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**Minutes  
Machias School Committee  
Wednesday, January 13, 2021  
Zoom Video Conference  
4:00 PM**

**Attendance:** Teresa Saddler, Carolyn Nadeau, William Weaver, Richard Shaw.

**Others Present:** Joyce Fragale, Nicole Case, Mary Maker, Scott Porter.

**I. Call to order at 4:05 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.**

**II. Approval of the minutes of December 2, 2020.**

Motion by Carolyn Nadeau to approve the minutes of December 2, 2020.  
Second: William Weaver; Vote: Teresa Saddler (yes), Carolyn Nadeau  
(yes), William Weaver (yes); Vote: 3-0.

**III. Agenda Adjustments: None.**

**IV. Public Comment: None.**

**V. Principals' Reports:**

RMG: Enclosed.

MMHS: Enclosed.

**VI. New Business:**

**1. Coronavirus Update:**

The Superintendent explained the protocol that is used when there is a positive Covid case in a school. He indicated that he needs to be ready quickly to conduct a Zoom meeting with AOS 96 nurses and the building principal when there is a Covid case in a school. The AOS 96 nurses also are required to interact with the CDC when there are positive Covid cases.

**2. Coronavirus Relief Funds Update:**

The Superintendent reviewed all three Coronavirus grants that have already been allocated to the school. He explained that the next Coronavirus funds will be approximately four times the amount of the first Coronavirus funds which will total approximately \$760,000.00.

**3. State Financial Update:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the proposed State 21/22 budget has increased \$22.5 million for k-12 education. He went on to explain that the state increase is very small compared to most years.

**4. Winter Sports:**

The Superintendent explained that basketball practices have been scheduled and that games could start during the last week of January. He also mentioned that competition will only be within AOS 96 schools at the elementary level.

**5. MSSA Legislative Committee:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that he is a member of the MSSA Legislative Committee. Our local legislator has submitted several bills that are education related.

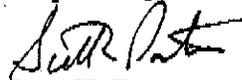
**6. Physical Plant:**

The Superintendent reviewed current grant funded projects that included upgrading the parking areas, as well as, the outdoor workout area and pavilion.

**VII. Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn at 4:57 p.m. by Richard Shaw.  
Second: Carolyn Nadeau; Vote: 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



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

## RMG Principal's Report January 13, 2021

### Fluctuating Learning Models

On October 30<sup>th</sup> Governor Mills changed our risk status from green to yellow due to an increase in Covid-19 cases in our county. At that point our school moved to the "Hybrid Model" recommended by this designation. Students were divided into two groups and each group attended school two to three days per week (alternate Wednesdays). This continued until December 7<sup>th</sup> at which point the yellow designation was reverted back to green and we invited all of our students back to "in person" learning. We made it all of the way until December 11 when due to positive cases the decision was made that our students remain home until after Christmas Break. At the culmination of Christmas break we were excited to once again welcome our students back to school full time.

Throughout the change in educational models, the use of Google Classroom as well as other educational software has allowed teachers to continue to educate students efficiently. Teachers are able to deliver lessons live, upload videos of lessons for student review, post assignments which students can complete and submit digitally, and host Zoom Study Halls. Teachers continue to work in their classrooms, regardless of the educational model in play, daily. Currently we have 231 students participating in our "in person" model and 88 participating in our "remote learning" model. Teachers have become adept at switching between models as well as simultaneously teaching students who are in class, and remote.

We continue to offer after school care for the employees of our district. We also continue to serve meals for our remote learners. Meals can be picked up from 12-12:30 in our front lobby. We currently serve meals for approximately 16 remote learners daily.

### Christmas

Classrooms decorated their doors for Christmas. A video of the doors was published on Facebook. Many classrooms celebrated Christmas and the New Year upon return to school after the Holiday Break.

### Sports

Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball teams have begun practices. They are following the MPA guidelines which include masking unless briefly hydrating, using chairs placed 6' apart instead of benches, and the sanitizing of player's hands as well as equipment. The gym is being cleaned after classroom use, as well as between and after practices. There are also new guidelines for games.

### Academics

Mr. Shaw has returned to teaching 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies remotely. Teachers and support staff continue to engage students who are struggling academically by offering whole class, small group, and in some instances one on one Zoom Office Hours. We are currently in the process of scheduling the NWEA Winter Assessment with the goal of February 1<sup>st</sup> completion. In February, teachers will be receiving professional development surrounding more in depth data analysis using the results of this assessment. Teachers have received training in EMDI which is a math diagnostic to be administered to learners identified by the NWEA as struggling in Math. The results reveal a more individualized and in depth picture of skills that need to be reinforced.

