

Minutes
Machias School Committee
Wednesday, April 7, 2021
Zoom Video Conference
4:00 PM

Attendance: Teresa Saddler, Richard Shaw, Carolyn Nadeau.

Others Present: Nicole Case, Joyce Fragale, Mary Maker, Mitchell Look, Amanda Sprague, Scott Porter.

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

II. Approval of the minutes of March 3, 2021.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the minutes of March 3, 2021.
Second: Carolyn Nadeau; Vote: Teresa Saddler (yes), Richard Shaw (yes), Carolyn Nadeau (yes); Vote: 3-0.

III. Agenda Adjustments: None.

IV. Public Comment: None.

V. Principals' Reports:

RMG: Enclosed.
MMHS: Enclosed.

VI. New Business:

1. Coronavirus Update:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that educators in AOS 96 have been attending vaccination appointments. He also informed the School Committee that building occupancy rates have risen to 50%, due to a change in State requirements. The building occupancy rate will change to 75% at the end of May. The Superintendent also explained that 6 feet of social distancing is still in effect, therefore the actual number of people that can occupy a building may be less than 50% and less than 75% in May. Building principals will be developing occupancy plans for sporting events and graduations.

2. ESSER 2 Projects:

The Superintendent and Building Principals reviewed the proposed ESSER 2 projects with the School Committee including a new phone system, new computers and upgrades to the physical plant.

3. American Rescue Stimulus Plan:

The Biden Administration's American Rescue Stimulus Plan will provide the Machias schools with an allocation of \$1,774,107.00. Similar to the other Federal grants during the pandemic, the requirements for expenditures must be related to Coronavirus prevention.

4. Sports Update:

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

5. Graduation:

The Superintendent reported that the Principals are working on a graduation seating plan for attendees.

6. New Immunization Law:

The Superintendent explained that a new immunization law was passed last year that will be implemented in the 21/22 school year. This law requires all students to receive State required immunizations unless the student has a medical exemption or current IEP.

7. Rose M. Gaffney Roof:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the Rose M. Gaffney Elementary School roof needs extensive repairs. He will gather more information for the next School Committee meeting.

8. Draft 21/22 Calendar:

The Superintendent distributed copies of the draft 21/22 AOS 96 school calendar. After explaining the calendar, the School Committee took action.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the 21/22 AOS 96 school calendar.

Second: Carolyn Nadeau; Vote: Teresa Saddler (yes), Richard Shaw (yes), Carolyn Nadeau (yes); Vote: 3-0.

9. Budget Committee Meeting:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the meeting with the Budget Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

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

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 4:59 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.
Second: Richard Shaw; Vote: Teresa Saddler (yes), Richard Shaw (yes), Carolyn Nadeau (yes); Vote: 3-0.

Declared out of Executive Session by Teresa Saddler at 5:04 p.m.

Motion to approve a 3 year Teacher Contract (21-24) by Teresa Saddler.

Second: Richard Shaw; Vote: Teresa Saddler (yes), Richard Shaw (yes), Carolyn Nadeau (yes); Vote: 3-0.

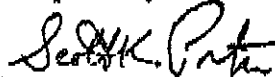
11. Draft 21/22 Budget:

The Superintendent reviewed the proposed 21/22 school budget with the School Committee. The Committee decided to take no action at this time.

VII. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 5:34 p.m. by Carolyn Nadeau.
Second: Teresa Saddler; Vote: 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott K. Porter

Superintendent of Schools

AOS 96

Machias Bay Area School System

Covid Update

Currently 264 students are participating in our "in person" model and 58 in our "remote learning" model. That represents an increase of 16 students returning to "in person" learning and 5 new students enrolling.

*77% of our staff members either have had both shots, or are scheduled to receive their first shot this week.

*A shout out to Mrs. Martin, Mrs. McCurdy and Ms. Tammy O'Neal who have worked diligently to get our staff members as well as many elderly community members signed up for this vaccination, helped with follow through for their second, and assisted with the scheduling of personnel to ensure coverage while staff members were vaccinated.

Assessment News

*State Assessments will be required this year.

*The Science Assessment vendor will be New Meridian. This is an online assessment which is aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards and will be administered online to students in grades 5, 8, and 11.

*The Maine Department of Education has released the new vendor for Math and ELA. This assessment will be the NWEA and administered in grades 3-8. The good news is that we have administered the NWEA for several years.

Sports

Basketball for grades 3 and 4 is being coached by Mr. Fitzsimmons and Mrs. Kilton this year. The 5/6 Boys are being coached by Scotty Reynolds, and the girls by Mr. Sinford. Volleyball is being coached by Mrs. Heller. The play offs will be held next week. Baseball/Softball sign ups have begun.

Virtual Field Trips

Monmouth Theater performed "My Father's Dragon" virtually in mid-march. This production was viewed by students attending school, as well as our "remote" learners. Students will also have an opportunity to benefit from virtual presentations by Northern Stars Planetarium.

Bikes for Books

The RMG Literacy Team along with Harwood Lodge #91 is sponsoring "Bikes for Books" again this year. Students will receive one entry for every three books that they read from April 12th until March 19th. One boy and one girl will be drawn from each classroom to receive a new bicycle and helmet donated by Harwood #91 Masonic Lodge in Machias.

Dates of Importance

Graduation will take place on the evening of Friday, June 11 at 6:00 at the Machias Memorial High School Gym. We are working out the details surrounding the number of individuals that we will be able to host.

The last day of school will be Wednesday, June 16 with an 11:30 dismissal.

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

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Renovating Space

- ◆ Finishing Up Classroom in Alt Ed building/JMG Move/Green House Use
- ◆ Kitchen Ideas (Remodel, Healthy Acadia Grant, Work with Maine DOE and DHHS, Full Plates, Full Potential)

Happenings

- ◆ 8th Grade/CTE Visits
 - No traditional step-up day
 - Individual elementary schools visiting on Wednesdays
 - Tenth grade visits to Columbia
- ◆ Campus Clean-Up
 - Painting entrance
 - Cleaning up lawns, etc.
 - Change in Parking
- ◆ Science Award
 - Third Place Finish at the Maine State Science Fair/Materials Science Category
 - Naval Science Award from the Office of Naval Research
 - Facebook posts will be out next week
- ◆ Upcoming NEASC Work
 - Jericho, VT (Team Member - Michelle Reynolds)
 - Hermon, ME (Assistant Chair - Nicole Case)
 - MMHS

Sports

- ◆ Basketball - Boys DAC Champs
 - DAC All-Stars
 - Boys Basketball: JJ Rhodes, Kyle Anderson, Shane Feeney
 - Girl's Basketball: Jaydin Anderson, Kristin Grant, Skyler Tinker
- ◆ Volleyball
 - Play-Off Game Thursday, April 8th @ 5 pm in Calais
- ◆ Athletic Boosters

Next Year?

- ◆ New Schedule
 - Lessons from this year
 - Vision for next year