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Minutes
Machias School Committee
Wednesday, December 6, 2017
Superintendent's Office
4:30 PM

Attendance: Terry Sanborn, Teresa Saddler, Richard Shaw, Joleen Nicely.

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

I. Call to order at 4:30 p.m. by Terry Sanborn.

II. **Approval of the minutes of November 8, 2017.**

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the minutes of November 8, 2017.
Second: Teresa Saddler; Vote: 4-0.

III. **Agenda Adjustments:**

The Superintendent gave a brief overview of recent threats to the Machias Schools.

IV. **Principals' Reports:**

RMG: Enclosed.
MMHS: Enclosed.

V. **New Business:**

1. December Workshop:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that teachers and administrators from RSU 4 (Litchfield, Sabattus area) will be conducting a workshop for AOS 96 teachers and administrators on December 11, 2017. The group from RSU 4 have been working on Proficiency Based Education for over 8 years so they will be sharing their valuable experiences with our staff members.

2. Maine Small Schools Coalition Meeting Update:

The Maine Small Schools Coalition met in Orono at the University of Maine campus on November 17, 2017. The Coalition agreed to hire an Executive Director to help the membership work on legislative bills that will impact small school districts across the state.

3. Meeting with Legislative Leadership:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that he was part of a small group that met with Senate President Mike Thibodeau recently to discuss important educational issues.

4. MSSA Legislative Committee Update:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the Maine School Superintendents Association Legislative Committee has agreed to support LR 2558, "An Act to Repeal Penalties for School Districts that do not form School Leadership and Management Centers".

5. MSSA Funding Committee Update:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the Maine Superintendents Association Funding Committee has been working on a position paper to readjust percentage spending targets that are related to classroom resources. The State budget set percentages of total spending that should be directed to the classroom expenditures. The Maine School Superintendents Association believes that the law should allow for more school budget expenditures to be counted towards "direct" classroom expenditures.

6. MSSA Executive Committee Update:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that he had recently attended a Maine School Superintendents Association Executive Committee meeting in Augusta. He said the group approved recommendations for a Proficiency Based Diploma system (enclosed). They also discussed a variety of other topics at the meeting. The Superintendent stated that the Commissioner of Education was scheduled to attend but had to cancel.

7. January Meeting Date:

The School Committee agreed to schedule their next meeting for Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. at the AOS 96 central office.

8. Executive Session: Contract Negotiations: 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(D):

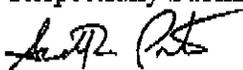
Motion to enter into Executive Session at 5:09 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.
Second: Richard Shaw; Vote: 4-0.

Declared out of Executive Session at 5:22 p.m. by Terry Sanborn.

VI. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 5:23 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

Principal's Report December 6, 2017

The Principal's Desk

Veteran's Programs

*The Veterans Program was held on November 9th. It began in the RMG gym with breakfast and student performances honoring our veterans. The veteran's wall, a monument created by students with the help of staff and teachers as a way to recognize the sacrifices of our veterans, is featured annually. This year it was accompanied by slide show presentations created by our 7th and 8th graders. The program continued with a formal presentation in the high school gym which also included performances by RMG and MMHS students, as well as the Machias School's combined band and chorus. Veterans who were present were recognized with a Rose given by the National Junior Honor Society. The program ended with recognition of our Veterans who have gone before us.

*Our 7-12 Chorus students were honored with an invitation to perform at UMM's Veteran's Program on November 13th. This group represented our school well.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences were held during half days on November 16th and 17th. Evening meetings times were scheduled for parents who could not attend conferences during the day.

Bikes for Books

The Machias Masonic Lodge has initiated a new program for students in grades PK-6: "Bikes for Books". Student's names will be entered into a drawing each time the student has read three books. In the spring members of the lodge will donate a bike and helmet to one girl and one boy from each grade.

Sports

*Basketball season has begun with practices in full swing. Our coaches from last year remain intact. Mr. Sinford will be coaching our 7/8 Boys' Team, Ms. Day will be coaching the girls, and Mrs. Hooper will be coaching our Cheerleaders. We have twenty-five students signed up for winter sports.

*Members of the RMG faculty and staff, pulled together to host the Bulldog Blitz Basketball Tournament to kick off our season. Junior High boys and girl's teams from Lubec, Calais, Elm Street, Cutler, Machiasport, and Eastport participated. The RMG Bulldogs boys team came out on top. The Literacy team was the real winner with a profit of \$4500.00

Donor's Choose

Teachers are working hard to supplement the budget by participating in the Donors Choose program. This is an online program within which teachers can submit projects. Donors access the site and contribute to projects that they deem worthy. Teachers who have benefitted from this program are: Mrs. Douglas for "Math Ciphers, Puzzles, and Codes", and Mrs. Rice for "20 Students Read 100 Books".

Edge

Edge hosted their Family Fun Night on November 15th. Students, and EDGE faculty, including many of RMG's faculty and staff, hosted the evening. Parents and family members had an opportunity to visit the EDGE program to view many of the wonderful activities that the program offers our students.

District 139 State Representative Will Tuell

On November 28th I had the pleasure of joining fourth graders at Rose M Gaffney School AND JMG Machias Memorial High School. Special thanks to Ms. Jones & Ms.

Singh (4th grade) as well as Ms. Mack (JMG) for the invite and for having such attentive, well behaved, and engaged classes!



