

AOS 96
Superintendent's Office
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**Minutes
Machias School Committee
Wednesday, September 20, 2017
Superintendent's Office
4:30 PM**

Attendance: Terry Sanborn, Teresa Saddler, Richard Shaw, Joleen Nicely.

Others Present: Joyce Fragale, Brian Leavitt, Mary Maker, Mitchell Look, Scott Porter.

I. Call to order at 4:27 p.m. by Terry Sanborn.

II. Approval of the minutes of July 12, 2017.

Motion by Joleen Nicely to approve the minutes of July 12, 2017.
Second: Richard Shaw; Vote: 4-0.

III. Agenda Adjustments:

Child Development Services.

Motion by Joleen Nicely to approve the addition of Child Development Services under item #9 on the Agenda.
Second: Richard Shaw; Vote: 4-0.

IV. Principals' Reports:

RMG: Enclosed.
MMHS: Enclosed.

V. New Business:

1. Opening Workshops:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the opening AOS 96 workshop was held on August 30, 2017 at the Rose M. Gaffney School. The following trainings were done at the workshop: blood borne pathogens, bullying law, sexual harassment and suicide prevention, hazardous materials and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

Training (FERPA). All AOS 96 staff had a workshop on either August 29 or August 31, 2017 at their respective schools.

2. School Safety:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that school safety was emphasized during the first AOS 96 Administrative Team meeting. He also informed the Committee that the Fall Harvest of Ideas workshop may have some school safety sessions.

3. Alternative Education Program:

Mitchell Look, Curriculum Coordinator/Federal Programs Manager informed the School Committee that the Alternative Education building renovation is almost complete. The renovation was funded by a \$30,000.00 grant from Machias Savings Bank.

4. Proficiency Based Education:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that all AOS 96 schools would continue to work to ensure that State standards are being addressed in the curriculum with the goal that all students will be proficient in their grade level standards.

5. Teacher Evaluation Program:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that all teachers and administrators in AOS 96 will be evaluated based on the Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Plan that was approved by all AOS 96 School Committees that operate schools. The Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Law is still in place and was not amended during the last legislative session.

6. 2017/2018 State Subsidy:

The Superintendent distributed a handout to the School Committee with the new state subsidy allocations. The Town of Machias will receive \$119,103.06 more than anticipated due to the Legislature approving a higher level of funding in the state budget than was projected when the town budget vote occurred. The additional state subsidy will add to the school's undesignated fund balance.

7. Tuition Students:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee there are currently 111 tuition students at Rose M. Gaffney School and 68 tuition students at Machias Memorial High School.

8. Teacher Contract Negotiations 2017/2018:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee the Teachers' contract will need to be negotiated this year.

9. School Management and Leadership Centers:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the State Budget Bill had a number of state policy changes in education. One of the biggest changes in the law is the responsibility of the Commissioner of Education to create 9 to 12 School Management and Leadership Centers. These centers can deliver four different categories of services: Instructional, Educational Support, Central Office, Facilities and Transportation Systems.

The Superintendent also informed the School Committee that the Governor would like public schools to take over Child Development Services for children ages 3-5.

10. CTE Intern:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the Building Trades teacher had been contacted by a past student inquiring about the possibility of volunteering as his intern.

After discussing the request with the Superintendent and Principal the School Committee approved the internship.

Motion by Teresa Saddler to approve an intern for the Building Trades Program.

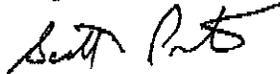
Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 4-0.

V.I. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 5:15 p.m. by Richard Shaw.

Second: Teresa Saddler; Vote: 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott K. Porter

Superintendent of Schools

AOS 96

Machias Bay Area School System

Rose M. Gaffney Elementary School

Principal's Report September 20, 2017

Summer Activity

*Edge Summer Camp ran for 4 weeks this year. The average attendance was 66 students per day. The first day of Edge will be Monday, October 2nd.

*RMG Summer School also ran for 4 weeks. We served 29 at risk students.

*The custodians have done a wonderful job getting the school ready for the year.

Back To School

Back To School Days

We enjoyed our annual "Welcome Back to School Day" on August 29th. We began with a staff meeting. This was followed by an Open House during which families had an opportunity to visit students' new classrooms and meet their teachers.

Next we enjoyed a BBQ which gave parents and students an opportunity to visit with staff on a more informal basis. We also had many informational booths set up in the gym. Booths included: Kitchen Staff, Title 1 Staff, Bus Drivers, JMG, Edge, school nurse, music, art, and sports to name a few.

