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**Minutes**  
**Machias School Committee**  
**Wednesday, January 8, 2020**  
**Superintendent's Office**  
**4:00 PM**

**Attendance:** Teresa Saddler, Richard Shaw, Carolyn Nadeau, Joleen Nicely.

**Others Present:** Joyce Fragale, Brian Leavitt, Mary Maker, Mitchell Look, Scott Porter.

**I.** Call to order at 3:58 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.

**II.** **Approval of the minutes of December 4, 2019.**

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the minutes of December 4, 2019.  
Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 4-0.

**III.** **Agenda Adjustments:** Agenda Item #1 moved to # 9.

**IV.** **Public Comment:** None.

**V.** **Principal's Report:**

RMG: Enclosed.

MMHS: Enclosed.

**VI.** **New Business:**

**1. Tuition Rates:**

The Superintendent reported that the 2019/2020 tuition rates have been released by the Maine Department of Education. The rate for Machias Memorial High School is \$11,271.62. The tuition rate for the Rose M. Gaffney School is \$7,050.00.

**2. School Lunch Program:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that he has been working with an attorney to continue the process of collecting unpaid lunch bills through small claims court.

**3. School Resource Officer Position:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that he is looking into the possibility of sharing a School Resource Officer with the University of Maine Machias.

**4. 2019/2020 Budget Update:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that an April 15, 2020 meeting with the Budget Committee has been scheduled.

**5. 2020/2021 Minimum Teacher Salary Implementation:**

The Superintendent explained the latest guidelines from the Maine Department of Education regarding the implementation of the minimum teacher salary law. The law requires school districts to pay a minimum of \$35,000.00 in 20/21, \$37,500.00 in 21/22 and \$40,000.00 in 22/23.

**6. 2019/2020 Workshops:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the AOS 96 Leadership Team is recommending that all AOS 96 schools participate in one half day workshop each month to complete the curriculum alignment process. The School Committee asked several questions and came to the conclusion it was reasonable to have one half day workshop each month for part of the school year.

**7. CTE Update:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that MSAD 37 has purchased the Columbia property and the project has been put out to bid. The renovations are expected to be completed in the spring of 2020.

**8. Legislative Update:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that he will be participating in an MSSA Legislative Committee meeting on Friday to review education related bills.

**9. Executive Session: Complaint Investigation: 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(A):**

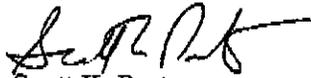
Motion to enter into Executive Session at 4:31 p.m. by Joleen Nicely.  
Second: Richard Shaw; Vote: 4-0.

Declared out of Executive Session by Teresa Saddler at 4:51 p.m.

**VII. Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn at 4:52 p.m. by Richard Shaw.  
Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott K. Porter

Superintendent of Schools

AOS 96

Machias Bay Area School System

## RMG PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

1/8/20

### Sports/Clubs

Basketball is back in progress after the holiday break! Our Bulldogs are doing a wonderful job representing RMG. We are proud of our student athletes who are required to maintain good academic standing while keeping up with practices and games!!!

Saturday Morning Basketball for students in Kindergarten, First, and Second grades has begun. Check out our digital calendar for games and practices, as well as other events: <http://localendar.com/public/RMGSchool>.

### Field Trips

8th graders recently visited UMM where the students from the recreation department presented them with the task of putting up a tent in teams. Dr. Kraus and her students hosted classes on plankton, bugs, fresh and salt water, and fish. Students also visited the "boneyard" where university students put (marine life) skeletons together.

### Supporting Our Community

The Literacy Team, supported by staff members, continued their annual hosting of a tree for the Wesley Foundation Festival of Trees. The theme was "Disney".

The National Junior Honor Society hosted a penny Drive to benefit the Machias Food Pantry. Classrooms competed to see which could collect the most change. The top three classrooms will be treated to a pizza or ice cream party hosted by the NJHS. Congratulations to the top three winners: 1<sup>st</sup> place: Mrs. Congelosi's class, Second Place: Mr. Manship's class and Third Place: Mrs. Whitney's class. In all \$1200.00 was raised. We are proud of our students' efforts to support our community!

### Special Events

RMG chorus students accompanied by Mrs. Baker performed during the Light a Life Celebration at Down East Community Hospital. Our musicians did an amazing job and, as always, represented our school well.

Grades K-4 continue the holiday tradition of Christmas Caroling around town. It was nice to see many of our community members at the town Christmas tree. We were pleased to be invited to stop by and pay a holiday visit to several businesses, and facilities, many of which house members of our community who are unable to get out to attend Christmas events.

Our Rose M. Gaffney Elementary and Machias Memorial High School Musicians from grades 5-12 performed during our annual winter concert on Wednesday, December 4. We are fortunate to have so many student musicians participating in band and chorus. Our Band and Chorale

Director, Mrs. Baker, does an amazing job showcasing their talents during school and community events, as well as throughout the state.

As you know our PreK-4 Winter Concerts were cancelled due to weather. The concerts have been rescheduled to take place on Thursday, February 13th. PreK - 2 students will perform at 5:30, and students in grades 3 and 4 will perform at 6:00.

On December 19<sup>th</sup>, our RMG PAWS Parent Group hosted the annual Christmas Tree Shop. Students were given an opportunity to shop for loved ones.

