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Minutes
Machias School Committee
Wednesday, September 15, 2021
Machias Memorial High School
4:00 PM

Attendance: Teresa Saddler, Richard Shaw, William Weaver, Joleen Nicely, Calia Burke.

Others Present: Beth Wands, Kelly Davis, Gretchen Harrington, Nadine Preston, Darlene Megno, Jace Farris, Megan Johnson, Nicole Case, Sue Dow, Mitchell Look, Mary Maker, Bob Berta, Scott Porter.

I. Call to order at 4:00 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.

II. **Approval of the minutes of August 4, 2021.**

Motion by Joleen Nicely to approve the minutes of August 4, 2021.
Second: William Weaver; Vote: 5-0.

III. **Agenda Adjustments:**

Transportation Request as Agenda Item 10.

IV. **Public Comment:**

Members of the community addressed the School Committee regarding their concerns about the school not having a mask mandate at this time.

V. **Principals' Reports:**

RMG: Enclosed.

MMHS: Enclosed.

VI. **New Business:**

1. Teacher Nomination:

The Superintendent nominated David Olsen as a part-time teacher at Machias Memorial High School for the 2021/2022 school year.

Motion by Teresa Saddler to approve the Superintendent's nomination of David Olsen as a part-time teacher at Machias Memorial High

School for the 2021/2022 school year.
Second: William Weaver; Vote: 5-0.

2. Long Term Substitute Teacher Compensation:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the pay for regular substitutes had increased due to the minimum wage increasing but the long-term substitute pay had stayed the same. The Superintendent recommended increasing the long-term substitute pay to reflect the increase in minimum wage. The long term substitute pay will increase from \$125.00 per day to \$142.00 per day.

Motion by Teresa Saddler to approve the increase in the long-term substitute pay.
Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 5-0.

3. American Rescue Plan (ARP) ESSER III Fund Plan:

The Superintendent explained the ESSER III grant that the Principals had developed. The plan includes a ventilation project, improvements to the parking lot and additional staffing to help with student learning recovery. The Superintendent also explained that it is a grant requirement to gather input from stakeholders regarding the proposed plan with School Committee members being one of the stakeholder groups.

The School Committee reviewed the plan and were in agreement with the projects.

4. Surplus Property:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee of several pieces of outdated equipment that need to be put out to bid.

The School Committee agreed with putting the outdated equipment out to bid.

5. Updated Immunization Policy:

The Superintendent explained that the updated Immunization Policy is required by law.

Motion by Teresa Saddler to approve the updated Immunization Policy
Second: William Weaver; Vote: 4-1.

6. Remote Participation Policy:

The Superintendent explained that a Remote Participation Policy is required by law if School Committee members participate in a scheduled School Committee meeting in an emergency situation remotely. School Committees were able to participate in remote meetings during the period of time the state of emergency was in place.

Motion by Teresa Saddler to approve the Remote Participation Policy.
Second: William Weaver; Vote: 5-0.

7. State Renovation Fund Application:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that he is working on completing the application to submit to the Maine Department of Education for the State Renovation Fund for a roofing project at the Rose M. Gaffney School.

8. Campus Parking Plan Update:

The Superintendent distributed a preliminary design for a new campus parking plan.

9. Negotiations Planning:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that 21/22 is a negotiations year for support staff.

10. Transportation Request:

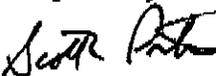
The Superintendent informed the School Committee of a request from students at Machias Memorial High School to drive their personal vehicles to the CTE center in Columbia.

The School Committee directed the Superintendent to consider transportation waivers on a case by case basis.

VII. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 4:41 p.m. by Richard Shaw.
Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott K. Porter
Superintendent of Schools
AOS 96
Machias Bay Area School System

9/15 Principals Report RMG

- 1. Enrollment 336**
- 2. Great start to the year**
- 3. Kaitlyn Roy- 2021-2022 Maine Jump\$tart Coalition Educator of the Year! teaching financial education**

She will receive an all-expense paid trip to the National Jumpstart Educators Conference in DC. In addition to the conference scholarship, you will also receive a \$500 financial education grant from Machias Savings Bank. The grant can be used for financial literacy initiatives at RMG s, including curriculum, games and other educational initiatives.

She will be formally recognized at the upcoming Fostering Financial Education in Maine Schools Conference in Augusta.

Her plan is to create a mobile financial literacy cart with activities that classroom teachers can sign out.

- 4. Donor's choose project completely funded:**

Mrs. Congelosi's "Clever Comforting Carpets" project which includes Solar System Materia and Maps.

Mrs. Bunker's "Germ Fighter Education"

Nadine Baker rec. 15 extra points for more free band instruments and also she also has been awarded the Music Grant Program 1.) provides funds for music teachers to use to enhance their school music education program, and 2.) serves the senior citizens of the local community.

MMHS Principal's Report September 15, 2021

Enrollment

- ◆ Continuing to work towards increased enrollment.
- ◆ "How do we continue to grow, but stay small?"
- ◆ Currently at 160.

Renovations

- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ JMG (Finished except appliances)

Grounds

- ◆ ESSER III plans for parking/paving
 - Positive Parent Feedback

Bid Items

- ◆ Craftsman 28" Snowblower
- ◆ Pottery Kiln
- ◆ PTO Mower for Tractor
- ◆ Rugs
- ◆ Green House
- ◆ Will Find More Items as We Clean Out

Upcoming

- ◆ Maintenance Plan - Work continues
- ◆ ESSER III