

AOS 96
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Minutes
Machias School Committee
Monday, September 23, 2019
Superintendent's Office
4:00 PM

Attendance: Teresa Saddler, Carolyn Nadeau, Joleen Nicely.

Others Present: Joyce Fragale, Bob Berta, Mary Maker, Mitchell Look, Scott Porter.

I. Call to order at 3:56 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.

II. Approval of the minutes of September 4, 2019.

Motion by Joleen Nicely to approve the minutes of September 4, 2019.
Second: Carolyn Nadeau; Vote: 3-0.

III. Agenda Adjustments: None.

IV. Public Comment: None.

V. Principal's Report:

RMG: Enclosed.
MMHS: None.

VI. New Business:

1. Teacher Nomination:

The Superintendent nomination Heidi Roesselet as an elementary teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney Elementary School for the 2019/2020 school year.

Motion by Teresa Saddler to accept the nomination of Heidi Roesselet as an elementary teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney Elementary School for the 2019/2020 school year.
Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 3-0.

2. Appointment of School Committee Member:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that Amanda Little resigned from her position on the Machias School Committee. The School Committee took action to appoint Richelle Leighton as the new School Committee member.

Motion by Joleen Nicely to approve the appointment of Richelle Leighton to the Machias School Committee.

Second: Carolyn Nadeau; Vote: 3-0.

3. AOS 96 Leadership Team:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the AOS 96 Leadership team continues to work on professional development opportunities which includes aligning the curriculum with state standards. He also indicated there would be a focus on childhood trauma interventions.

4. Early Release Days Concept:

The Superintendent spoke to the School Committee regarding a request by the AOS 96 Leadership Team to explore a possible weekly late start or early release for AOS 96 students. The Superintendent explained that we currently have 5 full day workshops and some half day workshops to do necessary state required work.

5. New Laws Workshop Update:

The Superintendent distributed a summary of new education laws to the School Committee. The summary contained 37 new laws that will impact our schools.

6. MMHS Gym Roof Project:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the MMHS roof project has been completed.

7. CTE Update:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that MSAD 37 will be purchasing the Columbia property in October. The former 4 Corners grocery store will be renovated and house four new CTE Programs next year. The renovations are expected to be completed by the end of March 2020.

8. Budget Update:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that there are currently more tuition students than budgeted.

VII. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 4:28 p.m. by Joleen Nicely.
Second: Carolyn Nadeau; Vote: 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott K. Porter

Superintendent of Schools

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Machias Bay Area School System

RMG Principal's Report
September 23, 2019

Fall Sports

We are well into our fall sports season. We have sixteen 7th and 8th graders signed up to play soccer, and twelve signed up to play volleyball. We have fifty-two students in grades three through eighth running cross country.

School physicals have taken place. Alf Wakeman P.A., and Ashley Whitman and her team from the DECH rehabilitation department, partnered with us again this year to offer the students physicals as well as concussion pre-screening, flexibility screening for injury prevention, postural assessments for risk prevention, and vital sign assessment. We are very fortunate to be able to offer this wonderful opportunity to our students through this partnership.

Clubs and Teams

Destination Imagination sign up is complete. Over 50 students have signed up to participate. Rules dictate that we have seven students per team, which means that we will have a minimum of 7 teams. We are in the process of organizing teams and finding coaches. Practices will start soon!

Gaffney Gazette

The Gaffney Staff has begun meeting. We are looking forward to our first publication.

Edge

Our 7th grade students attended the Marion Kane Edge Leadership Camp this week. This annual event gives students an opportunity to work on their teamwork and leadership skills. We are fortunate to benefit from the many opportunities provided by the Edge Program.

Music

A representative from the David French Company demonstrated concert band instruments for our 5th grade students. Grade 5 is the first year that students participate in beginner band. I just know that we have some amazing prospective musicians, and can't wait to hear their first performances.

Safety

We have noticed that there are some speed issues as individuals enter our campus. We will be placing speed bumps in two places along the entrance. They will be installed later next week. This will give us an opportunity to make everyone aware, and hopefully help people avoid an unpleasant surprise!

Check us out and see what we're up to!!!

RMG Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/rmgelementaryschool/>.

RMG Digital Calendar: <http://localendar.com/public/RMGSchool>.

Facebook Page: Rose M Gaffney Elementary School

Principal's Message: Make sure to invite friends and family members to sign up for this weekly message by calling us at 255-3411, and asking to be added to the list serve.