The final part of our day was our Parent Curriculum Night. This is different from our "Open House" in that it gives teachers an opportunity to have some time to discuss the upcoming year, curriculum, and classroom expectations with parents. There were activities in the gym for the children.

On September 5th the Bulldog and I greeted students. Our current Enrollment is 369.

New Additions

We have some new additions to our team this year.

Bri Bradford - will be working in Mrs. Raye's kindergarten classroom

Meghan Scoville - will be working in Mrs. Rolfe-Taylor's kindergarten classroom

Amy Matthews - will be working as a Title 1 technician in the lower grades

Changes

We will no longer be sending home a school calendar. Parents will be able to access our calendar digitally. We now have the ability to change practices and events in a manner that will allow parents and guardians to view them in "Real Time". I will be sending a weekly update in the form of the "Principal's Message" to parents through email.

Safety

We have updated our safety plans. Our first safety evacuation, which was held on Friday, went smoothly. We ended our warm week with ice cream which was generously donated by Monica Stoddard of River's Edge Drive In.

Fall Sports

Fall sports coaches are: Stephanie Heller for Volleyball, Janis Whitney and Toshia Day for Cross Country, and David Whitney for Soccer.

School Physicals will take place on September 29th.

We have been meeting with Ashley Whitman who works for the DECH rehabilitation department. They have recently moved to a new facility. They are working on improved community integration and service. They are beginning this process by working with the local schools during annual physicals, typically conducted by Alf Wakeman, PA, to offer concussion pre-screening, flexibility screening for injury prevention, postural assessments for risk prevention, and vital sign assessment.

As part of this service Down East Community Hospital has agreed to waive the cost of the physicals for the Machias school system students in entirety for this school year. So this year, the school physicals would include an assessment by physician and a team of physical therapists assessing speed, agility, flexibility, concussion pre-screening, and strength with no cost to the schools!

Specials

Specials Sign ups have taken place for 7th graders. They chose from Art, Fitness at UMM, Culinary Arts, Industrial Arts, Technology Masters and Yearbook. Specials for grade 7 began last Friday.

PAWS

The PAWS parent group has grown. The group held their election of officers on Monday evening during their first meeting of the year. We are lucky to have the support of this wonderful group of parents. The outcome of the election was as follows: President: Nadine Preston Vice President: Amanda Worcester Secretary: Sarah Davis Treasurer: Shannon Demarest Marketing Director: Chastity Tuell

Focus for 17/18

Goals for RMG this year include: the implementation of the teacher evaluation program (i-observation), continued work toward proficiency based education, as well as continued increase of efficiency in operation through the use of technology.

Machias Memorial High School

Principal's Report

September 2017

School Enrollment

Total enrollment is down due to a small freshmen class. As of September 20, 2017 Machias Memorial High School has 18 freshmen, 38 sophomores, 28 juniors, and 28 seniors for a total of 112. The number of tuition students is 68. A meeting has been set for October 12 for a group to discuss ways to market the school and increase enrollment.

Proficiency Based Education

This year marks the first year students will be graded and receive a diploma based on meeting the standards. The teachers and staff are working diligently to implement this initiative. A dual grading system, where we eventually report a number grade and progress on meeting standards, will be used. Work habits will also be reported. We will move slowly through this process and provide a lot of information to parents along the way.

Teacher Evaluations

All teachers will be evaluated using the new teacher evaluation system as mandated by the Maine DOE. All teachers will be observed numerous times this year and some will receive a summative evaluation rating. Over the next two years all teachers will receive a SER. Administrators will also be evaluated using the new system this year.

NWEA and RTI

Freshmen and sophomores will be assessed using the NWEA test during the first week in October. The school uses this data as a screening tool for freshmen and to measure learning progress for freshmen and sophomores. The data is also used to determine if students need intervention services.

Athletics

Cross Country has 24 team members, soccer 14, volleyball 10, and golf 3. Mr. Sinford worked very hard at the beginning of school to recruit soccer players. His efforts ensured that the soccer program at Machias continued. I have attached the Fall 2017 Sports Schedule.

Bulldog Pride Weekend

Bulldog Pride Weekend will take place on September 29, 30, and October 1. The three day event will feature a varsity soccer and volleyball game of Friday night. Saturday events include a road race, luncheon, alumni soccer game, volleyball match, and bonfire. Sunday includes the Bulldog Classic Golf Tournament at Barren View Golf Club beginning at 9:00 am. Please see the reverse side for the newspaper ad that detail events.

