

July 20, 2020  
South Paris, Maine

A regular meeting of the M.S.A.D. #17 Board of Directors was held on Tuesday evening, July 20, 2020 at Paris Elementary School, 4 Hathaway Road, South Paris, Maine, with the following members in attendance: Natalie Andrews, Scott Buffington, Curtis Cole, Stacia Cordwell, Amanda Fearon, Judy Green, Bob Jewell, Ron Kugell, Al Lisowski, Christopher Miller, Diana Olsen, Sarah Otterson, Troy Ripley, William Rolfe, Kristin Roy, Gary Smith and Lewis Williams. Board members absent: Jared Cash, Stephen Cummings, Kathy Laplante (exc.) and Barry Patrie (exc.). Also present were Tina Christophersen, Elizabeth Clarke, Dean Dillingham, Melanie Ellsworth, Patrick Hartnett, Debra Hertell, Douglas Kilmister, Heather Manchester, Jan Neureuther, Lori Pacholski, Nicole Carter from the Advertiser Democrat 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:**  
  
**Negotiations:**  
  
**Curriculum Committee:** Ms. Green reported on the Committee.
6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**
7. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None
8. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

A. To approve the following appointments:

Sara Groves	Librarian, OHMS
Sam Haverinen	Health Teacher, OHCHS
Caroline Leonard	Resource Room Teacher, Oxford
Sean Coriaty	District Behavior Analyst
Stephanie Macisso	Grade 5 Teacher, Guy E. Rowe
Heather Heath	Resource Room Teacher, Guy E. Rowe

Cynthia Morgan  
Kaylyn Labonte  
Jacob Noyes

LCSW Day Treatment Program, OHMS  
Science Teacher, OHCHS  
Head Custodian, Paris Elementary

- B. To accept a donation in the amount of \$500 from Good Shepherd and a \$1,000 donation from Modern Woodmen to purchase food and toiletries for the families of the Agnes Gray Elementary School.
- C. To accept an anonymous donation of \$5,500 to support the purchase of outdoor learning equipment and supplies at Oxford Elementary School.
- D. To approve 2 anonymous donations of \$11,000 each to go toward the Otisfield Community School playground.

9. **ACTION ON MINUTES:**

- A. MS. Green made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews and voted 14 in favor, 0 opposed and 3 abstentions to approve the June 8, 2020 regular Board Meeting minutes.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Superintendent Colpitts shared the results of a recent family survey concerning reopening school and reviewed operational changes to “In-Person” learning.
- B. Ms. Cordwell made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews to nominate Diana Olsen as Board Chair. A motion was made and seconded to cease nominations and call for a vote. This motion was withdrawn. Mr. Buffington made the motion, seconded by Mr. Ripley to nominate Bob Jewell as Board Chair. A motion was made and seconded to cease nominations and call for a vote. A motion was made and seconded 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 208 votes for Bob Jewell.
- C. Mr. Williams made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews and voted unanimously in favor to elect Curtis Cole as Vice Chair of the Board.
- D. Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews to nominate the current Finance Committee members Barry Patrie, Lewis Williams, Board Chair Diana Olsen and new member Bob Jewell to the Finance Committee. The motion passed by a unanimous vote in favor.
- E. Ms. Cordwell made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews and voted unanimously in favor to appoint Debra Hertell as the Voter Registration Clerk for District meetings.

**F. MS. Cordwell made the motion, seconded by Ms. Green and voted unanimously in favor to approve the resolution entitled, “Resolution to Authorize Lease Purchase of Technology and Science Equipment in the Principal Amount of \$410,194.85,” be adopted in form presented to this meeting.**

**Resolution to Authorize Lease Purchase of Technology and Science Equipment in the Principal Amount of \$410,194.85**

**The School Board of Maine School Administrative District No. 17 hereby resolves as follows:**

**That Superintendent of Schools (the “Superintendent”) and Business Manager, acting singly, are authorized to accept the proposal of Androscoggin Bank (the “Lessor”), to provide tax-exempt lease purchase financing for (i) computers and photocopiers, including peripherals, accessories, and software; and (ii) science classroom equipment (collectively, the “Equipment”) with an aggregate purchase price of \$410,194.85 at an interest rate of 1.70% for a term of approximately two (2) years (3 annual payments), and any prior acceptance by the Superintendent or Business Manager is hereby ratified and confirmed;**

