

AOS 96
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Minutes
Machias School Committee
Wednesday, November 8, 2017
Superintendent's Office
4:30 PM

Attendance: Terry Sanborn, Teresa Saddler, Richard Shaw, Joleen Nicely,
Amanda Little.

Others Present: Joyce Fragale, Brian Leavitt, Mary Maker, Sarah Dedmon, Scott
Porter.

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

II. **Approval of the minutes of October 18, 2017.**

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the minutes of October 18, 2017.
Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 5-0.

III. **Agenda Adjustments:** None.

IV. **Principals' Reports:**

RMG: Enclosed.

MMHS: Enclosed.

V. **New Business:**

1. Tuition Enrollment Update:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that there are currently 65 secondary tuition students at Machias Memorial High School and 109 tuition students at Rose M. Gaffney School. The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the new tuition rates would not be released by the Department of Education until December.

2. New State Student Information System:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the Maine Department of Education rolled out a new student software system. The student data is used by the Department to calculate state subsidy for all

school units. The new system implementation has been difficult and there have been delays but the Machias data has been successfully uploaded.

3. School Management and Leadership Center Update:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the Legislative Council recently supported a bill that will repeal any penalties assessed to school districts that do not participate in the formation of a School Management and Leadership Center. The bill will now go before the Education Committee during the next Legislative session that begins in January 2018.

4. Maine School Superintendents Association Fall Conference:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that he attended the Maine School Superintendents Association Fall Conference in Augusta on October 25, 2017. The keynote speaker was the Executive Director of the American Association of School Administrators (AASA).

5. Maine School Management Association Fall Conference:

The Superintendent explained to the School Committee that the Superintendents conference (October 25) is followed by the 2 day Maine School Management Associations Conference. This conference is open to Superintendents and School Committee members. The conference has many sessions on school law issues and Maine Department of Education initiatives.

6. Maine Small Schools Coalition Meeting:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the Maine Small Schools Coalition will be meeting on November 17, 2017 at the University of Maine in Orono. The Coalition has invited members of the Maine Legislature to attend. The MSSC will be considering hiring an Executive Director to represent small school districts when the Legislature is in session.

7. Workshop Schedule:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the AOS 96 Proficiency Based Education (PBE) Leadership Team has recommended that the scheduled March 16, 2018 teacher's workshop be moved to Monday, December 11, 2017. The reason for the change is to bring teachers from RSU 4 (Sabattus/Litchfield) area to provide PBE implementation training for our teachers. RSU 4 has fully implemented Proficiency Based Education in their classrooms. The School Committee agreed to move the workshop from March 16, 2018 to December 11, 2017.

8. Executive Session: Legal Counsel: 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(E):

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 5:11 p.m. by Richard Shaw.
Second: Teresa Saddler; Vote: 5-0.

Declared out of Executive Session at 5:48 p.m. by Terry Sanborn.

VI. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 5:49 by Teresa Saddler.
Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



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

Principal's Report November 8, 2017

The Principal's Desk

Quarter 1 grades closed on Friday for students in grades 4-8. Parent Teacher conferences will be held during the week of November 13th. Our PowerSchool program gives parents of students in grades 4-8 the ability to view assignments, due dates, and grades on an ongoing basis. The RMG Website has homework pages which list all assigned work. Students in grades 4-8 also have the ability to access this data.

RMG faculty are working within the new i-observation teacher evaluation program. Teacher's goals, and plans for meeting their goals, have been submitted. Mr. Fitzsimmons and I are in the process of meeting with teachers to discuss their individual plans, and answer questions. Mr. Fitzsimmons and Mrs. Bunker are receiving further training from Curt Jack, so that they can serve as in house experts.

The RMG faculty continues to participate in ongoing training toward Proficiency Based Education, as well as serve on the leadership team. Leadership team members are myself, Janis Whitney, Caitlyn Roy, Tanya Shaw, Diana O'Neal, and Sally Hergert. Mrs. Woodward and Ms. Wells recently participated in professional development surrounding grading policies and practices.

We continue our partnership with UMM and have hosted seven pre-service teachers this year.

Veteran's Program

Our Veteran's Program will take place next Thursday, November 9th. It will begin at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast in the Rose M. Gaffney gym, followed by a ceremony honoring our Veterans at the Machias Memorial High School Gym beginning at 9:00. We look forward to this opportunity to honor those that have given so much to ensure our freedom. There will be no school on Friday, November 10th in honor of Veteran's Day.

Music

Mrs. Baker has agreed to oversee both band and chorus for now. We have altered her schedule to make sure that she has adequate time, and hired a long-term sub to carry out some of her duties. We appreciate Mrs. Baker's willingness to change her schedule in order help us out!