### Campus Improvements – See Below

### Go Bulldogs!!!!

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

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

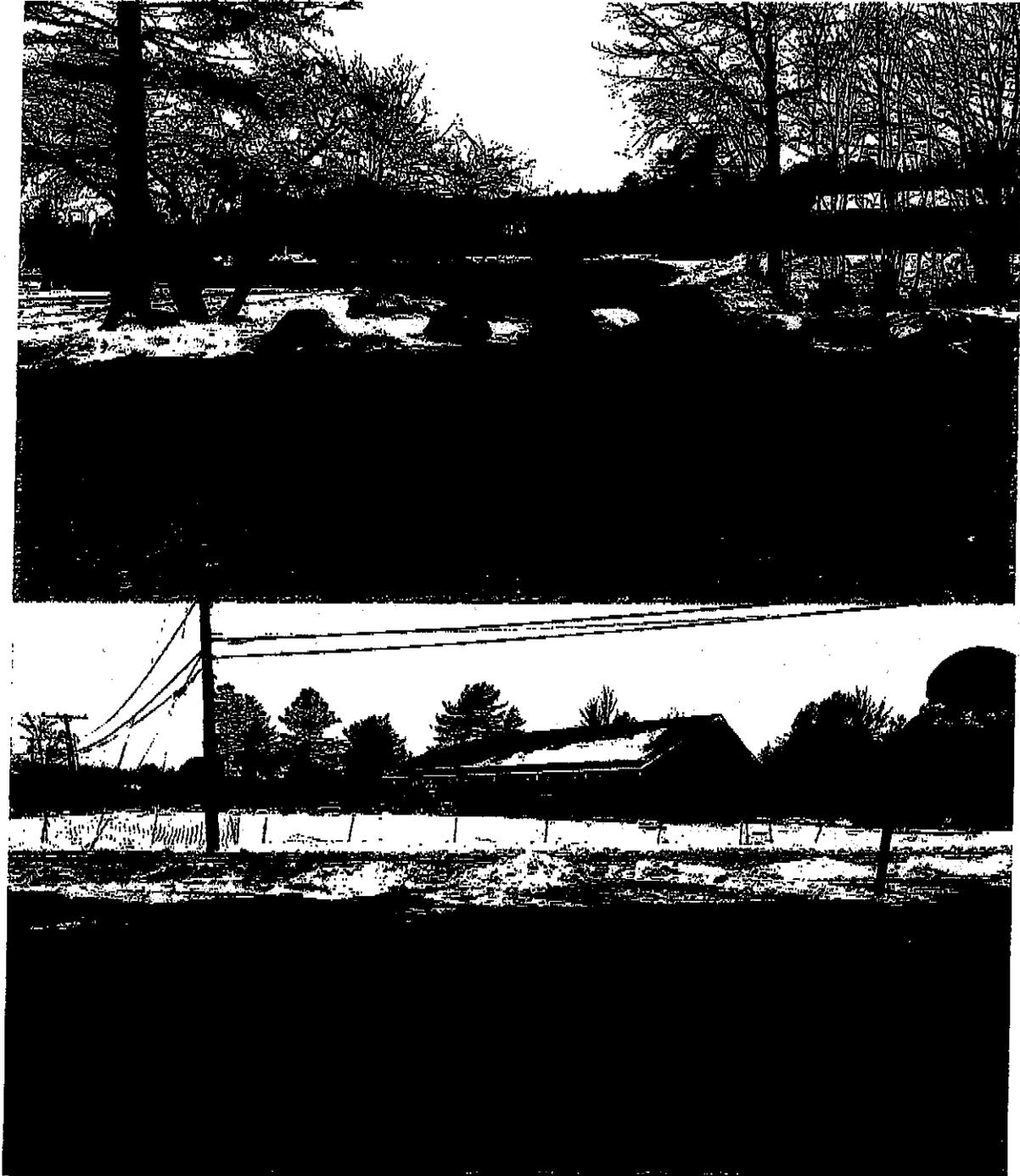
RMG Digital Calendar: <http://localendar.com/public/RMGSchool>.

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

Turbo Team: [Machias Public Schools](#)

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## MMHS Principal's Report January 13, 2021

### Positive Covid Cases

- ◆ Close Contacts
- ◆ 1/13 Positive Case

### School Improvements

- ◆ Remodel on Main Office
- ◆ New Classroom
- ◆ Pavilion
- ◆ Walking Path & Fitness Equipment
- ◆ Field Remediation

### Staff Shout Outs

- ◆ Jim Lenke - "Orchards, Gardens, and Fields", Dartmouth Superfund Research Program Center Community Engagement Core, Letter of Support Attached
- ◆ Ree Anna Bridges - WOWi Career Inventories for all Sophomores, <https://www.wowi.com/>
- ◆ Lori Martin & Mary Wilson - AMAZING!!
- ◆ All MMHS Employees - ALSO AMAZING!!

### Winter Sports

- ◆ Traffic Flow
- ◆ Broadcasting

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### **Next Round of Relief Money (Brainstormed List)**

- ❖ Phone System
- ❖ Outlets near Televisions
- ❖ More Outlets
- ❖ Electrical Upgrade
- ❖ Chrome Books for Students
- ❖ Ventilation
- ❖ Bathrooms
- ❖ Traffic Flow on Campus

### **Next Year?**

- ❖ Off Campus Periods
- ❖ Fewer Classes = Less Stress
- ❖ Remote Options