**That under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 20-A M.R.S. sections 1001 and 1055, the Superintendent is authorized to execute and deliver a lease purchase agreement with Lessor, or its nominee, in the name and on**

**behalf of Maine School Administrative District No. 17 (the “District”) for the Equipment, in the principal amount of \$410,194.85, in such form and on such terms not inconsistent herewith as the Superintendent may approve (the “Lease”);**

**That that (i) no part of the proceeds of the Lease shall be used, directly or indirectly, to acquire any securities and obligations, the acquisition of which would cause the Lease to be an “arbitrage bond” within the meaning of Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the “Code”), and (ii) the proceeds of the Lease and the Equipment financed by the Lease shall not be used in a manner that would cause the Lease to be a “private activity bond” within the meaning of Section 141 of the Code;**

**That the Superintendent is authorized to designate the Lease as a qualified tax-exempt obligation within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of said Code;**

**That the Superintendent is authorized to covenant on behalf of the District to file any information report and pay any rebate due to the United States in connection with the issuance of the Lease, and to take all other lawful actions necessary to ensure the interest portion of the rental payments under and pursuant to the Lease will be excludable from the gross income of the owners thereof for purposes of federal income taxation and to refrain from taking any action which would cause such interest portion of the rental payments to become includable in the gross income of the owners thereof;**

**That the appropriate officials of the District are authorized to execute and deliver such other documents and certificates as may be required in connection with the Lease;**

**That the District hereby resolves and declares its official intent pursuant to Section 1.150-2(e) of the Treasury Regulations that the District reasonably expects to use the proceeds of the Lease to reimburse certain original expenditures from the RSU's general or other fund, paid not earlier than 60 days prior to adoption of this Resolution or to be paid, which original expenditures have been or will be incurred in connection with costs of the Equipment; and that the District reasonably expects that the maximum principal amount that the District will issue to finance the Equipment is \$410,194.85; and**

**That an attested copy of this Resolution be filed with the minutes of this meeting.**

**A true copy as adopted by a majority of the School Board, attest:**

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**Richard Colpitts, Secretary**

**G. Ms. Green made the motion, seconded by Mr. Rolfe and voted unanimously in favor to approve the following:**

**VOTED: That the Computation and Declaration of Votes dated July 14, 2020 and attached thereto, be and it is hereby approved:**

**FURTHUR VOTED: That the Computation and Declaration of Votes be entered upon the records of School Administrative District No. 17;**

**FURTHUR VOTED: That a certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes be sent to each of the Town Clerks within the District.**

**H. The Board signed the assessments.**

**I. Mr. Jewell made the motion, seconded by Ms. Cordwell and voted 0 in favor, 17 opposed and no abstentions to declare the West Paris Board seat held by William Rolfe vacant as outlined in Policy BBD – “Board Declared Vacancy Caused by Absenteeism.**

**J. Mr. Smith made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lisowski and voted unanimously in favor to enter into executive session at 8:47 p.m. pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (D) to discuss negotiation with Oxford Hills Educational Secretaries.  
The Board left executive session at 9:16 p.m.**

**K. Mr. Ripley made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lisowski and voted unanimously in favor to approve the agreement between the MSAD 17 Board of Directors and the Oxford hills Educational Secretaries Association.**

**L. Mr. Williams made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lisowski and voted unanimously in favor to enter into executive session at 9:19 pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405(D) to discuss Executive Administrator wages.  
The Board left executive session at 9:22 p.m.**

**M. Mr. Williams made the motion, seconded by Mr. Smith and voted 16 in favor, 1 opposed and 0 abstentions to approve the wage increases for the following Executive Administrators:**

**Dr. Patrick Hartnett  
Heather Manchester  
Jan Neureuther  
Cathy Coffey**

**Assistant Superintendent  
Curriculum Coordinator  
Special Services Director  
Business Manager**

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

**Ms. Green expressed appreciation to the Board members for wearing masks.**

**Mr. Jewell requested that the Board reconsider the Board Chair.**

**Ms. Roy questioned how students from poor backgrounds will access health care.**

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

**The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Richard Colpitts  
Superintendent of Schools**