

March 2, 2020
South Paris, Maine

A regular meeting of the M.S.A.D. #17 Board of Directors was held on Tuesday evening, March 2, 2020 at 232 Main Street, South Paris, Maine, with the following members in attendance: Natalie Andrews, Scott Buffington, Curtis Cole, Stacia Cordwell, Stephen Cummings, David Dunn, Amanda Fearon, Judy Green, Ron Kugell, Kathy Laplante, Diana Olsen, Sarah Otterson, Barry Patrie, Henry Raymond, Kristin Roy, Gary Smith and Lewis Williams. Board members absent: Jared Cash (exc.), Al Lisowski, Christopher Miller (exc.), Troy Ripley and William Rolfe. Also present were Laurie Catanese, Cathy Coffey, Brian Desilets, Dean Dillingham, Melanie Ellsworth, Shaelyn Hanscom, Patrick Hartnett, Debra Hertell, Tiana James, Tiffany Karnes, Heather Manchester, Ted Moccia, Jan Neureuther, Lori Pacholski, Marissa Paine, Tara Pelletier, John Springer, Jodi Truman, Student Representative Catrina Wilson, 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:** None
5. **REPORTS:**

Student Representative: Ms. Catrina Wilson reported that the high school girls basketball team has won the State Championship title.

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

Budget Committee: Mr. Patrie reported that the Committee will be meeting on Wednesdays from 5:00 until 7:00 through April 15th.

6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Ms. Manchester and Ms. Sheldrick gave administrative reports.

A letter is being sent out to staff this week concerning the Coronavirus. Next week a letter will go out to District families. The District has been monitoring the CDC website for updates and changes.

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

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Patrie made the motion, seconded by Mr. Dunn and voted unanimously in favor to approve the following with the exception of item B. which is tabled until the next regular Board meeting:

A. To approve the following spring coaching candidates:

OHCHS Volunteer Baseball Coach	Lance Bean
OHMS A Team Softball Coach	Janice Taylor
OHMS B Team Softball Coach	Kayleigh Knox

B. A field trip for OHCHS Team 3 Freshmen students to Boston Massachusetts on May 8, 2020.

C. To approve a field trip for OHCHS Interact Club students to the District Interact Conference in Dover, New Hampshire on March 21, 2020.

D. To accept a donation from Mary DeLano and Tom Tomczyk in the amount of \$1,000 to Guy E. Rowe Elementary School to help meet student needs.

E. To approve the Superintendent's nomination of Alexis Miranda as District Elementary Art Teacher.

F. To approve the Superintendent's recommendation of Debra Cote as Part Time Custodian at Central Office and the Streaked Mountain School.

9. ACTION ON MINUTES:

A. Mr. Smith made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews and voted 15 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstentions to approve the February 3, 2020 regular Board Meeting minutes.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

11. NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Laplante made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews to put the tabled item from the February 3, 2020 Board meeting "Item 11.G: To see if the Board will vote to create four Administrative Assistant positions and eliminate four secretary positions?" back on the table at this time. Mr. Williams made the motion, seconded by Mr. Patrie and voted unanimously in favor to table this item until the Board has finished negotiations with the secretarial unit.

- A. Mr. Cole made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cummings and voted unanimously in favor to approve the Wood Chip Bid to Thompson Enterprises for \$62.00 per ton for 3 years.**
- B. Mr. Dunn made the motion, seconded by Mr. Patrie and voted unanimously in favor to opt out of the CACFP After School Feeding Program.**
- C. Mr. Dunn made the motion, seconded by Mr. Patrie and voted 9 in favor, 7 opposed and 0 abstentions to approve the second and final reading of the following policy:**

JICA Student Dress

- D. Mr. Patrie made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cole and voted unanimously in favor to enter executive session at 7:49 p.m. in accordance with 1 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 8:17 p.m.**
- E. Mr. Patrie made the motion, seconded by Mr. Williams 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.**
- F. Ms. Andrews made the motion, seconded by Mr. Dunn and voted unanimously in favor to enter executive session at 8:19 p.m. in accordance with 1 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 8:39 p.m.**
- G. Mr. Williams made the motion, seconded by Mr. Raymond 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.**
- H. Ms. Smith made the motion, seconded by Ms. Cordwell and voted unanimously in favor to enter executive session at 8:41 p.m. in accordance with 1 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 9:12 p.m.**
- I. Mr. Dunn made the motion, seconded by Mr. Williams 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.**

- J. Mr. Smith made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews and voted unanimously in favor to enter executive session at 9:15 p.m. in accordance with 1 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 9:35 p.m.**
- K. Mr. Williams 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.**
- L. Mr. Williams made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews and voted unanimously in favor to enter executive session at 9:39 p.m. to discuss confidential matters related to students' records.**

Mr. Buffington made the motion, seconded by Ms. Roy and voted 8 in favor, 6 opposed to continue the conversation beyond 10:00 p.m.

The Board left executive session at 10:10 p.m.

12. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:

13. ADJOURNMENT:

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Richard Colpitts
Superintendent of Schools**