

April 8, 2019
South Paris, Maine

A regular meeting of the M.S.A.D. #17 Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, April 8, 2019 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, Bob Jewell, Ron Kugell, Kathy Laplante, Al Lisowski, Diana Olsen, Sarah Otterson, Henry Raymond, Troy Ripley, Gary Smith, Donald Ware and Lewis Williams. Board members absent were Judy Green (exc.), Kristin Roy (exc.), Barry Patrie (exc.), Elizabeth Swift (exc.) and William Rolfe. Also present were Paul Bickford, Cathy Coffey, Dean Dillingham, Emily Eastman, Emily Ellis, Melanie Ellsworth, Patrick Hartnett, Debra Hertell, Heather Manchester, Ted Moccia, Jane Morse, Lori Pacholski, 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.

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

Curriculum Committee: Dr. Ware reported that the Committee met before tonight's Board meeting and discussed late start.

Budget Committee: Mr. Jewell reported that the Committee has finished work on next year's budget and will have a recommendation.

Strategic Planning Committee: Mr. Cash reported on the Committee.

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

6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

1. Administrative Updates:

Mr. Bickford and Mr. Moccia gave administrative updates.

Congratulations to March Students of the Month:

**Andrew Perrin – Grade 9
Jesse Leonard – Grade 11**

**Stella Shaw – Grade 10
Annie Choi – Grade 12**

Mr. Colpitts recognized Scott Graffam and Jane Turner for their many years of dedicated service to the District on their retirements.

7. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Dr. Ware made the motion, seconded by Mr. Jewell and voted unanimously in favor to add Supplemental Agenda item 11.F to the regular Board agenda.

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- A. To approve the Superintendent's nomination of Melanie Churchill as 38 Week Night Custodian at Oxford Hill Middle School North Campus.**
- B. To approve a field trip for Oxford Elementary School Grade 6 students to Boston, Massachusetts to participate in STEM Day at Fenway Park and see a Red Sox game.**
- C. To approve the following stipend nominations for Spring 2019:**

**Jaidyn Rice
Larry Cousins**

**OHMS Assistant Cheer Coach
OHMS Intramural Golf Coach/Instructor**

9. ACTION ON MINUTES:

- A. Mr. Lisowski made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews and voted 15 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstentions to approve the March 18, 2019 regular Board meeting minutes.**

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Tobacco Prevention Coordinator, Emily Eastman from Healthy Oxford Hills presented on vaping.**
- B. Mr. Williams made the motion, seconded by Mr. Ripley and voted unanimously in favor to award the Paper Bid to W.B. Mason at a cost of \$26.81 per case, total cost of \$22,520.40.**

C. Superintendent Colpitts and Business Manager Cathy Coffey presented on the proposed FY 20 budget.

Ms. Andrews made the motion, seconded by Mr. Jewel and voted unanimously in favor to move item 11.F before item 11.D.

F. Ms. Cordwell made the motion, seconded by Mr. Jewell and voted unanimously in favor to award the bid to replace the dishwasher at Guy E. Rowe Elementary School to C. Caprara at a cost of \$8,833.

D. Mr. Lisowski made the motion, seconded by Mr. Jewell and voted unanimously in favor to enter into executive session at 8:30 p.m., in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(B), to conduct a readmission hearing. The Board left executive session at 8:46 p.m.

E. Dr. Ware made the motion, seconded by Mr. Raymond and voted unanimously in favor to readmit a student.

12. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:

Budget comments:

Ms. Andrews asked what was in the District's Capital Reserve Fund.

Mr. Colpitts stated that the amount is \$386,000.

Ms. Andrews would like to see this applied to the Performance Contract.

Mr. Williams would like to keep the Capital Reserve intact.

Mr. Ripley would like to know the number of special education students and the dollar amount spent per student. Also what the obligation of the taxpayers is to have to pay for something not mandated by the state.

Mr. Cole would appreciate feedback from the Board at the next Budget meeting.

Other questions/comments:

Ms. Andrews and Mr. Cole have volunteered to speak with Senator Hamper at the State House regarding the District.

Ms. Andrews suggested forming an exploratory committee to approach consolidation of schools.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Richard Colpitts
Superintendent of School**