

AOS 96
Superintendent's Office
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Minutes
Machias School Committee
Wednesday, September 7, 2016
Superintendent's Office
4:30 PM

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

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

I. Call to order at 4:41 p.m. by Terry Sanborn.

II. **Approval of the minutes of July 20, 2016.**

Motion by Teresa Saddler to approve the minutes of July 20, 2016.
Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 4-0.

III. **Agenda Adjustments:** None.

IV. **Principals' Reports:**

RMG: Enclosed.

MMHS: Enclosed.

V. **New Business:**

1. Teacher Nominations:

The Superintendent nominated Edythe J. Hampson as an English Teacher at Machias Memorial High School for the 2016/2017 school year.

Motion by Gerard NeCastro to accept the Superintendent's nomination of Edythe J. Hampson as an English Teacher at Machias Memorial High School for the 2016/2017 school year.

Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 4-0.

The Superintendent nominated Susan Sexton as a Science Teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney Elementary School for the 2016/2017 school year.

Motion by Gerard NeCastro to accept the Superintendent's nomination of Susan Sexton as a Science Teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney Elementary School for the 2016/2017 school year.

Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 4-0.

The Superintendent nominated Diana O'Neal as a Special Education Teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney Elementary School for the 2016/2017 school year.

Motion by Gerard NeCastro to accept the Superintendent's nomination of Diana O'Neal as a Special Education Teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney Elementary School for the 2016/2017 school year.

Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 4-0.

2. Opening Workshops:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the AOS 96 opening workshop on August 31, 2016 at the Rose M. Gaffney School focused on Proficiency Based Education. He mentioned that the professional development at the workshop was provided by Curt Jack, Judy Enright and Cathy McCue. The Superintendent also mentioned that AOS 96 schools were given the option of conducting their school based workshop on Tuesday, August 30 or Thursday, September 1, 2016.

3. MMHS Alternative Program:

Principal Brian Leavitt reported to the School Committee that the Alternative Education Program will be operated on the Machias Campus this year. Ty Richards will be the instructor. Mr. Richards will work with the students to help them with their academic requirements and he will work with local businesses to place students.

4. Gear-Up Program:

Mitchell Look informed the School Committee that the Gear-Up Program will continue to work on mentoring/tutoring of students. He also informed the School Committee that a large part of the \$75,000.00 Gear-Up grant will be used for the Alternative Education Program.

5. Unorganized Territory Tuition Students:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the Selectmen in Whiting and East Machias are working together to obtain legal advice regarding the Unorganized Territory administration trying to force area UT students to attend Edmunds Consolidated School.

6. Maine School Management Association:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that Dale Douglass has been hired as the Interim Executive Director of Maine School Management Association (MSMA).

The Superintendent also informed the School Committee that he has been elected as Secretary of the Maine School Superintendents Association (MSSA) for the 2016/2017 school year. The Secretary and other MSSA officers meet with the Executive Committee bi-monthly.

7. Maine Small Schools Coalition:

The Superintendent reported that the Maine Small Schools Coalition will continue to conduct two mini-conferences annually at the University of Maine. The next conference is being scheduled for November 18, 2016.

VI. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 5:15 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.
Second: Joleen Nicely; 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

September 2016

Enrollment

As of today the enrollment for Machias Memorial High School is 143. This is up from 118 at the end of last year. The breakdown by town is:

Cherryfield	1	Marshfield	5
Columbia Falls	1	Milbridge	1
Cutler	1	Northfield	1
East Machias	10	Pembroke	1
Jonesboro	8	Roque Bluffs	9
Jonesport	3	Wesley	1
Lubec	24	Whiting	2
Machias	57	Whitneyville	7
Machiasport	7	Trescott	4

MMHS Music Trip

Mrs. Atkinson will be extending an invitation to the chorus students to attend the Boston Trip. Previously this was a band trip planned for the spring 2017.

Alternative Education Program

This year we will be making some changes to the Alternative Education Program. The program will be housed on campus and Ty Richards will be the instructor. Students will receive individual or small group instructional time. In addition students will receive job placements within the community.

Teacher Evaluation Pilot

AOS 96 will continue piloting the new teacher evaluation system. All teachers will be evaluated using the new system, but the results will not be used for employment decisions. The old evaluation system will be used for employment decisions.

Proficiency-Based Education

AOS 96 will be working through the process of proficiency-based education. The AOS has contracted with three educational consultants who have helped many schools with PBE. Machias Memorial High School is required to provide graduates with a proficiency-based diploma by the school year 2021 (incoming freshmen next year).

Athletics

This fall Machias Memorial High School will again be offering volleyball, soccer, cross country, and golf. Coach Kelly Woodward will be coaching volleyball and has so many players that a JV team needed to be created. Coach Ty Richards is coaching soccer. The team is struggling to field a team due to low numbers. Coach Cindy Rossi has great numbers again and has 22 runners. Golf has four players and is coached by Coach Jessica Look.

Mr. Scott Reynolds has assumed most of the athletic director duties and I will work with him and supervisor him this year. This should allow me to spend more time focusing on the work of the high school.