

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 40

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Steve Nolan, Superintendent
Kimberly Schroeter, Director of Instruction

Karla Miller, Business Manager
Karen Etheridge, Director of Special Services

Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, April 7, 2016 Medomak Middle School

MINUTES

School Board Members: Erik Amundsen, Sara Andrews, Guy Bourrie, Tod Brown, Cheryl Cichowski, Seth Hall, Natasha Irving, Danny Jackson, Lynda Letteney, Sandra O'Farrell, Dorothy Robinson, Errol Silvestri, Brooke Simmons, Bob Williams, Dennis Wooster

Student Representatives: Patrick White, Jake Faria

I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Danny Jackson at 7:04p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Declaration of Quorum: 748 of 945
3. Note Absences: Erik Amundsen, Lynda Letteney, Dorothy Robinson (all excused), Patrick White, Jake Faria
4. Adjustments to the Agenda – None

II. Presentations

III. Audience with the Public

IV. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Minutes of March 17, 2016: Guy Bourrie
Second: Brooke Simmons Vote: 693 – 0 – 55 (Cheryl Cichowski)

V. Superintendent and/or Chair Reports

A. Superintendent's Report

1. Attached

B. Board Chair's Report

1. Attached

C. Business Manager's Report

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2. Karla updated her report to inform the board that the testing for lead in the water system is called "First Draw"; a sample of water is taken from two taps that are used for drinking (usually a water fountain and one

3. from the kitchen area) after the water has settled for 6 hours and then another sample of water from the same sources after the water has been disturbed or used. Since my report, we have received the results from Warren and Miller; still waiting on Friendship results. Warren and Miller tested fine.

D. Student Representative(s) Report

VI. Reports from Schools

- A. Kim asked the Board if there were questions or clarifications required on her report?

VII. Educational Issues – Comprehensive Planning, Jean Haeger, Great Schools Partnership

VIII. Action Items

- A. Motion to approve annual 8th grade trip to Boston, MA: Guy Bourrie
Second: Dennis Wooster Vote: 748 – 0 – 0
- B. Motion to approve for Medomak Valley High School softball team to participate in a tournament in South Portland: Brooke Simmons Second: Sandra O'Farrell
Vote: 748 – 0 – 0
- C. Motion to approve Science Olympiad trip to University of Wisconsin – Stout for the National Science Olympiad Tournament: Brooke Simmons Second: Dennis Wooster
Vote: 748 – 0 – 0

Amendment to the motion to donate \$1,000.00 to the trip: Brooke Simmons
Second: Natasha Irving Vote: 478 – 128 (Sandra O'Farrell, Robert Williams)
– 142 (Danny Jackson, Dennis Wooster)
- D. Motion to approve the lawn mowing bids: Guy Bourrie Second: Brooke Simmons
Vote: 748 – 0 – 0
- E. Motion to approve extending the date for awarding proficiency-based diplomas beginning after July 1, 2020: Errol Silvestri Second: Sandra O'Farrell
Vote: 748 – 0 – 0
- F. Motion to adopt the courses of study in alignment with the system of Learning Results: Robert Williams Second: Guy Bourrie Vote: 748 – 0 – 0
- G. Motion to adopt on first reading as amended: Guy Bourrie Second: Brooke Simmons
Vote: 748 – 0 – 0
 - a. BBAA – Board Member Authority and Responsibilities
 - b. BBD – Members of the Board of Directors Term of Office ~ Vacancies
 - c. BCB – Board Member Conflict of Interest
 - d. BCC – Nepotism

- e. BDB – Board Officers
- f. BE – Board Meetings
- g. BEDB – Agenda
- h. BEDBA – Agenda Format
- i. BEDD – Meeting Procedures/By-laws
- j. BEDF – Voting Method and Quorum
- k. BEDG – Minutes

H. Motion to accept the votes of April 5, 2016 referendum for Prescott Memorial School air quality project: Guy Bourrie Second: Brooke Simmons
Vote: 748 – 0 – 0

I. Motion to rescind the vote on March 28th to approve the budget: Guy Bourrie
Second: Dennis Wooster Vote: 675 – 73 (Natasha Irving) – 0

Motion to withdraw the additions to the budget to the 4% line: Errol Silvestri
Second: Sandra O’Farrell

Motion to amend the motion to include the two Ed Techs for Warren Community School total increase \$1,001,109 or 4.17%): Tod Brown Second: Dennis Wooster
Vote: 335 – 413 – 0 Motion failed

Guy Bourrie moved the main question – go back to 4% line Vote: 243 – 381 – 124
Motion failed

Motion to pay for the shortfall of \$124,042 due to health care premium increase as follows: Guy Bourrie Second: Brooke Simmons
Decrease line 14 MVHS Resource Techer from 1.0 to 0.5 for a savings of \$31,812
Decrease line 17 MMS Resource Ed Tech from 1.0 to .05 for a savings of \$16,210
Omit line 19 until next budget cycle for a savings of \$57,225
Omit line 23 until next budget cycle for a savings of \$22,300

Karen Etheridge spoke about the need to maintain the Resource positions to be able to follow IEP’s of special education students.

Sandra O’Farrell called the question. Vote: 0 – 396 – 55 Motion failed

Motion to amend the budget at Line 18 and add one Ed Tech for Warren Community School: Sandra O’Farrell Second: Dennis Wooster Vote: 390 – 358 – 0

Motion to add 0.5 intervention positions for the three small schools (Friendship, Prescott and Union): Guy Bourrie Second: Brooke Simmons
Vote: 432 – 243 – 73

Motion to accept the Superintendent’s budget as amended at \$25,094,019 for a 4.42% increase: Guy Bourrie Second: Dennis Wooster

Motion to amend to add the second Ed Tech position at Warren Community School at \$25,126,439 for a \$4.55% increase: Natasha Irving Second: Brooke Simmons
Vote: 450 – 298 – 0

Move the question to approve the proposed budget as amended: 675 – 73 – 0

There will be a Special Board Meeting Tuesday, April 12, at the Central Office beginning at 6:00 p.m. to sign warrants.

IX. Committee Reports

- A. Personnel Committee –April 7th @ 5:30 p.m. – MMS**
- B. Finance Committee – April 12th @ 5:00 p.m. – Central Office**
- C. Facilities-Transportation Committee – April 14th @ 4:00 p.m. – Central Office**
- D. Policy Committee – April 26th @ 5:00 p.m. – Central Office**
- E. Curriculum Committee – May 3rd @ 5:00 p.m. – MMS**

X. Region 8 Board – April 27th @ 7:00 p.m. – MCST

XIII. The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

All meetings of the Board, except executive sessions, will be open to the public. All actions of the Board will be taken openly and the deliberations leading to Board action will likewise be conducted openly. The public and district employees are encouraged to attend Board meetings. A time of up to thirty minutes in duration for comments by visitors at Board meetings will be scheduled at the beginning of the Board's agenda. Board committee meetings are open to the public. Public input is welcomed but the Board Chair may need to limit discussion.