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Minutes
Machias School Committee
Wednesday, February 3, 2016
Superintendent's Office
4:30 PM

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

Others Present: Dr. James Whalen, Joyce Fragale, Brian Leavitt, Mary Maker, Scott Porter.

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

II. Approval of the minutes of January 21, 2016.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the minutes of January 21, 2016.
Second: Gerard NeCastro; Vote: 3-0.

III. Agenda Adjustments: None.

IV. Principal's Report:

RMG: Enclosed.
MMHS: Enclosed.

V. New Business:

1. Safety Plan Review:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that Machias Administrators have been reviewing school safety plans to make sure procedures are as effective as possible.

He also informed the School Committee that Machias Administrators will be meeting with Local and State law enforcement officials to review school safety plans.

2. School Communication System:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that Machias Administrators have been looking into a school communication system

that will automatically notify parents through email, text messages or phone calls when there is a school emergency. The system can also be used for regular notifications to parents.

The system cost is an initial \$750.00 start up fee plus \$2.00 per child annually.

Motion by Richard Shaw to move forward with the initial \$750.00 start up cost and annual student costs.

Second: Teresa Saddler; Vote: 4-0.

3. Bus Delivery Date:

The Superintendent reported to the School Committee that the new bus is expected to be delivered by the end of February.

4. New Truck:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the new maintenance truck was delivered in January.

5. 2016/2017 Budget Development Timeline:

The Superintendent distributed copies (enclosed) of the 2016-2017 budget development timeline. The Superintendent reviewed the timeline with the School Committee.

6. Legislative Update:

The Superintendent reported that he had traveled to Augusta several times to testify on education bills. He mentioned LD 1492, An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Education Standards in Maine, sponsored by Representative Will Tuell. He told the Committee that the Education Committee decided to thoroughly review the Common Core Standards instead of repealing them.

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

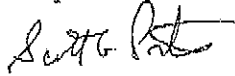
Motion to enter into Executive Session at 4:55 p.m. by Gerard NeCastro.
Second: Richard Shaw; Vote: 4-0.

Declared out of Executive Session at 5:19 p.m. by Terry Sanborn.

VI. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 5:20 p.m. by Terry Sanborn.
Second: Richard Shaw; Vote: 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



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

Machias Memorial High School

Principal's Report
February 2016

Alternative Education Program

Machias Memorial High School has partnered with Axiom Technologies to create an alternative education program. The program includes a morning session with Mr. Jaques and the Building Trades curriculum and the afternoon with project-based learning at UMM. Seven students are enrolled in the program. The program is funded with GEAR UP grant funds.

Athletics

The Maine State Cheering competition will take place this Saturday at 10:00 am in Bangor at the Cross Center. The girls and boys basketball teams will be playing in Bangor during vacation week. If they stay in their current place they will receive a bye to the Bangor tournament.

Tate Dolley was honored at the Monday night game for breaking the all time basketball scoring record for boys and girls. The former record of 1,269 points was held by Mike Little. Tate was presented with a plaque and flowers.

Senior athletes were also honored on Monday night for their commitment to Machias athletics during their high school years.



Science Donation

Sandie Bryant, the owner of Bag-O-Rags, has contacted Mrs. Gooch and will be donating \$1,000 to the science department for STEM education opportunities. We are grateful to Ms. Bryant for her donation and for her involvement in the STEM program at Machias.

Downeast Community Hospital Benefit Game

David Whitney and Larry Barker have asked if Machias Memorial High School would be interested in playing an exhibition game against Washington Academy at UMM to benefit the hospital. For this game to happen before the school year ends both schools would need to receive a waiver from the MPA. There is also potential for this event to include a girls game, an "oldtimers" game, and a slam dunk contest.

Machias Memorial High School Athletic Boosters

The Boosters were able to raise over \$5,100 during the past basketball season. Mr. Thompson, store manager at Machias Hannaford, has been instrumental in organizing and funding the halftime events at games. I would also like to thank the Boosters for all of the popcorn popped, hot dogs and onions grilled, sodas sold, and tickets taken. Without all of these people the fundraising would not be possible.

Rose M. Gaffney Elementary School

Principal's Report

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The Principals Desk

Our Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) are running well. Teachers PreK-8 work as part of teams combining their expertise to target the academic and behavioral needs of students. These meetings preclude our Response to Intervention blocks (RTI) during which time the strategies discussed in the PLC's are carried out. Teachers meet for 30 to 40 minutes weekly while students are in specials.

What's going on around RMG

Specials - Students in grade 8 had an opportunity to sign up for Thursday afternoon specials. Specials include Culinary Arts, Fine Art, Industrial Arts, Technology Masters, Fitness at UMM, and Study Hall. Grade 7 benefitted from these specials for the first half of the year while 8th graders took Health. Grade 7 students will now take Health for the remainder of the year. We are fortunate to be able to partner with MMHS to provide these offerings.

Sports - We are entering the playoffs for our grade 7/8 basketball teams. Our Pee Wee league has begun, and takes place on Saturdays. We are in the process of interviewing coaches for our grade 5/6 basketball teams.

Robotics - Our competitive Robotics Teams have begun meeting to Prep for the local Robotics competition/exhibition held in March at UMM. The teams are led by Mrs. Colleen Maker with the assistance of Mr. Nick Luuring.

Valentines - Machias Savings Bank employees are partnering with a locally formed committee whose goal is to educate our older citizens on the availability of resources in our area. They are designing bags to be delivered to the elderly and requested that our students make Valentine cards to be attached to the bags. Jane Foss, our PAWS president, also requested Valentines to be distributed to Veterans and the elderly in nursing homes. RMG students made 2 valentines each allowing us to contribute over 700 valentines.

