

August 17, 2020
South Paris, Maine

A regular meeting of the M.S.A.D. #17 Board of Directors was held on Tuesday evening, August 17, 2020 at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Forum, South Paris with the following members in attendance: Natalie Andrews, Scott Buffington, Jared Cash, Curtis Cole, Stacia Cordwell, Stephen Cummings, David Dunn, Amanda Fearon, Judy Green, Bob Jewell, Ron Kugell, Kathy Laplante, Al Lisowski, Christopher Miller, Diana Olsen, Sarah Otterson, Barry Patrie, Troy Ripley, William Rolfe, Kristin Roy, Gary Smith and Lewis Williams. Attending remotely: Melanie Ellsworth, Margaret Emery and Patrick Hartnett Also present were Tina Christophersen, Elizabeth Clarke, Brian Desilets, Robin Foster, Melanie Ellsworth, Debra Hertell, Heather Manchester, Meggan McPhail, Ted Moccia, Jan Neureuther, Nancy Norcross, Pat Prange, Lori Pacholski, Jessika Sheldrick, Nicole Carter from the Advertiser Democrat, Wendy Flanders 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:** Robin Foster, Waterford Memorial School Secretary addressed the Board concerning Item 10.A., creating four Administrative Assistant Positions. Please see attached concerns.
5. **REPORTS:**
 - Curriculum Committee:** Ms. Otterson reported on the Committee.
 - Finance Committee:** Mr. Patrie reported on the Committee.
6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**
7. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** In response to Mr. Jewell's question during the July 20, 2020 Board meeting concerning the election of the Chair, the Chair offered the following statement: "The Board creates its own policies and interprets those policies. All new board members were seated at the time of the election of the chair and that is the intent of the policy. A majority of the board does not see this as a violation of the policy in that they voted in favor of naming a chair. However, I do not want this Chair's election muddied by innuendo. I will place an agenda item on the board meeting following the last town meeting to elect a chair. I will announce now that I continue to be interested in the position and should I be nominated will accept. Other nominations would be welcome. In the meantime, I am willing to serve as the interim board Chair if someone would support the nomination."

Board Director, Mr. Bob Jewell answered that he is not interested in the Board Chair position and would not accept it if nominated. His interest is only in following Board policy because both Norway and Paris were holding their last regular town meeting on the same night as the election for the Board Chair was taking place, the vote taken for the Chair, therefore, is in direct conflict with policy BDB.

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

A. To approve the following appointments:

Justine Grandmison	Grade 2 Teacher at Oxford Elementary
Jennifer Johnson	Social Studies Teacher at OHCHS
Joseph Bailey	Guidance Counselor at OHCHS
Samantha Geer	Grade 3 Teacher at Harrison Elementary
Jenifer Adams	Educational Technician II at OHCHS
Andrea Gauthier	Educational Technician II at Paris
Jessica Paine	Educational Technician I at OHCHS
Sarah Phinney	Educational Technician I at Paris Elem.
Elizabeth Cormier	Educational Technician I at OHCHS
Stacy Tibbetts	Elementary Physical Education Teacher
Amanda Ilsley	Educational Technician I at Guy E. Rowe
Lori Brown	Educational Technician at Paris Elementary
Cassandra Harmon	Grade 2 Teacher at Oxford Elementary
Jason Henry	District Technology Support Specialist
David Kilborn	Elementary Physical Education Teacher

B. To approve the following stipend positions for FY 2020-2021:

Senior Class Advisor	Torrey Poland & Brandy Moore
Junior Class Advisors	Craig Blanchard & Sasha Rancourt-Thomas
Sophomore Class Advisor	Jeni Jordan & Jayne Polvinen-Bristol
Band and Orchestra Director	Kyle Jordan
Choral Director	Dennis Boyd
Drama Club	Andy Turner
Interact Club Advisor	Tina Fox
Key Club	Dennis Boyd
National Honor Society	Torrey Poland
Student Council	Erinkate Morrison and Ian Truman

Varsity Math Team Coach
Assistant Math Team Coach
Yearbook Advisor
Yearbook Business Manager

Allen Gerry
Steve Buttner
Ian Truman
Ian Truman

Department

English
Math
Science
Social Studies
Special Education
World Languages

Leaders

Brewster Burns
Nate Pelletier
Mike Morrell
John Pinto
Brandy Moore
Anne Smith

9. ACTION ON MINUTES:

- A. Mr. Williams made the motion, seconded by Mr. Rolfe to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Jewell and seconded by Mr. Rolfe and voted 8 in favor, 5 opposed and 6 abstentions to amend the July 20 minutes to include more additional comments to #12 Questions/Comments From the Board to the minutes. The amended motion passed 12 in favor, 0 opposed and 6 abstentions.**

NOTE: Additional comments will be added to the July 17, 2020 Board minutes.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Mr. Williams made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cummings and voted 9 in favor, 10 opposed and 0 abstentions to create four Administration Assistant positions and eliminate four secretary positions. The motion failed.**

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Director of Curriculum Heather Manchester and Assistant Superintendent Patrick Hartnett presented on the School Reopening Plan.**
- B. Mr. Patrie made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews, to approve the District's School Reopening Plans. A motion was made by Mr. Jewell and seconded by Mr. Patrie to amend the motion to exclude sports from the plan, and voted 13 in favor, 1 opposed and 2 abstentions to approve the motion. The amended motion was passed with 16 in favor, 2 opposed and 1 abstention.**

- C. Mr. Williams made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews and voted unanimously in favor to approve revisions to the District's School Calendar.
- D. Mr. Williams made the motion, seconded by Ms. Green and voted unanimously in favor to approve opting out of the "Breakfast After the Bell" law at OHMS, Harrison, West Paris, Oxford and Rowe schools due to logistical constraints.
- E. Mr. Rolfe made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews and voted unanimously in favor to enter into executive session at 9:28 p.m. in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(B), to conduct a readmission hearing?
The Board left executive session at 9:33 p.m.
- F. There was no action on this item.

12. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD.

Mr. Rolfe recognized Bob Bahre's passing and requested that the Board send a letter to the family and include a copy in the next Board packet.

Mr. Jewell commented that he would like the cost of school lunches to be looked at.

Mr. Colpitts said that the District gets higher reimbursement for lower income/poverty level families. The District is locked into A Federal Program with a set amount to charge for meals.

Mr. Jewell requested that the DM Study Group be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard Colpitts

Superintendent of Schools