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Minutes
Machias School Committee
Wednesday, April 6, 2022
Machias Memorial High School
4:00 PM

Attendance: Teresa Saddler, Richard Shaw, William Weaver, Calia Burke.

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

I. Call to order at 4:00 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.

II. **Approval of the minutes of March 2, 2022.**

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the minutes of March 2, 2022.
Second: William Weaver; Vote: 4-0.

III. **Agenda Adjustments: None.**

IV. **Public Comment:**

A concerned parent addressed the School Committee regarding an incident at Machias Memorial High School that involved his child.

V. **Principals' Reports:**

RMG: Enclosed.

MMHS: Enclosed.

VI. **New Business:**

1. MMHS Classroom Space:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee of the need for two additional classrooms at Machias Memorial High School due to increased student enrollment.

2. ESSER Projects Update:

The Superintendent updated the School Committee regarding the recent campus work using ESSER III funds. The largest current project is the development of a parking lot behind the high school gym

and a road that will connect the new parking lot to the parking lot behind the Rose M. Gaffney School. There is a designated area behind the Rose M. Gaffney back parking lot that will be developed for bus parking.

3. Rose M. Gaffney Roof Project Update:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee the roof project was approved by the citizens of Machias at a special town meeting held on March 29, 2022.

4. Child Development Services (CDS) Legislation:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee the Maine Department of Education has submitted legislation to transfer responsibility for 3 and 4 year old students with special needs to the public school system. The Superintendent and Special Education Director have many concerns about this possible change to the public school system.

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

Motion to enter into Executive Session by Richard Shaw at 4:41 p.m.
Second: William Weaver; Vote: 4-0.

Declared out of Executive Session at 4:51 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.

6. Review of Draft 2022/2023 School Budget:

The Superintendent reviewed the proposed 22/23 school budget with the School Committee.

7. Machias Budget Committee Meeting Date:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the meeting with the Machias Budget Committee has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at the Tele-Communication Center.

VII. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 5:39 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.
Second: Richard Shaw; Vote: 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott K. Porter

Superintendent of Schools

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Machias Bay Area School System

Rose M. Gaffney Principals Report 3/2/22**Enrollment: 339****We enrolled 10 new students this week and 2 moved.**

- 1. UMM- spring carnival with their recreation students on April 14th.**
- 2. 8th grade attended a virtual career fair and will be attending a tour of the CTE center this month.**
- 3. Pre-K teachers have been awarded the Week of the Young Child Grant of \$500. They have purchased t-shirts and plan to have breakfast with the Kindergarten teachers later in the spring as a bridging tool for the littles.**
- 4. Jr. National Honor Society held a Penny Drive to donate to the local food pantry and they raised over \$1800.00**
- 5. The staff participated in a Responsive Classroom training and they have all said that it was one of the best they have attended. We have 4 teachers possibly going to the 4 day training this summer and Judy Hanscom is working towards being a trainer herself.**
- 6. Katie Dow is participating in the Major Clarity platform for Career Exploration and Readiness with the CTE center. This is for 7th and 8th grade.**
- 7. Lori Martin has set RMG up with the Lubec Lions Club to do eye screenings this week.**
- 8. JMG is sponsoring a Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser.**
- 9. We are having a virtual planetarium show that started yesterday. This is for all grades.**

MMHS Principal's Report April 6, 2022

Enrollment

- ◆ 165 (up 1), of those 165 students, 70 are Machias residents. Our other 95 students come from Beals, Charlotte, Cherryfield, Cooper, Cutler, Dennysville, East Machias, Edmunds Township, Jonesboro, Lubec, Machiasport, Marshfield, Northfield, Perry, Roque Bluffs, Wesley, and Whiting

ESSER II/ESSER III

- ◆ Working on Finishing up ESSER II Projects
- ◆ ESSER III
 - Delay in finding a Second Van
 - Outfield Fencing for MMHS Athletic Field Should Arrive Tuesday

Athletics & Extracurriculars

- ◆ Baseball/Softball
 - No Trouble Fielding Teams, No 8th Graders Required
 - Building Trades Efforts on Dug-Outs
 - South Side Field Donations and Fundraisers
 - Donation Request Letters
 - Individual Donations
 - Local funds
 - Collaboration with Town of Machias
 - Bad Little Brewing Company Benefit
 - MMHS Boosters Sponsorship Letters Going Out
- ◆ Art Club
 - Vans Competition
- ◆ National Honor Society
 - Induction on 4/13
- ◆ Music Program
 - Spring Concert on May 19

Curriculum

- ◆ JMG - Donors Choose Project
- ◆ Riveting Results
 - Unobsky Foundation Grant
- ◆ Upward Bound
 - Letter of Support for Math/Science Expansion
- ◆ Marie Emerson - Maine Blueberry Museum
 - Letter of Support
 - Island Fellow
 - Meeting with Work Force Development
 - Internships
 - Service Learning and Project Based Learning Opportunities
- ◆ Remote Learning as a Full-Time Option is Not Realistic

Professional Development

- ◆ Accreditation
 - May 1st - May 4th
 - Meeting with Board
- ◆ REMS Training (Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools)
 - Becky Lee, Wendy Schoppee, Nicole Case
 - Site Assessment Training Yesterday
 - Safety Plan Development Next Week

Grounds and Facility

- ◆ NFHS Cameras
- ◆ Getting Ready for Spring
- ◆ New Furnace Room Door and New Door Hangers
- ◆ Fantastic Team: Glenn Ashley, Kris Smith, Wayne Stoddard
- ◆ Ready to Begin Work on Traffic Flow Concepts

Layers of Protection

- ◆ Handwashing
- ◆ Pooled Testing
- ◆ Masks - Optional
- ◆ Distancing

Quarantine

- ◆ Currently 0 Active Positive Cases