Out and About

*We had 7 students represent us in the District VI Festival which was held in Ellsworth on Saturday, November the 18th. Because this festival consists of three counties, we were asked to bring only top performers. We had 1 band member representing us there. The guest conductor for the district band was Jon Simonoff. Jon teaches K-12 general, instrumental, and vocal music at Ashland District School. We had 6 Chorus students representing us. The District VI Chorus was under the direction of Heather McCloud. Heather is in her 20th year in Brewer, teaching elementary classroom music and high school chorus. Our students did a fantastic job!!!

*Mrs. Hanscom and Mrs. Look also accompanied their 1st graders to a performance of the Nutcracker Ballet at UMM.

RMG Family

We were saddened by the loss of one of our own, Asia Wells. We are thankful for the support of Superintendent Porter who helped guide us through this tragedy, the kind notes from the other schools within our district, and the Edge staff who spent the day with us ready to step into classrooms for anyone who might need some time.

Holiday Plans

Christmas Concerts

The Holiday Season is here. RMG will be heralding it in with Christmas Concerts. This year our 5th - 12th grade band and 5th-8th grade chorus will be performing on December 15th at 6 p.m. On December 18th, our PreK, Kindergarten, First, and Second graders will perform at 5:30, and our Third and Fourth graders will perform at 6:00. Please come and enjoy these wonderful Holiday events with us!

Rose M. Gaffney will be participating in the Wesley Foundation Tree Festival held on December 8, 9, and 10 at the Lee Pellon Center. The RMG Theme will be "A Children's Christmas, and JMG's theme will be "Places We Hope to Go".

Dear Mrs. Jones,

9/27/11

How are you doing? Highschool is going fairly well. My grades are all in the high A's, and I wanted to thank you for getting me on my writing path.

Up until fourth grade writing was something I despised. I couldn't stand a second writing, then I entered your classroom. Writing in my composition notebook was the highlight of my day as a fourth grader. It was a time where I could relax and put my emotions down on a piece of paper.

I would also like to thank you for getting me on my reading path. I enjoy reading now, and it's because of your class. I am taking honors english 2 which I can't wait for! I hope all is well and I hope I see you soon!

Sincerely,

Machias Memorial High School

Principal's Report

December 2017

2017 Model State

This year's Model State group from Machias Memorial High School featured 11 students and included 5 freshmen. Model State is an event that gives students the experience of State government and the process of legislation. Madison Conlin submitted a bill and it was granted passage through the legislative process and became "law".



Students who attended were Hannah Faulkingham, Madison Conlin, Camryn Pennell, Farrow McKenna, Kassie Cox, Kendra Johnson, Meagan Jordan, ArCharlie, Tyler Demerest, Leif McKenna, and Jason Weaver. Mrs. Susan Albee is the advisor.

Winter Athletics

The winter season starts this Saturday with a girls and boys game in Greenville. The first home games are Monday, December 11 when the boys host Shead High School. The first girls home game is Tuesday, December 12 versus Shead High School.

The girls basketball team is coached by Logan Wood. The team has eight players this year. The boys basketball teams have sixteen players. Dustin Getchell is coaching the JV boys team and Jimmy Getchell is coaching the Varsity team. The cheering team is coached by Kaylah Murphy. / she has eight students cheering this year.

Quarter 1 Honor Roll

The following students have earned the distinction of being recognized as achieving high honors or honors. High Honors are earned by students who have all grades 93 or above (A) and Honors are earned by students who have all grades 85 or above.

High Honors

Seniors: Meagan Jordan and Farrow McKenna.

Juniors: Madison Conlin and Keely Tibbetts.

Honors

Seniors: Kaylee Alley, Mckenzie Antil, Jordan Donovan, Amber Heath, Emily Mattox, Katy Nicely, Georgie-Anna Pemberton, Camryn Pennell, Jacob Schors, and Tyler Wentzell.

Juniors: Ying-Chieh Chou (Archarlie)

Sophomores: Ayden Arthur, Rebecca Burgess, Breckin Gooch, Keegan Lowe, Marc Michaud, Grace Preston, Megan Preston, and Jacob Sinford.

Freshmen: Gavin Bridges, Hannah Faulkingham, Dylan Govoni, Katelynn Holland, Stephanie Huntley, Leif McKenna, and Hunter Rolfe.

Students of the Quarter

Each quarter teachers and staff nominate and vote for students who they feel are deserving of this honor. Student of the Quarter is based on citizenship, character, and leadership. Students, from left to right, Devin Keene (Sophomore), Meagan Jordan (senior), Matt Gardner (Freshmen), and Kaitlyn LaPointe (Junior).

**Literacy Student of the Quarter**

Literacy Student of the Quarter is based on the enjoyment of literature. Students, from left to right, Megan Preston (Sophomore), Sammie Cox (Junior), Farrow McKenna (Senior), and Stephanie Huntley (Freshmen).

Hoops for Health Tournament

The 2nd Annual Hoops for Health Tournament was held this past weekend at the University of Maine at Machias. The tournament was very successful. This year's funds were designated to the obstetrics unit. Both the girls and boys teams participated in the event.

**New Years Eve Basketball Tournament**

The seniors have been hosting a junior high basketball tournament as part of the Machias Community celebration. The games will be played during the day and into the evening on Sunday, December 31.

Band and Chorus Concerts

The Chorus concert, Carols & Candlelight, will be held in the Machias Memorial High School cafeteria on Wednesday, December 13 at 6:00 pm. The Band Concert will be held at Rose M. Gaffney on Friday, December 15 at 6:00 pm.

Thanksgiving Lunch

The day before the Thanksgiving Break Ms. White and the Culinary Arts program hosted a Thanksgiving Lunch for all the students and faculty at the high school. This, and the lunch provided at Christmastime, remind me of what makes our school a special place for our students and faculty.