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**Minutes
Machias School Committee
Tuesday, May 31, 2016
Superintendent's Office
4:30 PM**

Attendance: Terry Sanborn, Gerard NeCastro, Joleen Nicely.

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

I. Call to order at 4:35 p.m. by Terry Sanborn.

II. Approval of the minutes of May 4, 2016.

Motion to approve the minutes of May 4, 2016 by Joleen Nicely.
Second: Gerard NeCastro; Vote: 3-0.

III. Agenda Adjustments: None.

IV. Principals' Reports:

RMG: Enclosed.
MMHS: Enclosed.

V. New Business:

1. Principal Nominations:

The Superintendent nominated Joyce Fragale as the Rose M. Gaffney Principal for 2016-2017 (1 year contract).

Motion by Gerard NeCastro to accept the Superintendent's nomination of Joyce Fragale as the Rose M. Gaffney Principal for the 2016-2017 school year (1 year contract).
Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 3-0.

The Superintendent nominated Brian Leavitt the Machias Memorial High School Principal for a 2 year contract expiring in 2018.

Motion by Gerard NeCastro accept the Superintendent's nomination of Brian Leavitt as the Machias Memorial High School Principal for a 2 year contract expiring in 2018.

Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 3-0.

2. Staff Resignations:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that he had received two letters of resignation from Rose M. Gaffney School teachers: Linda Bowker and Diana O'Neal.

3. Copier Contract:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the current copier contract is up June 30, 2016 for the AOS 96 central office and the Machias Campus. He recommended contracting with Portland Computer Copy Incorporated (PCCI) for the new copier contract.

Motion by Gerard NeCastro to approve a copier contract with PCCI.

Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 3-0.

4. Gear-Up Program Update:

Federal Grants Program Manager, Mitchell Look, informed the School Committee that AOS 96 has received a \$75,000.00 Gear-Up Grant. The grant will primarily fund an Alternative Education Program at Machias High School. It will also support tutoring and an online guidance program.

5. Maine Small Schools Coalition Update:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the Maine Small Schools Coalition met in Orono on Friday, May 20, 2016. He reported that the meeting was well attended with several State Legislators in attendance.

6. Summer Projects:

The Superintendent conveyed to the School Committee that there are no major projects on the Machias Campus this summer. New cafeteria tables will be installed in both schools, as well as, some doors and windows being replaced at the Rose M. Gaffney School.

7. Staff Interviews:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that several staff interviews will be conducted over the next few weeks. School Committee members are welcome to participate in the interviews.

8. Summer Meeting Schedule:

The School Committee agreed to meet as needed during the summer months.

VI. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 5:08 p.m. by Gerard NeCastro.
Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



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

Machias Memorial High School
Principal's Report
June 2016

Academic Awards Night

Academic Awards Night was recently held at Machias Memorial High School. This is a special night where students are recognized for their efforts in the classroom. The "Top Ten" students were recognized by being presented with a special award and a gold cord which they will wear during graduation. The top ten academic students were separated by only .7 points on a 4.0 scale. Two students were also presented with the Perfect Attendance Award.



Science Enrichment

Mrs. Gooch has been doing a great job enriching the content of her science classes with STEM activities. Mrs. Gooch took a group of students to the Emera Observatory for a physics demo and a tour of the Composites Center at UMO.



UMM Writer's Symposium

Three Machias Memorial High School students, Becca Green, Farrow McKenna, and Matti Conlin, were honored at the UMM Young Writer's Symposium. Each student submitted an original piece of work that was chosen from many entries from Washington County. The students also read their pieces at the event. All of these students are enrolled in classes with Mrs. McKenna.

Flower Barrels

When you admire the Town of Machias flower barrels this year you'll be pleased to know that students from RMG and MMHS, along with Judy Hayward, put a lot of hard work into them. I would like to thank the students and Mrs. Hayward for their community service.



Remembrance Day

Machias Schools music students, and Mrs. Atkinson, provided the music for this special event that remembers all the veterans who have passed away during the last year. This is an emotional event and our students represented our school extremely well.

NWEA Testing

The testing has been completed for grades 9-11. The results will be used to identify students for Response to Intervention sessions in the fall. Teachers will use part of the remaining workshop days to analyze NWEA data.

Class of 2016 Graduation

Graduation will be held on Sunday, June 5 at 1:00 pm in the Machias Memorial High School Gymnasium.

**Rose M. Gaffney Elementary School
Principal's Report
May 31, 2016**

The Principal's Desk

*This year's DAR Essay topic was "What My Flag Means to Me". We are proud to have two winners from RMG; Morgan Schwinn (grade 7), and Angie Scribner (grade 6). They read their essays at the Burnham Tavern this afternoon.

*Spring parent/teacher conferences were held on May 12th and 13th.

*On May 21st parents and community members were invited to attend our Curriculum Fair.

*The staff recently received an overview of the Autism Training and the newly developed website that Mrs. Maker and her staff have been working on, as well as concussion training performed by Hannah Willihan, Project Manager for the Maine Concussion Management Initiative out of Colby College.

*Mr. Look and Mrs. Stoddard have been working out the details of this year's summer programming. We are fortunate to be able to hold a 4-week half-day (Monday - Thursday) program for those students who are most in need academically.

*Dental Program

What's going on around RMG?

Sports - Our sports season is coming to an end this week with the culmination of softball/baseball season. We are currently advertising for fall sports coaches.

PAWS - May was a busy month for our PAWS group. They ran the Book Fair for three days, honored our teachers with an appreciation luncheon, and held a Chinese Auction in conjunction with our Curriculum Fair. PAWS designated May 23-28 RMG spirit week. The students had a great time with days such as Crazy Hair day.

EDGE - EDGE Lights On Night was held on May 5th. Mr. Porter and I met with the EDGE board to discuss the importance of the EDGE Program to RMG, and the community. The last day of EDGE for this school year was Thursday.

JMG - JMG students held a spaghetti supper on May 6. The purpose of the supper was to give students an opportunity to educate the community about our "smoke free" campus. The group also visited the Ammaus Homeless Shelter in Ellsworth on May 17th to help stock shelves. JMG Closing Ceremony was held on May 19th.

Music - Our spring concert for grades 5-12 was held on May 4th, and Solo and Ensemble on May 13th. Our musicians did an outstanding job on both occasions. Grade 4 attended the Youth Symphony Orchestra in Orono on May 16th. Our band members performed on May 25th at the Veteran's Home for their Remembrance Ceremony. Band members from grades 7-12 marched in the Memorial Day Parade. We will be holding our grade 3&4 concert on Saturday June 11.

Enrichment - The entire student body was delighted by Magician Drew on May 17th.

Field Trips

Grade 1 will be visiting Greenland Point on June 7.

Grade 2 visited Birds Acre today.

Grade 3 visited the Craig Brook Fish Hatchery on May 26th.

Grade 4 visited the State House in Augusta on May 26th.

Grade 5 will be leaving in the morning to attend the Gulf of Maine Research Institute in Portland.

Grade 6 visited the Cole Transportation Museum and with Veterans who were there to greet them. They will also be attending the EDGE Leadership Camp this week.

Grade 7 visited the Challenger Space Center.

Our 8th graders will be enjoying their class trip on this Friday coming.

Ending Our Year

The Drama Club will present their play on June 6th. Our Athletic Awards will be held on June 7th. 8th grade graduation will take place on Thursday June 9. Awards for grades PK-7 will take place on Friday June 10. We have one Saturday left which will be a half day on June 11. We will be holding our grade 3&4 concerts on that day and grades 5-7 will attend Margareta Days. Our last day of school for students in K-7 will be Monday June 13th.

