

July 15, 2019
South Paris, Maine

A regular meeting of the M.S.A.D. #17 Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, July 15, 2019 at 232 Main Street, South Paris, Maine, with the following members in attendance: Natalie Andrews, Scott Buffington, Jared Cash, Curtis Cole, Stacia Cordwell, David Dunn, Amanda Fearon, Judy Green, Ron Kugell, Kathy Laplante, Al Lisowski, Diana Olsen, Sarah Otterson, Barry Patrie, Henry Raymond, Troy Ripley, William Rolfe, Kristin Roy and Gary Smith. Board members absent: Stephen Cummings (exc.), Christopher Miller and Lewis Williams. Also present were Cathy Coffey, Dean Dillingham, Melanie Ellsworth, Patrick Hartnett, Debra Hertell, Douglas Kilmister, Heather Manchester, Jan Neureuther, Dee Menear from the Sun Journal, Dylan Mills from NPCTV and Superintendent 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.

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

Policy Committee: Ms. Green reported that the Committee met before tonight's Board meeting.

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

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

6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Mr. Douglas Kilmister, newly hired Principal of Guy E. Rowe Elementary School and newly hired Special Services Director Jan Neureuther were introduced and welcomed.

Melanie Ellsworth, ESSA Coordinator, reported that the application for FY '20 is being written now. It will be open for public comment from July 26th through August 3rd. A summary will be posted on the MSAD #17 Website and the District Facebook page. More detailed information will be available by contacting her at Central Office. Board input and input from the general public is welcome.

7. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

A. The following appointments:

Cory McCullough	Social Studies Teacher, OHCHS
Victoria Wright	Grade 3 Teacher, Hebron Station School
Meredith Day	Food Service Assistant, Paris Elementary
Crystal Strout	Grade 4 Teacher, Guy E. Rowe Elementary
Makayla Norcross	Grade 4 Teacher, Paris Elementary School
Bonnie Spencer	Elementary Guidance Counselor
Dorene Randolph	Educational Technician III, WMRPCE
Nancy Kenneally	Functional Life Skills Teacher, OHCHS
Terri Breton	Functional Life Skills/Autism Teacher, Paris
Beth Woodhead	Educational Technician III, WMRPCE
Kari Everett	Food Service Assistant, OHMS North Campus
Corey Bouchard	Technology Support Specialist, OHCHS
Susan LeBlond	Math Teacher, OHCHS
Kelsey Wilcox	Social Worker, Paris Elementary

B. The following lead teacher stipends for FY 2020:

Jennifer Stevens	Waterford Memorial School
Robert Ripley	Harrison Elementary School

9. ACTION ON MINUTES:

A. Mr. Smith made the motion, seconded by Mr. Rolfe and voted 17 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstentions to approve the June 17, 2019 regular Board Meeting minutes.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

11. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Board Directors Stacia Cordwell and Curtis Cole reported on the MSMA conference that they attended entitled School Boards in Crisis.

B. Ms. Andrews made the motion, seconded by Mr. Rolfe to nominate Kathy Laplante as Board Chair. Ms. Cordwell made the motion, seconded by Ms.

Otterson to nominate Diana Olsen as Board Chair. A motion was made and seconded to cease nominations and call for a vote. A motion was made by Mr. Rolfe and seconded by Ms. Andrews to conduct the vote by written ballot.

The Board then voted by weighted vote to elect a chair.

Diana Olsen was elected Board Chair with 554 votes to 317 votes for Kathy Laplante.

- C. Mr. Kugell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lisowski to nominate Mr. Cole as Board Vice Chair. Ms. Andrews made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rolfe to nominate Kathy Laplante as Vice Chair. A motion was made and seconded to cease nominations and call for a written ballot.
The Board then voted by weighted vote to elect a Vice Chair.
Curtis Cole was elected Vice Chair with 588 votes to 283 voted for Kathy Laplante.
- D. Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cordwell to nominate the current Finance Committee members Barry Patrie, Al Lisowski, Lewis Williams, Board Chair Diana Olsen and new member Natalie Andrews to the Finance Committee. The motion passed by a unanimous vote in favor.
- E. Ms. Green made the motion, seconded by Ms. Cordwell and voted unanimously in favor to appoint Debra Hertell as the Voter Registration Clerk for District meetings.
- F. Mr. Kugell made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lisowski and voted unanimously in favor to award the bid for a Wide Area Mower/Snow blower to Hall Implements for a John Deere at a cost of \$34,105.14.
- G. Mr. Smith made the motion, seconded by Mr. Ripley and voted unanimously in favor to create a secretary position at the bus garage to replace the current, vacant Office Assistant/Dispatcher/Driver position.
- H. Mr. Kugell made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews and voted unanimously in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Brian Desilets as principal of Oxford Hills Middle School.
- I. Mr. Dunn made the motion, seconded by Ms. Green and voted unanimously in favor to approve the creation of an additional Kindergarten teaching position at Guy E. Rowe Elementary School to be funded out of contingency funds.
- J. Ms. Cordwell made the motion, seconded by Mr. Patrie and voted unanimously in favor to enter executive session at 7:55 p.m. (pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D) to discuss negotiations between the Oxford Hills School District Board of Directors and the Oxford Hills School District Supervisors. The Board left executive session at 8:12 p.m.

K. Mr. Patrie made the motion, seconded by Mr. Ripley and voted unanimously in favor to approve the Oxford Hills School District Supervisors Contract as recommended by the Negotiations Committee.

12. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:

Curriculum Committee is moving forward with proficiency based learning.

Ms. Laplante made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews and voted unanimously to withdraw entering executive Session (pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §4045(6)(A) to discuss a personnel matter.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Richard Colpitts
Superintendent of Schools**