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Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, May 21, 2015
Medomak Valley High School

MINUTES

School Board Members: Erik Amundsen, Sara Andrews, Guy Bourrie, Tod Brown, Cheryl Cichowski, Ann Donaldson, Dana Dow (arrived at 7:08 p.m.), Danny Jackson, Lynda Letteney, Bill Moody, Sandra O'Farrell, Dorothy Robinson, Errol Silvestri, Brooke Simmons, Bob Williams, Dennis Wooster

I. Opening

A. Called to Order by Chair Danny Jackson at 7:00 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Declaration of Quorum – 830 out of 1000
3. Note Absences – Bob Williams (excused), Brooke Simmons (excused)
4. Adjustments to the Agenda – None

II. Presentations

1. Recognize MMS Science Olympiad team

III. Audience with the Public

IV. Consent Agenda – Approve minutes of May 7, 2015

Motion: Dennis Wooster Second: Erik Amundsen Vote: 788 – 0 – 115

V. Superintendent and/or Chair Reports

A. Superintendent's Report

B. Board Chair's Report

1. Key Work of School Boards Guide Book – Chapter 10

C. Business Manager's Report

D. Student Representative(s) Report

1. Patrick White informed the board of a Guitar Hero tournament that is being put on by the Sophomore Class.
2. Aaron Smeltzer's report is attached.

VI. Reports from Schools

VII. Educational Issues

1. Medomak Middle School structure
 - a. For the 2015-16 school year, offer Health Education instead of Spanish
 - b. Moving away from 2-man teams to communities
 - c. 3-year plan for the middle school
2. Proficiency-Based Education

VIII. Action Items

- A. Approve appointing Andrew Cavanaugh as the acting principal of Medomak Valley High School for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year.

Motion: Dennis Wooster Second: Lynda Letteney Vote: 903 – 0 – 0

- B. Review and approve nomination for English Language Arts/Social Studies Teacher at Medomak Middle School

Motion: Errol Silvestri Second: Lynda Letteney Vote: 903 – 0 – 0

- C. Approve Medomak Valley High School Outdoor Club fieldtrip to Acadia National Park on June 6-7, 2015.

Motion: Lynda Letteney Second: Sandra O'Farrell Vote: 903 – 0 – 0

- D. Approve a change in the courses of study at Medomak Middle School to replace Spanish with Health.

Motion: Lynda Lettendy Second: Sandra O'Farrell Vote: 903 – 0 – 0

- E. Review and approve insurance proposal.
The Finance Committee, at its regular meeting on Thursday, May 7th, voted to recommend Kyes Insurance Agency to provide RSU 40 for the insurance coverage to the full board.

Motion: Dennis Wooster Second: Erik Amundsen Vote: 903 – 0 – 0

IX. Committee Reports

- A. Negotiations – May 26th @ 3:00 p.m. – Central Office**
- B. Region 8 – May 27th @ 7:00 p.m. – MCST Rockland**
- C. Finance – June 9th @ 7:00 p.m. – Central Office**
- D. Facilities-Transportation – June 11th @ 3:00 p.m. – PMS**
- E. Many Flags – June 11th @ 6:30 p.m. – Rockland, Main Street-no meeting**
- F. Policy – June 16th @ 5:00 p.m. – Central Office**
- G. Curriculum – TBD @ 5:30 p.m. – MMS**
- H. RSU 40 Career & Technical Education – June 23rd @ 6:00 p.m. – Central Office**

X. Adjournment – 8:39 p.m.

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Student Representative Report
May 21st, 2015

This past Wednesday was this years academic award ceremony, that ceremony is mostly composed of juniors getting book awards for various schools such as Rensselaer, Princeton, and St. Michaels College.

The Boston Pops trip will take place this Saturday, the 23rd.

The Senior band concert is next Wednesday the 27th. I hope that some of you can come. Mr. Stuart and I will be performing the soundtrack song "Reflection" from the Disney movie Mulan. You will not want to miss it.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aaron Smeltzer

Board Chair Report 05/21/15

- 1) We will be recognizing retirees at the Board Meeting on 6/04/15. We were planning on recognizing them tonight but had to change the date.
- 2) The annual School Board Academic Achievement Awards Top 8 Recognition Night is on 5/28/15. This year it will be just for Medomak Valley High School students. It will be held in the auditorium and will begin at 7:00pm. It would be nice for as many Board Members as possible to attend this awards ceremony.
- 3) I saw the MVHS Varsity Baseball and Softball play last week.
- 4) On 05/18/15, I attended some of the MVHS Boys Tennis match, the 7th grade Baseball and Softball games, and the JV Softball & Baseball games. I wish I could have spent more time at each of the games.
- 5) The Key Work of School Boards-Chapter 10