

January 22, 2019  
South Paris, Maine

A regular meeting of the M.S.A.D. #17 Board of Directors was held on Tuesday evening, January 22, 2019 at 232 Main Street, South Paris, Maine, with the following members in attendance: Natalie Andrews, Jared Cash, Curtis Cole, Stacia Cordwell, Stephen Cummings, Judy Green, Bob Jewell, Ron Kugell, Kathy Laplante, Diana Olsen, Sarah Otterson, Barry Patrie, Henry Raymond, Troy Ripley, William Rolfe, Gary Smith, Donald Ware and Lewis Williams. Board members absent were David Dunn (exc.), Al Lisowski (exc.), Kristin Roy (exc.) and Elizabeth Swift (exc.). Also present were Paul Bickford, Tina Christophersen, Cathy Coffey, Margaret Emery, Daniel Hart, Patrick Hartnett, Debra Hertell, Tiffany Karnes, Heather Manchester, Ted Moccia, Jane Morse, Lori Pacholski, Student Representative Catrina Wilson, 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 reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter has ended and the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester began today. The Tech Challenge is taking place at the High School tonight.

**Policy Committee:** Mr. Williams reported that the Committee met before tonight's Board meeting.

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

6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

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

Congratulations to January Students of the month:

Grade 09 – Cheyanne Hill

Grade 10 – Isabelle Spofford

Grade 11 – Sybil Biter

Grade 12 – Rylee Hart

Congratulations to Taylor Nicholas on earning her Master of Science Degree in Education from University of Southern Maine. Ms. Nicholas is a Grade 4 Teacher at Oxford Elementary School.

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

**8. CONSENT AGENDA:**

Ms. Green made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews and voted unanimously in favor to approve the following:

**A. The following coaching stipends for the winter 2018-2019 season:**

OHCHS Girls' Freshman Basketball Coach	Crystal West
OHCHS Girls' Indoor Track Head Coach	Darren Bantz
OHCHS Alpine Ski Assistant Head Coach	Heather Van Decker
OHMS Alpine Ski Head Coach	Colleen Winslow

**9. ACTION ON MINUTES:**

**A. Mr. Patrie made the motion, seconded by Mr. Smith and voted 14 in favor, 0 opposed and 4 abstention to approve the January 7, 2019 regular Board meeting minutes with one correction. Item 14 should read "The Board immediately convened in a workshop session focused around student assessment data" instead of "date".**

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

**11. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Mr. Jewell made the motion, seconded by Ms. Cordwell and voted unanimously in favor to extend the Wednesday schedule by 1 hour from February 6, 2019 through the end of the school year to make up 3 snow days.**

**B. Superintendent Colpitts updated the Board on the District's progress toward the goals established in the District's Strategic Plan.**

**C. Mr. Kugell made the motion, seconded by Mr. Raymond and voted unanimously in favor to create a Special Education Teacher position (Autism/Life Skills) at Paris Elementary School to be funded through Contingency. Mr. Ripley made a motion to amend the motion to include the wording: To bring the District into compliance with Chapter 101. Mr. Jewell made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews and voted unanimously in favor to approve the amended motion.**

**12. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:**

Ms. Laplante commented that she hoped all directors had a chance to read the article about South Portland school High School dropping proficiency-based grading.

Mr. Rolfe asked if it were possible to receive information on teacher turnover for the last 5 years. Dr. Hartnett will get this to the Board.  
It was requested that upcoming bills from the state be included in the Board packet and that a Legislative Committee be created for the sole purpose of looking at these bills.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Colpitts  
Superintendent of School