The Drama Club presented their annual Christmas play on December 19<sup>th</sup>. This year's play was "The Mouse Who Didn't Believe in Santa". Drama club members did a great job. I think that we may have some future stars in our presence!

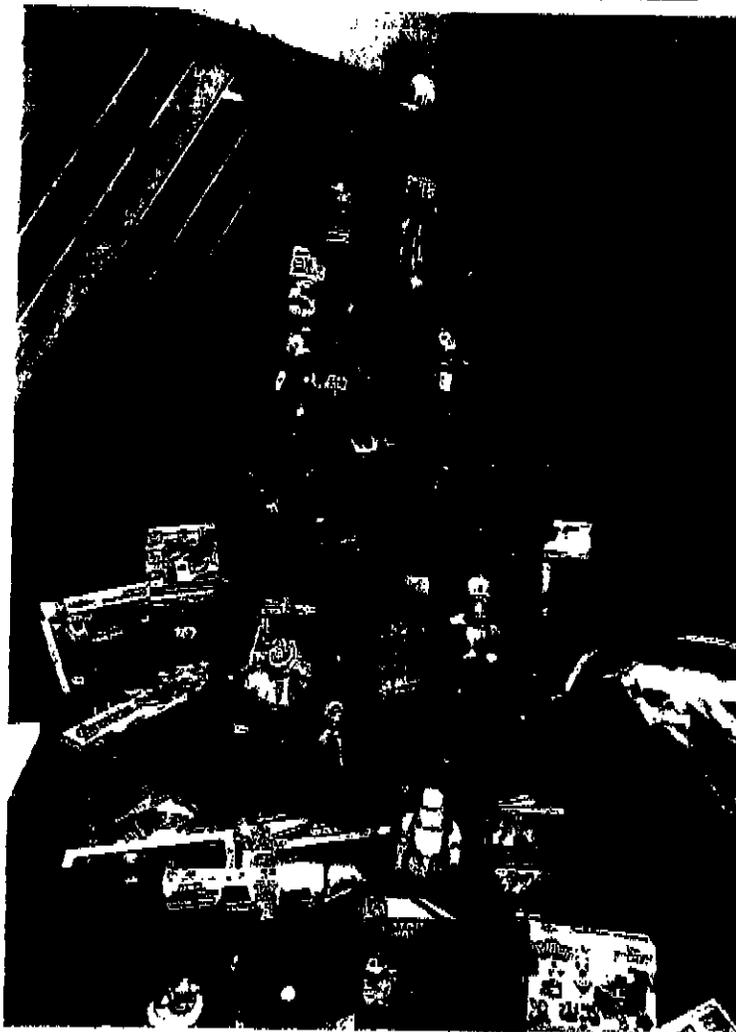
The week before Christmas break was filled with classroom parties as well. We topped of the week with a ride on the Polar Express, led by conductor Mrs. Whitney. The students were back in time for lunch and 11:30 dismissal.

Check us out and see what we're up to!!!

RMG Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/rmgelementaryschool/>.

RMG Digital Calendar: <http://localendar.com/public/RMGSchool>.

RMG Facebook Page: <https://sites.google.com/site/rmgelementaryschool/>



## **Machias Memorial High School**

### **Principal's Report**

January 2020

#### **Christmas Season**

The school was bustling with activity during the holiday season. RMG carolers visited, the Christmas concerts were excellent, the door competitions fierce, and the Christmas Breakfast delicious. All of these events make our school a special place for students and staff.

#### **Coastal Washington CIT**

Students are busy preparing for competitions and completing projects. The Culinary Arts program will compete in the ProStart and Skills USA competitions this year. One is in February and one in March. The Building Trades program is currently working on a shed that will be resold to the public.

I am busy working with MSAD #37 to implement the FEDES grant renovation. This includes the work of equipping programs and starting up four new programs. Much work needs to be completed in the next six months.



The Coastal Washington CIT Advisory Committee, composed of the administrators in the catchment area, are meeting on Thursday, January 9 to discuss the progress of the FEDES project. In addition, an action plan needs to be developed to ensure that new programming and renovations are completed on time.



#### **Winter Sports Season**

The winter season is at the mid point. The Cheering Team has several competitions coming up. On January 11th they will be at Woodland High School competing for the Downeast Athletic Conference Championship, on January 18th at Mattanawcook Academy for the Penobscot Valley Conference Championships, and at the MPA Regional Championships at the Cross Center in Bangor on January 25. Wishing the team success!

#### **NEASC Visit**

The visiting team has completed their visit. They are now working on finalizing their report. The report will include accommodations and recommendations for our school. Once I receive the report and review it, our school will create an improvement plan.

**Unobskey Scholars Program**

The program will allow six freshmen from Washington County to attend Phillips Academy School this summer. The program consists of a five week experience that includes academically rigorous courses in English, math, and science. After the experience students have the opportunity to be placed in summer and school-year internships. This is a great opportunity for our students. We have 10 freshmen that currently meet the criteria. The program is sponsored by the Sidney Unobskey Family.

**MPA Honors Luncheon**

Marc Michaud has been invited to attend the 2020 Maine Principals Association Honors Luncheon. Marc, along with a person from each high school in Maine, will be honored at the luncheon in Brewer on Saturday, April 4, 2020.

This is a great honor for all the students involved. The criteria for selection include academic excellence, leadership, positive attitude, and citizenship. I am excited to have Marc join me for this distinguished event.