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**Minutes
Machias School Committee
Wednesday, March 6, 2024
Machias Memorial High School
Room 6
4:30 PM**

Attendance: Richard Shaw, Jen Weaver, Whitney Wood.

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

I. Call to order at 4:32 p.m. by Richard Shaw.

II. Approval of the minutes of February 7, 2024.

Motion by Jen Weaver to approve the minutes of February 7, 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. Draft 24/25 School Calendar:

The Superintendent distributed copies of the draft 24/25 school calendar. He explained all of the important dates on the draft 24/25 school calendar.

Motion by Jen Weaver to approve the 24/25 school calendar.
Second: Whitney Wood; Vote: 3-0.

2. 24/25 Tuition Update:

The Superintendent updated the School Committee regarding current 23/24 tuition revenue. He also informed the School Committee regarding the current work being done to project 24/25 tuition revenue.

3. Perkins Funding Update:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the Maine Department of Education has approved the purchase of a 15 passenger activity bus using Federal Perkins funds. Perkins funds would be used for two years to pay two lease/purchase payments.

4. Child Development Services (CDS):

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that legislation has been developed to make public schools responsible for 3-5 year olds that are currently being served by CDS. The bill contains language that establishes an implementation date of FY 29, which means schools would be responsible for serving the 3-5 year olds in the fall of 2028. Superintendents and Special Education Directors around the State are concerned about the local cost, as well as, finding qualified staff and having the necessary space to serve the CDS students.

5. Legislative Update;

The Superintendent briefed the School Committee on several important education bills. The Ed Tech and Support Staff Bill (LD 974), which will require schools to pay a minimum of \$21.23/hr for Ed Techs and \$17.69 for all other support staff positions, if passed, will increase local budgets dramatically.

6. Surplus Equipment:

The Machias Principals made the School Committee aware of equipment that is no longer needed. They recommended putting the items out to bid and the School Committee was in agreement.

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

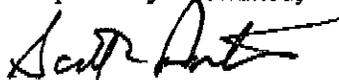
Motion by Jen Weaver to enter into Executive Session at 5:26 p.m.
Second: Whitney Wood; Vote: 3-0.

Declared out of Executive Session by Richard Shaw at 5:51 p.m.

VII. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 5:52 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

Principals Report**3/5/24****Enrollment: 342 (registered 4 today)**

- 1. Read Across America activities- Cat & the Hat, Thing 1 and Thing 2 visited, gave out books and a popsicle**
- 2. Echo dance- a dance team out of NY that sends an anti-bullying, kindness message**
- 3. Tim Caverly, author of outdoor adventures, coming this month**
- 4. 3-6 ball teams and cheering**
- 5. Lion's club continue giving free vision screening to our kids**
- 6. The Dental clinic will be here in April.**
- 7. Orange cones have been placed in front of our building- fire lane**
- 8. Gr. 5 students have been conducted a green crab research study at Roque Bluff**
- 9. Our jr. high cheerleaders took 2nd place in a Bangor Competition last weekend**
- 10. A 6th and 7th grade student qualified for the national and international competitions in three subjects at the International Academic Competition. This takes place later in the year.**
- 11. JMG- Jump for Heart**

MMHS Principal's Report March 6, 2024

Current Enrollment

- ◆ 168

What's Going On

- ◆ Close Up
- ◆ Student Led Conferences
- ◆ SEEDS of Change
- ◆ Writer's Conference
 - Grant from Maine Community Foundation

Athletics

- ◆ Volleyball
- ◆ Baseball Field Reno
- ◆ Bleachers

Campus

- ◆ Bathrooms are Done
- ◆ Hood Vent and Cafe Update
- ◆ Wednesday Helpers