

AOS 96
Superintendent's Office
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**Minutes
Machias School Committee
Wednesday, March 3, 2021
Zoom Video Conference
4:00 PM**

Attendance: Teresa Saddler, Richard Shaw, Carolyn Nadeau, Joleen Nicely,
William Weaver.

Others Present: Joyce Fragale, Nicole Case, Bob Berta, Mary Maker, Amanda
Sprague, Scott Porter.

I. Call to order at 4:00 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.

II. **Approval of the minutes of February 3, 2021.**

Motion by Carolyn Nadeau to approve the minutes of February 3, 2021.
Second: Richard Shaw; Vote: Teresa Saddler (yes), Richard Shaw (yes),
Carolyn Nadeau (yes), Joleen Nicely (yes), William Weaver (yes); Vote:
5-0.

III. **Agenda Adjustments:** None.

IV. **Public Comment:** None.

V. **Principals' Reports:**

RMG: Enclosed.

MMHS: Enclosed.

VI. **New Business:**

1. Coronavirus Update:

At this point in time vaccinations are being given based on age categories.
The Commissioner of Education has been advocating for educators of all
ages to be vaccinated as soon as possible. The President is encouraging
states to make educators a priority with their vaccination programs.

2. ESSER 2 Funding:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee of the ESSER 2 projects on the Machias Campus.

3. FY 22 CTE Subsidy:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the issue with FY 22 CTE funding has yet to be resolved by the DOE.

4. Sports:

The Superintendent reported that the basketball season was successful for AOS 96 schools. Currently, AOS 96 schools are participating in a pee wee basketball program and volleyball.

5. Staff Resignation:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that Joyce Fragale has submitted her letter of resignation from her position as the Principal of the Rose M. Gaffney School.

The School Committee thanked her for her years of dedicated service.

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

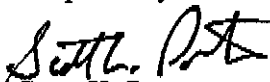
Motion to enter into Executive Session at 4:37 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.
Second: Richard Shaw; Vote: Teresa Saddler (yes), Richard Shaw (yes), Carolyn Nadeau (yes), Joleen Nicely (yes), William Weaver (yes); Vote: 5-0.

Declared out of Executive Session at 5:11 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.
Second: William Weaver; Vote: Teresa Saddler (yes), Richard Shaw (yes), Carolyn Nadeau (yes), Joleen Nicely (yes), William Weaver (yes); Vote: 5-0.

VII. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 5:12 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.
Second: William Weaver; Vote: 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott K. Porter

Superintendent of Schools

AOS 96

Machias Bay Area School System

**RMG Principal's Report
March 3, 2021**

Covid Update

*Currently we have 243 students participating in our "in person" model and 74 participating in our "remote learning" model.

*We continue to experience "near misses".

*Staff members are beginning to receive vaccinations now that they are available for the over 60 sector.

Assessment News

*State Assessments will be required this year.

*The Science Assessment vendor will be New Meridian and will be administered in grades 5, 8, and 11. This is a new assessment and will be administered online. This assessment is aligned with the NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards).

*The Maine Department of Education has not yet released the new vendor for Math and ELA. This assessment will be administered in grades 3-8. The DOE has designated a very generous timeline for administration.

Sports

Through creative scheduling we were able to give our student athletes the opportunity to play in 9 games this season as well as two nights of play-off games. RMG Junior High Girls took second place overall in the AOS #96 play-offs. RMG Junior High Boys won the AOS #96 Championship. Volleyball practices begin this week, with basketball practices for the youngsters soon to follow.

Upcoming Covid Funds

Personnel

- *Increased academic support
- *Continued full time Nursing support
- *Continued increased custodial support
- *Social Worker

Technology

- *Software
- *Video equipment to publicize sports, music, and other events
- *Laptop and system upgrades

Physical Plant

- *Roof remediation (if allowed)
- *Increased classroom space

Misc.

- *Kitchen Freezers
- *Upgrade phone system
- *Bus GPS System (for substitute drivers)
- *Equipment to further promote physical activity

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss on March 2!

Go Bulldogs!!!!

Check us out and see what we're up to!!!

RMG Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/rmgelementaryschool/>.

RMG Digital Calendar: <http://localendar.com/public/RMGSchool>.

RMG Facebook Page: <https://sites.google.com/site/rmgelementaryschool/>

Turbo Team: [Machias Public Schools](#)

Machias Sports Facebook: [Machias Sports | Facebook](#)







MMHS Principal's Report March 3, 2021

JMG

- ◆ Gratitude in Action Books (Letter Attached)
- ◆ Full Plates Full Potential
- ◆ WOWI (World of Work, inc.)

Happenings

- ◆ Visit from Marie Emerson & Katherine Cassidy
 - Marie and Dell Emerson - Wild Blueberry Heritage Center & Museum
 - Letter of Support - Grant Application - Blueberry Deliveries
- ◆ Downeast Rainbow Alliance
 - Agreed to Host a Resource Center for a Month
 - Consists of 3'x4' Display Space
 - Tri-Fold Display Board
- ◆ Change in Front Office
- ◆ Upcoming NEASC Work
 - Jericho, VT (Team Member - Michelle Reynolds)
 - Hermon, ME (Assistant Chair - Nicole Case)
 - MMHS
- ◆ Outing Club

Money

- ◆ Local Budget
- ◆ ESSER II

Sports

- ◆ Basketball
- ◆ Volleyball
- ◆ Athletic Boosters

Broadcasting

- ◆ Broadcasting/Video Club

Next Year?

- ◆ Working on Several Schedule Options
- ◆ Survey for Staff, Parents, and Students

December 2020

Nicole Case
Machias Memorial High School
1 Bulldog Lane
Machias ME 04654

Dear Principal Case:

JMG has served as a proud, long-time partner of public education. As we continue to navigate the significant challenges created by COVID-19, we want to thank you, your teachers, and your school teams for all that is being done to support Maine's students.

JMG has received hundreds of thank you notes and expressions of gratitude throughout the duration of this pandemic. These notes serve as a testament to our public/private partnership, and our shared commitment to student-centered, results-driven leadership.

We are delighted to enclose the *Gratitude in Action* collection. The personal reflections of students, parents and partners shared in this book are an important reminder that during a time of crisis, a perspective of gratitude comes from a place of strength and trust.

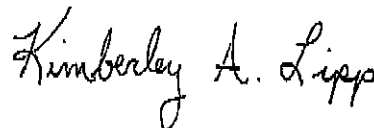
School superintendents and school board members will also receive copies of this book to convey JMG's appreciation.

Thank you for your partnership.

Sincerely,



Craig Larrabee
President & CEO



Kimberley Acker Lipp
Executive Vice President

*Gratitude
in Action*
JMG