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**Agenda
Machias School Committee
Wednesday, December 1, 2021
Machias Memorial High School
4:00 PM**

Attendance: Teresa Saddler, William Weaver, Richard Shaw.

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

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

II. Approval of the minutes of November 3, 2021.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the minutes of November 3, 2021.
Second: William Weaver; Vote: 3-0.

III. Agenda Adjustments:

School Calendar as item #1B.

IV. Public Comment: None.

V. Principals' Reports:

RMG: Enclosed.
MMHS: Enclosed.

VI. New Business:

1. COVID Information Update:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee regarding Washington County COVID data including the current transmission rate and the number of new cases.

1B. School Calendar:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee of a request to change December 20, 21 and 22 from regular school days to remote learning days. The School Committee requested that a survey be sent to parents for feedback.

2. Biden 100 Employee Law:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that he is waiting for more information from the Maine Department of Labor regarding implementation of the Biden vaccination law. The Machias School Department will surpass the 100 employee threshold and will be required to follow the Federal vaccination law.

3. American Rescue Plan (ESSER III) Update:

The Superintendent reported to the School Committee the ESSER III application had been approved by the Maine Department of Education. He indicated that the grant is \$1.77 million and the money is available until 2024. The ESSER III plan includes additional staffing, technology purchases, as well as, facility and parking lot upgrades.

4. Bid Process:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee there is old equipment that will be put out to bid with their agreement. The School Committee agreed to put the equipment out to bid.

5. Winter Sports Update:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that mask wearing by players and spectators will vary by school district this season. Schools that do not require mask wearing at games will be required to wear masks if they travel to a school that has a mask requirement.

6. Tuition Revenue Update:

The 21/22 tuition rates will not be updated by the Department of Education until later this month. We currently have more students than budgeted therefore tuition revenue will be greater than expected. Currently there are 21 Career and Technical Education students at Machias Memorial High School. Secondary students that attend Career and Technical Education programming are only charged half tuition.

7. New Student Conduct Law:

The Superintendent explained the new Student Conduct Law which restricts disciplinary measures for children in the fifth grade and under.

8. Approval of Workplace Bullying Policy:

The Superintendent explained the required Workplace Bullying Policy to the School Committee.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the Workplace Bullying Policy.
Second: William Weaver; Vote: 3-0.

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

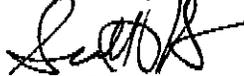
Motion by Teresa Saddler to enter into Executive Session at 4:42 p.m.
Second: Richard Shaw; Vote: 3-0.

Declared out of Executive Session by Teresa Saddler at 4:50 p.m.

VII. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 4:51 p.m. by William Weaver.
Second: Richard Shaw; Vote: 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott K. Porter

Superintendent of Schools

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Machias Bay Area School System

Principal Report for 12/1/21**Enrollment: 337**

The Veterans Day program was a huge success and grade 2 students did an excellent job marching in with their flags and leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Winter sports have started and we have 31 basketball players and 6 cheerleaders.

Our first game is Friday.

1st graders created a Kindness wall with sayings.

4 H program out of the University of Maine taught how to make rockets and measured how far they flew.

2nd grade attended Lynch Hill Cranberry Bog and learned all about the growing, processing and selling of the cranberries. They each brought home a package of cranberries and a recipe to try.

2nd graders are getting ready to board a plane and take a trip around the world to 9 different countries to celebrate and learn each country's holiday traditions

Mrs. Whitney's second grade has been meeting with Miss Cathy from the Downeast Coastal Conservancy for nature lessons.

Ms. Dow's 7th and 8th grade science classes are learning how to use the 3D printer with some great lessons. They are also completing a Nascar unit: they learned how to use a simulator program to collect data points for graphing the relationship between mass/kinetic energy and speed/kinetic energy and built their own nascar.

Mrs. Congolais grade 3 class practiced writing thank you letters to different people in the building.

Parent Teacher conferences went well.

COVID clinic was held on campus and we had 200 people participate.

RMG staff was very appreciative for the extra day during Thanksgiving break and delivered some wonderful thankful lessons for the remote day. Google classroom is being utilized a lot.