

November 18, 2019
South Paris, Maine

A regular meeting of the M.S.A.D. #17 Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, November 4, 2019 at 232 Main Street, South Paris, Maine, with the following members in attendance: Natalie Andrews, Scott Buffington, Curtis Cole, Stacia Cordwell, David Dunn, Amanda Fearon, Ron Kugell, Kathy Laplante, Al Lisowski, Christopher Miller, Diana Olsen, Sarah Otterson, Barry Patrie, Troy Ripley, Kristin Roy, Gary Smith and Lewis Williams. Board members absent: Jared Cash (exc.), Stephen Cummings (exc.), Judy Green (exc.), Henry Raymond (exc.) and William Rolfe. Also present were Debra Hertell, Ted Moccia, Nicole Carter from the Advertiser Democrat, 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:**

Policy Committee: Ms. Andrews reported that the Committee met before tonight's Board meeting and discussed item 11.A.

Operations Committee: Mr. Williams reported that the Committee met before tonight's Board meeting with the Finance Committee and discussed the Otisfield boiler, Request for Qualifications for Energy Services and the Paper bid.

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

6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

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

8. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

9. **ACTION ON MINUTES:**

A. Ms. Cordwell made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews and voted 15 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstentions to approve the November 4, 2019 regular Board Meeting minutes.

Mr. Patrie made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews and voted unanimously in favor to move item 11. New Business before Item 10. Unfinished Business.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Mr. Ripley made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lisowski and voted unanimously in favor to approve the second and final reading of the following policies:

GBEB	Staff Conduct With Students
JEA	Compulsory Attendance
JHB	Truancy
ACAD	Student Hazing
JLCB	Immunization of Students

B. Mr. Patrie made the motion, seconded by Ms. Cordwell and voted unanimously in favor to award the paper bid to W. B. Mason at a cost of \$23.87/case (\$20,050.80).

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Mr. Patrie made the motion, seconded by Mr. Dunn and voted unanimously in favor to enter executive session at 7:06 p.m. in accordance with

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M.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 7:30 p.m.

B. Mr. Patrie made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews 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:

Ms. Otterson shared that she listened to Maine Calling on Maine Public Radio and heard a DOE spokesperson describe how the state is seeking to redefine success to be more than an isolated test score.

Ms. Laplante appreciated the quick response by the Curriculum Committee to a recent curriculum concern.

Mr. Ripley expressed an interest to changing the school calendar to spread out the school days over a longer period of time to reduce learning gaps.

Ms. Roy expressed an interest in including administrative feedback on the Superintendent's performance.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Richard Colpitts
Superintendent of Schools**