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**Minutes  
Machias School Committee  
Wednesday, February 3, 2021  
Zoom Video Conference  
4:00 PM**

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

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

**I. Call to order at 4:01 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.**

**II. Approval of the minutes of January 13, 2021.**

Motion by Joleen Nicely to approve the minutes of January 13, 2021.  
Second: Richard Shaw; Vote: Teresa Saddler (yes), Richards Shaw (yes);  
Carolyn Nadeau (yes), Joleen Nicely (yes), William Weaver (yes); Vote:  
5-0.

**III. Agenda Adjustments: None.**

**IV. Public Comment: None.**

**V. Principals' Reports:**

RMG: Enclosed.  
MMHS: Enclosed.

**VI. New Business:**

**1. Coronavirus Update:**

The Superintendent briefed the School Committee regarding Coronavirus protocols used by the school, including school closures. The Superintendent explained there are times when it is possible to close part of the school while keeping another part open if conditions permit due to the outcome of the contact tracing process.

**2. Stimulus Package Funding for Schools:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the ESSER 2 stimulus package funding for Machias is \$789,946.00. The Principals will be completing the application in the next few weeks.

**3. 21/22 State Subsidy:**

The Superintendent reported that the preliminary ED 279 (State subsidy report) indicates that the Town of Machias will gain approximately \$110,000.00 in State subsidy in FY 22. There is currently an issue with FY 22 CTE funding that needs to be resolved by the DOE.

**4. Budget Meeting with Selectmen:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the budget meeting with the Selectmen has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

**5. Greenhouse:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the Machias Memorial High School Principal was not able to find a non-profit that was interested in the greenhouse. The Principal would like to put the greenhouse out to bid.

Motion by Teresa Saddler to put the greenhouse out to bid.

Second: William Weaver; Vote: Teresa Saddler (yes), Richards Shaw (yes); Carolyn Nadeau (yes), Joleen Nicely (yes), William Weaver (yes); Vote: 5-0.

**6. Winter Sports:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that 12 high school games have been scheduled within Washington County and 9 elementary games within AOS 96. He reported that the games have been running well with all COVID-19 requirements in place.

**7. Legislative Update:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that he would be testifying on a retirement bill this week that is sponsored by Representative Will Tuell. He also reported that he meets every week with the MSSA Legislative Committee to review education related bills.

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

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 4:37 p.m. by Joleen Nicely.

Second: Richard Shaw; Vote: Teresa Saddler (yes), Richards Shaw (yes); Carolyn Nadeau (yes), Joleen Nicely (yes), William Weaver (yes); Vote: 5-0.

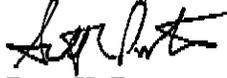
Motion to come out of Executive Session 4:52 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.

Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: Teresa Saddler (yes), Richards Shaw (yes); Carolyn Nadeau (yes), Joleen Nicely (yes), William Weaver (yes); Vote: 5-0.

**VII. Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn at 4:53 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.  
Second: Richard Shaw; Vote: 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



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

## RMG Principal's Report February 2, 2021

### Traditional Snow Days vs. Remote Learning Days

The Google Classroom online learning platform in combination with other educational software allows us to efficiently educate children remotely. This means that in many situations we are no longer bound by weather related cancellations. However, teachers and parents have expressed that they would prefer that our children have an opportunity to experience "Traditional Snow Days". Therefore, we have decided to do a combination of the old and the new. We will be hosting "Traditional Snow Days" for the first few snow days of the winter season, and move to "Remote Learning Days" if "Traditional Snow Days" begin to accumulate. As of yesterday, we have accumulated two "Traditional Snow Days".

### Covid Update

\*Currently we have 240 students participating in our "in person" model and 80 participating in our "remote learning" model.

\*Students and staff members are doing an excellent job in adhering to masking, distancing, and sanitizing guidelines, as well as maintaining cohorts.

\*Many "close contacts" have required teachers to quarantine. However, to this point we have managed to coordinate support staff in a manner that has allowed us to continue to invite "in person" learners to attend daily without disruption.

### Sports

We have scheduled 9 games for our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball teams. As you know we have requested that each player be allowed to invite one parent to each home game. We have ten players on the boys' team, and eight on the girls' team. Our strict adherence to CDC guidelines for practices will follow into game play.

### Academics

We are working to ensure that we are able to use money that was budgeted in the local budget, Title 1 Funds, and a portion of the new round of Covid Funding to shore up our summer and after school programs. We are also currently working in conjunction with EdGe on a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant. Our goal is to partner with the EdGE Program to offer a combined recreation and academic program open to all students.

### Campus Improvements

We have received notification of another round of Covid Funds and are working to prioritize needs prior to completing the request for funds.

### 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](#)

Machias Sports Facebook: [Machias Sports | Facebook](#)



Top Picture: Snow much fun!!!!

Bottom Picture: Mrs. Rolfe Taylor's Class "Do you want to build a snowman?"

## MMHS Principal's Report February 3, 2021

### Remote Learning

- ◆ Covid Positive Cases
- ◆ Inclement Weather

### School Improvements

- ◆ Working with Joyce on Budget for Next Round

### Staff Shout Outs

- ◆ Kitchen Staff - Amazing Support with Remote Meals

### Winter Sports

- ◆ Games
- ◆ Broadcasting

### Next Year?

- ◆ Working on Schedule Options
- ◆ Preparing Survey for Parents and Students

### Cleaning House

- ◆ Green House