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**Minutes**  
**Machias School Committee**  
**Wednesday, May 3, 2017**  
**Superintendent's Office**  
**4:30 PM**

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

**Others Present:** Joyce Fragale, Mary Maker, Scott Porter.

**I.** Call to order at 4:30 p.m. by Terry Sanborn.

**II.** **Approval of the minutes of April 12, 2017.**

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

**III.** **Agenda Adjustments:**

Motion by Teresa Saddler to add Reconsideration of the 2017/2018 School  
Budget as item #7 and Changes to MMHS Athletic Policy as item #8.  
Second: Richard Shaw; Vote: 4-0.

**IV.** **Principals' Reports:**

RMG: Enclosed.  
MMHS: Enclosed.

**V.** **New Business:**

**1. Nomination of Probationary Teachers:**

The Superintendent nominated Lynda Dolley as a Special Education  
teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney School for the 2017/2018 school year.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the Superintendent's nomination of  
Lynda Dolley as a Special Education teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney  
School for the 2017/2018 school year.  
Second: Gerard NeCastro; Vote: 5-0.

The Superintendent nominated Elizabeth Douglas as an elementary teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney School for the 2017/2018 school year.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Elizabeth Douglas as an elementary teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney School for the 2017/2018 school year.  
Second: Gerard NeCastro; Vote: 5-0.

The Superintendent nominated Rebecca Lee as an Art teacher in the Machias Schools for the 2017/2018 school year.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Rebecca Lee as an Art teacher in the Machias Schools for the 2017/2018 school year.  
Second: Gerard NeCastro; Vote: 5-0.

The Superintendent nominated Susan Sexton as an elementary teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney School for the 2017/2018 school year.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Susan Sexton as an elementary teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney School for the 2017/2018 school year.  
Second: Gerard NeCastro; Vote: 5-0.

The Superintendent nominated Jessica Stauffer as an elementary teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney School for the 2017/2018 school year.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Jessica Stauffer as an elementary teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney School for the 2017/2018 school year.  
Second: Gerard NeCastro; Vote: 5-0.

The Superintendent nominated Sarah Nehrings as an elementary teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney School for the 2017/2018 school year.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Sarah Nehrings as an elementary teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney School for the 2017/2018 school year.  
Second: Gerard NeCastro; Vote: 5-0.

The Superintendent nominated EJ Hampson as a classroom teacher at Machias Memorial High School for the 2017/2018 school year.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the Superintendent's nomination of EJ Hampson as a classroom teacher at Machias Memorial High School for the 2017/2018 school year.  
Second: Gerard NeCastro; Vote: 5-0.

The Superintendent nominated Amanda Anderson as a Foreign Language teacher at Machias Memorial High School for the 2017/2018 school year.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Amanda Anderson as a Foreign Language teacher at Machias Memorial High School for the 2017/2018 school year.

Second: Gerard NeCastro; Vote: 5-0.

The Superintendent nominated James Lenke as a classroom teacher at Machias Memorial High School for the 2017/2018 school year.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the Superintendent's nomination of James Lenke as a classroom teacher at Machias Memorial High School for the 2017/2018 school year.

Second: Gerard NeCastro; Vote: 5-0.

The Superintendent nominated Emily Mawhinney as a Culinary Arts teacher at Machias Memorial High School for the 2017/2018 school year.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Emily Mawhinney as a Culinary Arts teacher at Machias Memorial High School for the 2017/2018 school year.

Second: Gerard NeCastro; Vote: 5-0.

The Superintendent nominated Rebecca McKenna as a classroom teacher at Machias Memorial High School for the 2017/2018 school year.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Rebecca McKenna as a classroom teacher at Machias Memorial High School for the 2017/2018 school year.

Second: Gerard NeCastro; Vote: 5-0.

## **2. Alternative Education Program:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee Machias Savings Bank donated \$30,000.00 to the Alternative Education Program. The funds will be used to complete electrical work, insulate, sheetrock and paint the space. In addition, a bathroom facility will be installed, as well as, a heating system.

A Gear-Up grant will be used to fund the operating costs for the program.

## **3. Teacher Evaluation Law:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that administration and teachers are still working to implement the new Teacher Evaluation Law. This current school year is a pilot year for the entire state.

