

February 3, 2020  
South Paris, Maine

A regular meeting of the M.S.A.D. #17 Board of Directors was held on Tuesday evening, February 3, 2020 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, Judy Green, Kathy Laplante, Al Lisowski, Christopher Miller, Diana Olsen, Sarah Otterson, Barry Patrie, Henry Raymond, William Rolfe, Kristin Roy and Gary Smith. Board members absent: Jared Cash (exc.), Stephen Cummings (exc.), Ronald Kugell (exc.), Troy Ripley (exc.) and Lewis Williams. Also present were Mary Buzzard, Gabby Beaudoin, Tina Christophersen, Cathy Coffey, Caitlin Dailey, Brian Desilets, Kim Desjardins, Melanie Ellsworth, Margaret Emery, Wendy Flanders, Bailey Graffam, Shaelyn Hanscom, Patrick Hartnett, Debra Hertell, Tiana James, Tiffany Karnes, Douglas Kilmister, Maine Commissioner of Education Pender Makin, Heather Manchester, Nathan Merrill, Ted Moccia, Sam Morton, Fynn Moxcey, Lori Pacholski, Marissa Paine, Nate Plourde, Robert Ripley, Rebecca Schaff, Jessika Sheldrick, Cynthia Wescott, Student Representative Catrina Wilson, Nicole Carter from the Advertiser Democrat, Peter Morton from NPCTV and Superintendent Richard Colpitts.

The Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School String Quartet performed for the Board.

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 second semester has officially started and this week is the last week to add/drop classes. Spirit week is this coming week and Winter Carnival is on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Barbara Maguire, Head Custodian at Otisfield Community School, was recognized for her 21 years of service to the District. She will retire at the end of this school year.

Congratulations to February Students of the Month:

Grade 9 – Caroline Sheets	Grade 10 – Keegan Meserve
Grade 11 – Courtney Hinkley	Grade 12 – Shaelyn Hanscom

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

**8. CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- A. To approve the Superintendent's recommendation of Tammy Kilgore as 38Wk/2<sup>nd</sup>Shift Custodian at Oxford Elementary School.
- B. To approve a three day, two night learning experience field trip to the Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center for Paris Elementary, Grade 5 students from Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> – Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**9. ACTION ON MINUTES:**

- A. Mr. Lisowski made the motion, seconded by Ms. Cordwell and voted 16 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention to approve the January 21, 2020 regular Board Meeting minutes with one correction of Curtis Cole being present not absent.

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

**11. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Commissioner Pender Makin conversed with the Board regarding State Testing and the Education Department's Vision.
- B. Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School students presented concerning a student proposed policy change.
- C. Mr. Patrie made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews and voted 14 in favor, 3 opposed and 0 abstentions to approve the first reading of the following policy:  

**JICA                  Student Dress**
- D. Mr. Patrie made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews and voted 16 in favor, 1 opposed and 0 abstentions to approve the second and final reading of the following Policy:  

**JICD                  Student Protests and Walk-outs**
- E. District Literacy and Math Coaches presented on the role of an instructional coach.

**F. Mr. Patrie made the motion, seconded by Ms. Green and voted unanimously in favor to approve the motion entitled “Vote to Select Energy Services Company” to be adopted in the form presented to this meeting.**

**The School Board of Maine School Administrative District No. 17 (the “District”) votes as follows:**

**That, pursuant to 20-A M.R.S. § 15915, the School Board selects Siemens Industry, Inc. and its affiliates (“Siemens”) as the energy services company to provide energy conservation and related air quality improvements to District schools and facilities in one or more project phases. The total contract cost of all project phases under this selection shall not exceed the \$10,000,000 limitation in section 15915 (or any lesser limitation that may be subsequently enacted). No contract with Siemens under this section shall be executed after February 3, 2030. The Superintendent is authorized to arrange for Siemens to conduct preliminary work, including investment grade audits, to develop and recommend one or more performance contract projects or project phases for the District’s consideration, selection and approval, with or without modification, to conserve energy and improve air quality at District schools and facilities, and any such prior action is ratified and confirmed.**

**G. Ms. Laplante made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews to create four Administrative Assistant positions and eliminate four secretary positions, Mr. Buffington made the motion, seconded by Ms. Cordwell to table this item for more consideration. This motion was approved with 10 in favor and 6 opposed. The item is tabled.**

**Mr. Patrie made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews and voted unanimously in favor to add Supplemental Agenda Item 11.M to the regular Board agenda before item 11.H.**

**M. Mr. Patrie made the motion, seconded by Mr. Rolfe and voted unanimously in favor to approve the second and final reading of the Cooperative Agreement for the Oxford Hills Technical School, Maine Vocational Region #11.**

**H. Mr. Patrie made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews and voted unanimously in favor to enter into executive session at 8:56 p.m., in accordance with 1M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(B), to conduct a readmission hearing. The Board left Executive Session at 9:09 p.m.**

**I. Mr. Dunn made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews and voted unanimously in favor to readmit a student to the Oxford Hills School District.**

**J. Mr. Dunn made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews and voted unanimously in favor to enter into executive session at 9:11 p.m., in accordance with 1M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(B), to conduct a readmission hearing. The Board left Executive Session at 9:27 p.m.**

**K. Mr. Patrie made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews and voted unanimously in favor to readmit a student to the Oxford Hills School District.**

**L. Ms. Andrews made the motion, seconded by Mr. Dunn and voted unanimously in favor of deferring item 11.L until the next regular Board meeting.**

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

**Ms. Roy asked if it were necessary for Board directors to keep their copies of Board packets.**

**Superintendent Colpitts said that there are official permanent records of each Board meeting so it is not necessary.**

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

**The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Richard Colpitts  
Superintendent of Schools**