Sports

Our fall sports season has come to an end with our volleyball team participating in a tournament at Elm Street School this past Saturday. We will usher in the winter sports season with the Bulldog Blitz Tournament which will be hosted at RMG on November 17th and 18th.

Walk to School Day

We had a wonderful brisk autumn morning for our "Walk to School" day. Everyone was respectful, safe, and looked as though they were having a wonderful time. A big thank you to Terri Woodruff from Healthy Acadia for helping organize this event, and our own MMHS Cross Country Team, our Machias Fire Department, as well as our PAWS members for keeping our students safe during our walk.

JMG

The JMG induction ceremony took place on Thursday. Our program has grown from 23 to 37 participants. JMG students have been busy already this year, taking care of the school sign, carrying out the school recycling program by coordinating with the town, and working to assist

with the Veteran's program. I am especially proud of how attentive, warm, and welcoming, these students were during their recent hosting of the Down East Feast. They were outstanding hosts to the community members who stopped by to enjoy dinner with us. JMG hosted a "Turkey Trot" on Friday night. The students had a great time! Admission was lowered with donations of food which will be donated to the Machias Food Pantry. The "Nickels for the Needy" drive raised \$468.00 which will be donated to Jobs for America Graduates to be used for classrooms that were destroyed during recent hurricanes.

National Junior Honor Society

Friday October 27th our National Junior Honor Society sponsored a Halloween party in the gym for students in grades Pk-4. Many of our Junior High students volunteered their time to help with games, and activities. Halloween parties for our older students were held in the classrooms. We had a great time!! On Monday, we held our National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony at the Machias Savings Bank Community Room. New inductees are: Tia Murphy, Isabelle Manning, and Rowen Luuring.

Ventures Gifted and Talented Program

Our Ventures Program is off to a very busy start this school year. We have four Destination Imagination Teams that have already begun practicing for the State Competition in March. Also, Books and Bagels and The Gaffney Gazette have had their first meetings.

The Ventures Program has also had a chance to take part in some productive Professional Development. Recently, several RMG teachers took part in a webinar on the Renzulli learning system that generates assignments for individual learners based on creativity and interests. Finally, Mr. Fitzsimmons attended the annual Gifted and Talented Conference in Portland. This was a two-day session and highlights included technology to reach students, daily puzzles to stimulate the mind, and partnering with local Gifted and Talented Teachers.

PAWS

Our PAWS parent group's latest fundraiser is the "Square 1 Art" program. Parents (and relatives) will have an opportunity to purchase their students' original art work by accessing the work online, choosing a product, and placing orders.

RMG Family

On Friday, there will be a benefit supper in the Rose M. Gaffney Gym in support of the Foss family. There will be a raffle beginning at 3:00, followed by a spaghetti dinner at 5:00, and a dessert auction at 5:30.

We joined Machias Memorial High School in celebration of Unity Day which is recognized on October 25th. I would like to thank Mr. Leavitt as well as Mrs. Schoppee for including us in the recognition of this day, and helping us to stress the importance of acceptance and inclusion. As part of the RMG family we stand together against bullying. We treat everyone with kindness and respect. We embrace the differences found in each and every one of us. In every situation, we treat others as we ourselves would like to be treated. We are proud of our school, and proud to be part of a school community that has zero tolerance for disrespect to anyone.