**4. State Budget Update:**

The Maine Legislature has been working diligently on the state budget but due to a number of conflicting opinions it will probably be late in the Legislative session before an agreement is reached. Most Legislators believe an agreement will not be reached until the end of June.

**5. Legislative Update:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee regarding the status of several bills. He explained there are two Unorganized Territories bills. One bill allows school choice in the Unorganized Territories and the other bill eliminates the Unorganized Territories Administrative office in Augusta. The Superintendent also mentioned an administrator retirement bill that would extend the time a retired administrator can work from 5 years to 10 years. He also informed the Committee that the Education Committee voted in favor of restoring system administration in the EPS funding formula.

**6. Town Meeting Date:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee the Machias Town Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rose M. Gaffney School.

**7. Reconsideration of the 2017/2018 School Budget:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee the Machias Town Manager requested the Machias School Board cut an additional \$64,000.00 from the 2017/2018 school budget.

After reviewing the budget with the Superintendent and making the necessary adjustments, the School Committee took action to approve the 2017/2018 school budget in the amount of \$4,769,683.88.

Motion by Terry Sanborn to approve the 2017/2018 school budget in the amount of \$4,769,983.88.

Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 3-2.

**8. Changes to MMHS Athletic Policy:**

The Superintendent distributed a hand-out (enclosed) that detailed the recommended changes to the Machias Memorial High School Athletic Policy.

Motion by Gerard NeCastro to approve the recommended changes to the Machias Memorial High School Athletic Policy.

Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 5-0.

**VI. Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn at 5:43 p.m. by Joleen Nicely.  
Second: Gerard NeCastro; Vote: 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott K. Porter  
Superintendent of Schools  
AOS 96  
Machias Bay Area School System

# Rose M. Gaffney Elementary School

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*Principal's Report May 3, 2017*

## *The Principals Desk*

Mr. Leavitt and I attended a "Desserts and Discussions" program at MMHS last Friday night. It was part of an awareness program surrounding drug abuse, and was presented by the Community Action Team. It was very informative. Based on the statistics, students begin abusing at a very young age. I think that it would be beneficial to have Abby and Brian Frutchey come in to speak to our Junior High Students. It would also be good to have parent training, and possibly testing kits available to parents.

## *What's going on around RMG*

Future Promises Career Fair – Grades 3-6 attended the Future Promises Career Fair hosted by Machias Savings Bank. Students were given the opportunity to speak to representatives of different careers. Upon returning to school students wrote Future Promise Essays for the chance to win a college scholarship.

Literacy Team – The Literacy Team made \$1900 Dollars at concessions this year. This money is used to bring Authors to the school, provides books for our students, helps support the Linda Preston Scholarship fund, as well as many other Literacy promoting activities. Prior to vacation we read across the rainbow. We wore a different color of the rainbow each day, older students read to younger students during book buddy times, we made bookmarks which were given to Porter Memorial Library and finally on Friday we dropped everything and read. This was followed by a sherbet. Award winning author Lynn Plourde will be at RMG on May 10th.

Sports – Baseball and Softball are in full swing, with our first game taking place on Monday. Jodie Wood is coaching Softball and Scotty Reynolds is coaching baseball. We have 14 RMG girls and 14 Boys including students from Jonesboro and a Home-Schooled Student.

Music – Our annual Solo and Ensemble performance was last Thursday night. We are very fortunate to have extremely talented musicians at RMG. Mrs. Atkinson, and Mrs. Baker, did an outstanding job preparing students for their performances.

JMG – is sponsoring a "Pennies for Patients" drive to benefit children with cancer. Classrooms compete to raise money, and the winning class receives a party. JMG 8<sup>th</sup> grade students attended Urban Adventure in Portland on Thursday and Friday.

PAWS - Our PAWS parent group organized an Easter Egg Hunt for our PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. The group also continues to host monthly snack sales.

Enrichment – Grade 3 attended the Challenger Space Center. While they were there they completed a STEM activity where they made paper rockets, launched them, and redesigned the rockets with the goal of making them go further. The students also went on a simulated mission.

The Enrichment Committee organized a visit from the Planetarium for grades 4-8.



