. F and G.

**Policy Committee:** Ms. Green reported that the Committee met before tonight's Board meeting and looked at policy rough drafts. They will have a recommendation on Item 11. A.

6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Ms. Christophersen, Mr. Bickford and Mr. Hart all gave administrative updates.

All Board members are encouraged to attend the MVR 11 Joint Board meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Weather permitting, the annual Aspire Higher March is scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup> and all Board members are encouraged to march.

7. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** Mr. Ripley made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews and voted unanimously in favor to add items 11. E and F from the Supplemental agenda to the regular Board agenda.

8. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Ms. Greene made the motion, seconded by Ms. Laplante and voted unanimously in favor to approve the following:

A. An annual field trip for Oxford Elementary School Grade 6 students to the Schoodic Education Adventure (SEA) Program at Schoodic Point in Acadia National Park.

B. The Superintendent's nomination of Robert Sellers as 38 week, night Custodian at Oxford Elementary School.

9. **ACTION ON MINUTES:**

A. Dr. Ware made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cole and voted unanimously in favor to approve the October 1, 2018 regular Board meeting minutes.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** The Board provided input on the proposed MSBA constitution change and resolutions.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Ms. Cordwell made the motion, seconded by Mr. Patrie and voted unanimously in favor to approve the second and final reading of the following policy:

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Mr. Patrie made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lisowski and voted unanimously to add the Supplemental items 11. F and G before item 11.B.

F. Ms. Laplante made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews and voted unanimously in favor to approve the Resolution entitled, "Resolution to Authorize Lease Purchase of Two New School Buses with Related Accessories and Equipment in the Principal Amount of \$124,713.86," be adopted in form presented to this meeting.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE LEASE PURCHASE OF TWO NEW SCHOOL BUSES WITH RELATED ACCESSORIES AND EQUIPMENT IN PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$124,713.86**

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 Gorham Leasing ("Lessor"), to provide tax-exempt lease purchase financing for two new school buses with related accessories and equipment (the "Equipment") in the principal amount of \$124,713.86 at an interest

rate of 3.71% for a term of 2 years (3 annual payments of \$43,164.60) 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, 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 two new school buses with related accessories and equipment, with an aggregate purchase price of \$124,713.86, 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;

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 \$124,713.86, and further that an attested copy of this declaration of official intent be kept in the permanent records of the District; and

A true copy, attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Richard Colpitts, Secretary  
Maine School Administrative District No. 17

G. Mr. Jewell made the motion, seconded by Dr. Ware and voted unanimously in favor to approve the Resolution entitled, "Resolution to Authorize Lease Purchase of a New Propane Boiler System at Harrison Elementary School in the Principal Amount of \$143,213," be adopted in form presented to this meeting.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE LEASE PURCHASE OF A NEW PROPANE BOILER SYSTEM AT HARRISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$143,213**

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

**That Superintendent of Schools (the “Superintendent”) is authorized to accept the proposal of Gorham Leasing (“Lessor”), to provide tax-exempt lease purchase financing for installation of a new propane boiler system at Harrison Elementary School, including removal of old equipment and installation of 3 new boilers (the “Equipment”) in the principal amount of \$143,213.00 at an interest rate of 4.17% for a term of 10 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 Lessor, or its nominee, in the name and on behalf of Maine School Administrative District No. 17 (the “District”) for a new propane boiler system at Harrison Elementary School, with an aggregate purchase price of \$143,213.00, 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;**

**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 \$143,213.00, and further that an**

attested copy of this declaration of official intent be kept in the permanent records of the District; and

A true copy, attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- B. Mr. Jewell made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lisowski and voted unanimously in favor to enter into executive session at 8:05 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 8:30 p.m.
- C. Mr. Patrie 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.
- D. Mr. Cole made the motion, seconded by Mr. Raymond and voted unanimously in favor to enter into executive session at 8:31 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 8:58 p.m.
- E. Ms. Andrews made the motion, seconded by Mr. Raymond 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. Jewell asked how adding student representatives to the Board that can vote is coming.

Superintendent Colpitts answered that the process is now with Principal Moccia who will recommend students.

Mr. Jewell encouraged Board members to be more involved with the MVR 11 Board. The Board members would like to see the grades of students included in expulsion packets.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Colpitts  
Superintendent of School