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Minutes
Machias School Committee
Wednesday, February 7, 2024
Machias Memorial High School
Room 6
4:00 PM

Attendance: Richard Shaw, Whitney Wood, Jen Weaver.

Others Present: Mary Maker, Mitchell Look, Nicole Case, Sue Dow, Scott Porter.

I. Call to order at 4:02 p.m. by Richard Shaw.

II. **Approval of the minutes of January 17, 2024.**

Motion by Jen Weaver to approve the minutes of January 17, 2024.
Second: Whitney Wood; Vote: 3-0.

III. **Agenda Adjustments:** None.

IV. **Public Comment:** None.

V. **Principals' Reports:**

RMG: Enclosed.
MMHS: Enclosed.

VI. **New Business:**

1. 24/25 State Subsidy:

The Superintendent reported that preliminary 24/25 State subsidy print outs have been released by the Maine Department of Education. The preliminary 24/25 State subsidy for the Machias School Department is \$2,574,540.78, which does not include CTE funding. The CTE funding, which includes funding for 5 new programs, is \$1,928,909.14. If the new programs are not operational during the 24/25 school year, the subsidy for those programs would be returned to the State.

2. 23/24 Tuition Rates:

The Superintendent reported the 23/24 tuition rate for the Rose M. Gaffney school is \$7,791.91 and the 23/24 tuition rate for Machias Memorial High School is \$10,832.83.

3. Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Motion by Whitney Wood to not operate a Child and Adult Care Food Program in Machias Schools.

Second: Jen Weaver; Vote: 3-0.

4. CTE Update/Perkins Funding:

The Superintendent reported that the Computer Information CTE Program will be operated on the Machias Campus during the 24/25 school year. The other new CTE programs (Plumbing, Heating, Cosmetology and Cooperative Education) will be implemented at the Columbia Facility during the 25/26 school year.

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that Perkins funds can be used to purchase an activity bus. He also explained the activity bus would need to be purchased through the Machias School Department. Maintenance and insurance costs would be shared with RSU 37. This vehicle would be used to transport CTE students to work site and field trip destinations. The School Committee agreed to move forward with purchasing an activity bus if the Superintendent is able to work out all of the necessary steps to meet the requirements.

5. Physical Plant:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee there is more roofing that will be necessary at the Rose M. Gaffney School in the future. He reported that most of the roofing on the Rose M. Gaffney School had been replaced in the last 2 years, but there are also sections of the building that have asphalt roof shingles that will need to be replaced in the next several years. At this time the School Department is obtaining roofing estimates.

6. Legislative Update:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee of several bills that will impact education in the State of Maine. The Superintendent worked on a bill that was sponsored by Representative Ken "Bucket" Davis regarding how student enrollment is reported for subsidy purposes. This bill, LD 808, An Act to Amend Laws Affecting Tuition at State Approved Schools, received unanimous support from the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee. The Superintendent also spoke to the School Committee about a bill that would lower the student/teacher ratios when funding CTE programs in rural areas of the State.

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

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 5:15 p.m. by Jen Weaver.

Second: Whitney Wood; Vote: 3-0.

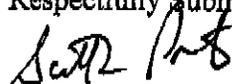
Declared out of Executive Session by Richard Shaw at 5:47 p.m.

VII. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 5:47 p.m. by Jen Weaver.

Second: Whitney Wood; Vote: 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott K. Porter

Superintendent of Schools

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Machias Bay Area School System

2/7/24 Principal's message

Enrollment: 341

***Peace of Mind Conference- school visitations (attendance, security system, separate room for Peace of Mind)**

***Caitlyn Roy has been selected as the Maine Jumpstart for Personal Financial Literacy secretary**

***2nd, 5th, and 8th grade classes will be attending the Seacoast Mission's outdoor education days**

***Valentines for Marshall's Health Care**

***Responsive Classroom summer trainings**

***Summer school and summer EdGE program have started to be looked at**

MMHS Principal's Report February 7, 2024

Current Enrollment

- ❖ 170

What's Going On

- ❖ Beginning of Semester 2
- ❖ Valentines for Marshall's residents
- ❖ Preparing for Student Led Conferences in March
- ❖ Teacher Morale Is Good
- ❖ Positive Parent Feedback
- ❖ Budget Preparation - Need More Staff and Space
- ❖ Computer Science Position
- ❖ Planning for 8th Grade Visits and Homecoming

Athletics

- ❖ ESports - Club to Begin, Mr. Lenke coaching as extension of Chess/Gaming Club
- ❖ Basketball
 - Girls Varsity
 - Boys Varsity
- ❖ Cheering
 - 27th 2pm at Stearns High School in Millinocket
 - 10th 1.85 points out of placing at states, more than 7 point improvement over last competition

Campus

- ❖ Updates
 - Bathrooms - Received Permit from Fire Marshall
 - Point of Entry Work Begins Monday the 12th
 - Kitchen Hood Installation is a Go for April Break