Minutes
Machias School Committee
Wednesday, July 29, 2020
Zoom Video Conference
5:00 PM


Others Present: Sarah Dedmon, Bob Berta, Joyce Fragale, Nicole Case, Mitchell Look, Mary Maker, Scott Porter.

I. Call to order at 5:02 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.

II. Approval of the minutes of July 8, 2020.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the minutes of July 8, 2020. Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: Teresa Saddler (yes), Richard Shaw (yes), Joleen Nicely (yes), Will Weaver (yes); Vote: 4-0.

III. Agenda Adjustments:

#7 Tree Removal
#8 Appointment of New School Board Member

IV. Public Comment: None.

V. Principals’ Reports:

RMG, MMHS: The Building Principals reviewed their re-opening plans with the School Committee.

VI. New Business:

1. Federal Coronavirus Funds:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the Machias School Department will receive approximately $483,000.00 in Corona Virus Relief funds. These funds must be spent exclusively on Coronavirus related expenses.

2. 20/21 School Calendar Adjustment:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee of proposed changes to the 20/21 school calendar. The Superintendent expressed the need for 4
workshop days to be added before the opening of school. These workshops would take place on August 31, September 1, 2 and 3. The first student day would be September 8, 2020.

Motion by Teresa Saddler to approve the proposed changes to the 20/21 school calendar to include 4 workshop days.
Second: Will Weaver; Vote: Teresa Saddler (yes), Richard Shaw (yes), Joleen Nicely (yes), Will Weaver (yes); Vote: 4-0.

3. Reopen School Plans: Rose M. Gaffney, Machias Memorial High School:

The Superintendent reviewed the reopening plans for both Machias Memorial High School and Rose M. Gaffney School.

4. Employee Return to Work Guidelines:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that a letter was released to all AOS 96 employees detailing the return to work guidelines.

5. Teacher Nominations:

The Superintendent nominated Matthew Herger as an elementary teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney School for the 2020/2021 school year.

Motion by Teresa Saddler to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Matthew Herger as an elementary teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney School for the 2020/2021 school year.
Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: Teresa Saddler (yes), Richard Shaw (yes), Joleen Nicely (yes), William Weaver (yes); 4-0.

The Superintendent nominated Timothy Wilson as an elementary teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney School for the 2020/2021 school year.

Motion by Teresa Saddler to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Timothy Wilson as an elementary teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney School for the 2020/2021 school year.
Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: Teresa Saddler (yes), Richard Shaw (yes), Joleen Nicely (yes), William Weaver (yes); 5-0.

The Superintendent nominated Guen Corrigan as a full time English teacher at Machias Memorial High School for the 2020/2021 school year.

Motion by Teresa Saddler to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Guen Corrigan as a full time English teacher at Machias Memorial High School for the 2020/2021 school year.
Second: Will Weaver; Vote: Teresa Saddler (yes), Richard Shaw (yes), Joleen Nicely (yes), William Weaver (yes); 4-0.
6. 20/21 Budget Vote Update:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that there will be a school budget hearing on August 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be on Zoom Video Conference.

7. Tree Removal:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that several trees on the Machias Campus are in close proximity to the Rose M. Gaffney School. The Superintendent is concerned with issues with the foundation and recommended the trees be removed. He received a quote of $2,500.00 for the trees to be removed.

Motion by Joleen Nicely to approve the removal of several trees on the Machias Campus that are in close proximity to the Rose M. Gaffney School.
Second: Richard Shaw; Vote: Teresa Saddler (yes), Richard Shaw (yes), Joleen Nicely (yes), William Weaver (yes); 4-0.

8. Appointment of New School Board Member:

The Superintendent nominated Carolyn Nadeau as the new Machias School Board member.

Motion by Teresa Saddler to approve the Superintendent’s nomination of Carolyn Nadeau as the new Machias School Board member.
Second: Richard Shaw; Vote: Teresa Saddler (yes), Richard Shaw (yes), Joleen Nicely (yes), William Weaver (yes); 4-0.

VII. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 5:44 p.m. by Joleen Nicely.
Second: Teresa Saddler; Vote: 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott K. Porter
Superintendent of Schools
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