Out and About

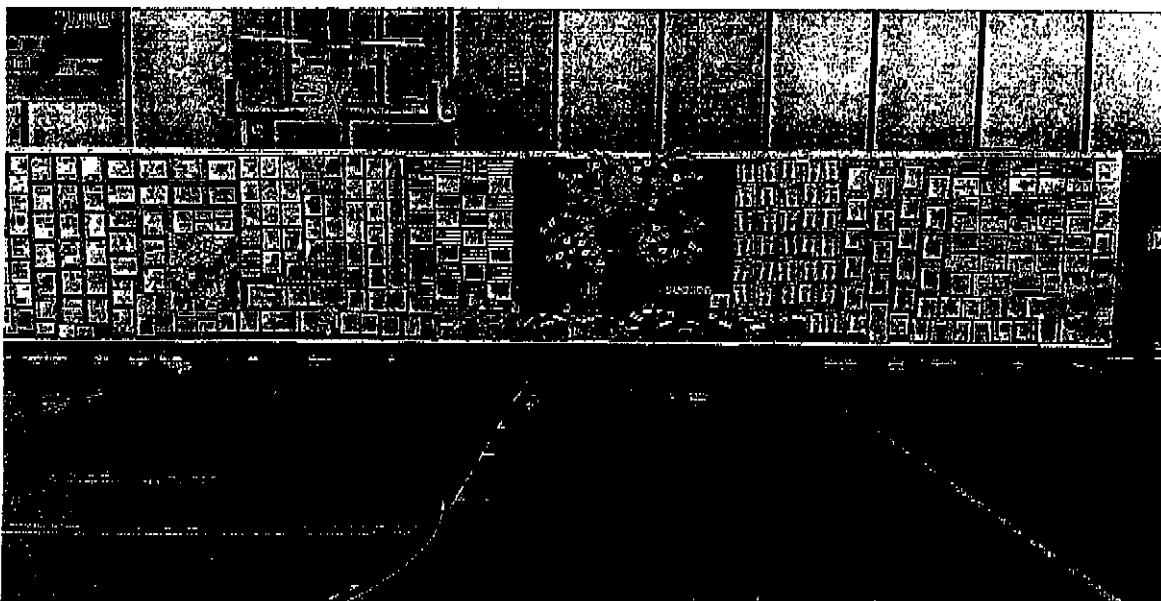
On Wednesday, November 1st, 7th graders visited the Cole Transportation Museum, and the Challenger Space Center. This was a learning experience that represented integration of Science, Technology, Math, Language Arts and History.

On Friday, October 27th, Grade 8 girls attended Expanding Your Horizons at WCCC where they were able to learn about trades that have historically been performed by men. Our grade 8 boys attended the Cobscook Community Learning Center, where they learned about the center and toured the campus. They then participated in activity stations about seaweed and apple cider pressing. The day culminated with a trail maintenance service project.

Grade 6 students who participated in Junior achievement during their 5th grade year were selected to attend Hall of Fame North Banquet. Accompanied by Mrs. Roy, they were tasked with multiple speeches surrounding their experiences with Junior Achievement. They managed an information booth, and collected donations for JA. Students were chosen to attend by Mrs. Moffet from Machias Savings Bank and Mrs. Roy. They were: Carson Prout, Aric Lamb, McKenna Carter, and Mackenzie Schors.



Junior Achievement Hall of Fame North Banquet



Our Veteran's Wall



Joyce Fragale <fragale.joyce@gmail.com>

Amazing Grade 5 Teacher at Rose Gaffney

2 messages

Fri, Nov 3, 2017 at 3:14 PM

Good Afternoon Joyce,

I wanted to take a moment to let you know how great it has been to work with Caitlyn Roy and her students the last two years for Junior Achievement's Hall of Fame North event. The students have Junior Achievement as 5th graders in the spring and Caitlyn graciously coordinates with them as 6th graders the following fall. She arranges parent meetings and student practice time. The students come to the event well prepared and do a fantastic job presenting to a room of 250 people. They are the stars of the show!

Caitlyn goes above and beyond and we are truly appreciative of her efforts. Thank you for supporting Junior Achievement in your school. You have wonderful teachers and students!

Take care, Jill

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Machias Memorial High School

Principal's Report

November 2017

Unity Day

On October 25 Machias Memorial High School joined other schools around the United States to celebrate Unity Day. The purpose of the day was to raise awareness of bullying and to unite for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. Students and teachers wore orange in support of the day and the school held several activities to encourage positive behaviors and actions. Wendy Schoppee put a lot of time and effort into planning this event and it was a huge success.

Robert Coles Card

Skyler West, a close friend of Bob Coles, created a card for him as a get well card. Skyler then included his school in the project and asked all students and teachers to sign it.

Unfortunately Mr. Coles passed shortly after he received the card. I am told him really enjoyed and appreciated the thoughtfulness of the card. Machias Memorial High School will miss our longtime friend. He had a positive influence on the students and staff of Machias Memorial High School.

UMM Early Acceptance Day

This year twelve seniors were accepted into the University of Maine at Machias early. They also qualified for \$160,000 in scholarship awards over the next four years while attending UMM. Funds were part of partnership between GEAR UP and the University of Maine at Machias.

MMHS Soccer Team Earns Sportsmanship Banner

On Saturday, November 3, members of the soccer team travelled to Hampden Academy to accept the 2017 MPA Class D North Sportsmanship Award for soccer. This is a great honor for our school because it rewards positive behavior and actions during athletic events.

DECH Hoops for Health Tournament

Machias Memorial High School boys and girls varsity basketball teams will again participate in the DECH Hoops for Health Basketball Tournament. The tournament is a great community fundraiser and will take place on December 1 and 2 at the University of Maine at Machias.