Machias Memorial High School Athletic Boosters Presents:

5th Annual Bulldog Pride Weekend

September 29, 30, and October 1



Friday, September 29

4:00 pm Volleyball and Soccer Machias Bulldogs vs. Narraguagus Knights

Saturday, September 30

9:30 am Bulldog Pride 1 Mile Road Race

10:00 am Bulldog Pride 5K Road Race/Walk

(Pre-registration for races begins at 8:30 am)

12:00 pm Bulldog Pride Luncheon - Everyone Welcome!

3:00 pm Bulldog Alumni Soccer Game - call the school to sign up!

5:00 pm Bulldog Alumni Volleyball Game - call the school to sign up!

Bonfire Directly After Volleyball Game

Sunday, October 1 - NEW THIS YEAR!

9:00 am Bulldog Pride Golf Classic at Barren View Golf Course

4 Man Scramble \$40.00 per person (carts extra)

Prizes: Top Net, Top Gross, Closest to the Pin and more!

Come Out and Show Your Bulldog Pride!

For more information call Machias Memorial High School at 255-3812.

MACHIAS MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL SCHEDULES FALL 2017

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

HEAD COACH: MS. JODIE WOOD

9/5	WOODLAND VS. MACHIAS	4:00
9/6	MACHIAS @ NARRAGUAGUS	4:00
9/11	JONESPORT-BEALS VS. MACHIAS	4:00
9/14	SUMNER VS. MACHIAS	5:00
9/19	MACHIAS @ JONESPORT-BEALS	4:00
9/20	MACHIAS @ WOODLAND	5:00
9/27	MDI @ MACHIAS	5:00
9/29	NARRAGUAGUS @ MACHIAS	4:00
10/1	MACHIAS @ SUMNER	5:00
10/7	MACHIAS VS MACHIAS	5:00
10/10	MACHIAS @ LEE ACADEMY	5:00
10/14	LEE ACADEMY VS. MACHIAS	5:00
10/14	MACHIAS @ NORTH YARMOUTH	1:30
10/14	MACHIAS @ LAKE REGION	3:50

VARSITY SOCCER

HEAD COACH: MR. TY RICHARDS

9/5	MACHIAS @ NARRAGUAGUS	4:00
9/11	JONESPORT-BEALS VS. MACHIAS	4:00
9/13	SHEEP VS. MACHIAS	4:00
9/16	MACHIAS @ BANGOR CHRISTIAN	1:00
9/19	MACHIAS @ JONESPORT-BEALS	4:00
9/20	MACHIAS @ WOODLAND	4:00
9/23	BANGOR CHRISTIAN VS. MACHIAS	1:00
9/26	SUMNER VS. MACHIAS	4:00
9/29	NARRAGUAGUS VS. MACHIAS	4:00
10/2	MACHIAS @ SUMNER	4:00
10/4	CALAIS VS. MACHIAS	4:00
10/6	MACHIAS @ CALAIS	4:00
10/11	MACHIAS @ SHEEP	3:30
10/14	WOODLAND VS. MACHIAS	5:30

VARSITY BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

HEAD COACH: MRS. GENDY MOORE-ROSSI

9/8	DAG WEST @ NARRAGUAGUS	4:00
9/9	BUNKSPORT INVITATIONAL	11:00
9/12	LEE INVITATIONAL	4:00
9/15	PVC MIST @ CENTRAL H.S.	4:00
9/22	SEACOAST @ SUMNER H.S.	4:00
9/29	CALAIS INVITATIONAL @ MOOSEHEAD	4:00
10/2	DAG CHAMPIONSHIP @ MACHIAS H.S.	3:00
10/7	ESD FLYT INVITATIONAL @ ORONO H.S.	11:00
10/14	PVC CHAMPIONSHIP @ ORONO H.S.	12:00
10/21	REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS @ BELFAST	
	GIRLS @ 11:00 AM BOYS @ 11:35 AM	
10/28	STATE CHAMPIONSHIP - SOUTHERN MAINE	
	GIRLS @ 11:00 AM BOYS @ 11:35 AM	

VARSITY GOLF

HEAD COACH: MR. TONY BOY

9/7	DAG MATCH @ ST. CROIX - CALAIS	3:30
9/11	PVC MATCH @ ST. CROIX - CALAIS	3:30
9/14	DAG MATCH @ BARREN VIEW - JONESBORO	3:30
9/19	DAG MATCH @ ST. CROIX IN CALAIS	3:30
9/21	DAG MATCH @ BARREN VIEW - JONESBORO	3:30
9/26	DAG MATCH @ ST. CROIX - CALAIS	3:30
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