**Grade 3 students build and launch Rockets at the Challenger Space Center in Bangor.**

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**DAR Good Citizenship Award**

Mark Anthony was selected by his peers and teachers to receive the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award. The ceremony was hosted by the local chapter and held at the Whiting Village Community Center. Mark is an exceptional young man who is kind to everyone he comes in contact with. Mark's family was able to attend the ceremony.



**Bathroom Project**

A need that the high school has had for a long time is a faculty bathroom on the west wing. I have been talking about installing one for several years now. Last year Drs. Massaad and Ten made a significant donation to the school. The intent of the donation was to use it to make a difference for teachers. In addition Drs. Massaad and Ten have made two more donations to show their appreciation for the work our teachers do for all students. Their donations will allow the school to install a bathroom on the west wing as well as a hydration station. This donation is greatly appreciated by all at the school.

**Solo & Ensemble Concert**

The music programs at Machias Schools displayed a lot of serious talent at the annual Solo & Ensemble Concert. I was greatly entertained by our musicians and proud of their effort and performance.

**Second Chance Breakfast and After School Snacks**

A new food program at the high school is Second Chance Breakfast and After School Snacks. This will allow students more opportunities to fuel up their bodies for learning. A small group of teachers, Mr. Look, and Lydia Mulholland were involved in making this program a reality.

**Spring NWEAs**

The Spring NWEAs will be administered the week of May 15 - May 18 to all freshmen and sophomores. Each student will set goals with their HomeBase advisors before taking the test. The tests will measure learning progress in science, math, reading, and language during the school year. Test results will be available 72 hours after the test is administered.

**Career & Technical Student of the Year**

Ellie Burns was named the Student of the Year for Coastal Washington County Institute of Technology. Ellie was one of the 27 students honored at the ceremony at The Green Ladel in Lewiston, Maine. Ellie will also receive the CTE Melmac Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.

**JMG Request**

JMG has requested that an addition be made to the graduation ceremony. They would like to add a four year JMG cord, similar to the Chorus four year cord, to the ceremony.



**Valedictorian and Salutatorian**

Regan Bragg has earned the distinction of Valedictorian for the Class of 2017. Regan will be attending Colby College in the fall and mathematics will be her major. Regan has been awarded the MPA Principal's Award and MELMAC Tyler Grandmason Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.

Jonathan Massaad has earned the honor of Salutatorian for the Class of 2017. Jon will be attending the University of Maine at Orono in the fall and Biology/Pre-Medical will be his major.



**Graduation**

Commencement exercises will be held in the Memorial High School gymnasium on Sunday, June 4th at 1:00 pm.

**MMHS**  
**Current Athletic Policy**  
**Drug and Alcohol**

1. Possession or use of any alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will result in being dropped from the team and a referral will be made to the Student Assistant Team. For a second offense the student shall be prohibited from participation in any sport or extra-curricular activity for the remainder of the school year. School officials and/or law enforcement personnel should make detection of the offense.
2. Being present at parties where alcohol and/or illegal drugs are being used will result in the athlete being dropped from participation for two competitive events for a first time event. If a second offense takes place the student will be prohibited from participation from any athletic program or extra-curricular activity for the remainder of the school year. School officials and/or law enforcement personnel should make detection of the offense.
3. Possession or use of any performance enhancing drug (PED) or substances will result in the athlete being dropped from the athletic program. A referral will be made to the Student Assistance Team. For a second offense the student will be prohibited from participating in any athletic program or extra-curricular activity for the remainder of the school year. School officials and/or law enforcement personnel should make detection of the offense.

**MMHS**  
**Recommended Athletic Policy Changes (2017)**  
**Drug and Alcohol**

1. Possession or use of any alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will result in consequences that may include the following: a). game suspensions with mandatory drug and alcohol counseling, b). suspension from the team for the remainder of the season. A second offense by the student may result in being suspended from participation in any sport or extra-curricular activity for the remainder of the school year. School officials and/or law enforcement personnel should make detection of the offense.
2. Being present at parties where alcohol and/or illegal drugs are being used may result in game suspensions and/or mandatory drug and alcohol counseling. A second offense by the student may result in being suspended from participation in any sport or extra-curricular activity for the remainder of the school year. School officials and/or law enforcement personnel should make detection of the offense.
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