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**Minutes  
Machias School Committee  
Wednesday, September 14, 2022  
Machias Memorial High School  
4:00 PM**

**Attendance:** Richard Shaw, Joleen Nicely, William Weaver.

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

**I. Call to order at 4:00 p.m. by Richard Shaw.**

**II. Approval of the minutes of July 27, 2022.**

Motion by Joleen Nicely to approve the minutes of July 27, 2022.  
Second: William Weaver; Vote: 3-0.

**III. Agenda Adjustments:**

Lubec Transportation.

**IV. Public Comment:** None.

**V. Principals' Reports:**

**RMG:** Enclosed.

**MMHS:** Enclosed.

**VI. New Business:**

**1. Opening Workshops:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that each AOS 96 school started with a workshop day on August 31, 2022 in their individual buildings. On September 1, 2022 the AOS 96 Superintendent broadcasted from Machias using Zoom video conferencing to speak to all of the schools and have their Principals introduce new staff members. The AOS 96 schools participated in a presentation by Tom Wells, a retired Cony High School teacher and author.

**2. School Security:**

The Superintendent reported that he talked about school safety with AOS 96 employees during the September 1, 2022 workshop. He also mentioned that all AOS 96 Principals will be reviewing their school safety plans with their employees.

On October 5, 2022, the U.S. Secret Service will be hosting a workshop on the latest research and recommendations for the prevention of targeted school violence. The workshop is sponsored by the Maine Department of Education.

**3. CTE Busing:**

The Superintendent reported that the Machias Memorial High School Principal is working on a variety of transportation issues, including busing students that connect with our bus at Washington Academy. We are also working on a fee structure for other high school students that access transportation to the CTE facility in Columbia.

**4. CTE Storage Space:**

The Superintendent reported that more storage is needed due to purchasing equipment that needs to be stored inside. The MMHS Principal is currently doing a space audit which, if necessary, may result in purchasing a storage container for the Building Trades program.

**5. Rose M. Gaffney Roof Project Update:**

The Superintendent reported the Rose M. Gaffney roof project has been completed. He explained some of the project challenges, but in the end, the project is complete and there have been several rain storms with no leaks in the building.

**6. Alternative Education/MMHS Projects:**

The Superintendent reported the Alternative Education Building referendum passed by a vote of 24-1. This two classroom addition will be started next spring. This summer paving was completed while other parking surfaces were regraded with crushed gravel. The Machias Memorial High School gymnasium floor is currently being sanded and refinished. Later this fall, the Machias Memorial High School cafeteria area will have an additional classroom which will be located on the front of the building.

**VII. Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn at 4:54 p.m. by Joleen Nicely.  
Second: William Weaver, Vote: 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott K. Porter

Superintendent of Schools

AOS 96

Machias Bay Area School System

**Rose M. Gaffney Principals Report 9/14/22****Enrollment: 328**

- 1. It has been a good start to the school year. We are still working on smoothing out the traffic flow for drop offs and pickups. It is much better than a week ago by opening the doors a little early.**
- 2. Mrs. Ray's Kindergarten classroom had a Donor's Choose project fully funded and has received new wobble chairs for her students.**

**Mrs. Whitney also had a Donor's Choose project: she received stools that look like tree stumps for her reading corner.**

- 3. Our pre k playground is coming together. The fence will be put in this week. We are waiting to hear back from the By Us Company about installing the equipment. If they can't do it our IT person, Robbie Hammond's family has offered to do this for us.**
- 4. Our fall sports season has started and we have around 60 athletes participating at this time.**
- 5. RMG is working extremely hard with having Responsive Classrooms and Teaching Peace with our students to create a kinder student body.**
- 6. We continue to work on School Safety and have plans for our safety committee to meet during the next early release. We have a quote on putting cameras in our hallways to improve safety.**

## **MMHS Principal's Report September 14, 2022**

### **Current Enrollment**

- ◆ 176

### **2022-2023 Enrollment**

- ◆ Freshmen 42
- ◆ Sophomores 52
- ◆ Juniors 42
- ◆ Seniors 40

### **2022-2023 Professional Development**

- ◆ Professional Learning Community
  - School Safety
  - Curriculum Alignment with Mission and Vision
  - Riveting Results Pilot

### **Athletics**

- ◆ Fall Sports
  - Soccer 2-1
  - Volleyball, JV 0-3, Varsity 2-2
  - Cross-Country
  - Golf

### **Projects**

- ◆ Parking Lots & Roads
- ◆ Gym Floor
- ◆ Patio Space Classroom
- ◆ Upper Campus Addition

### **NEASC Report**

- ◆ Final Draft