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**Minutes
Machias School Committee
Wednesday, May 16, 2018
Superintendent's Office
4:30 PM**

Attendance: Teresa Saddler, Richard Shaw, Joleen Nicely, Amanda Little.

Others Present: Brian Leavitt, Mary Maker, Mitchell Look, Scott Porter.

I. Call to order at 4:30 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.

II. **Approval of the minutes of April 11, 2018.**

Motion by Joleen Nicely to approve the minutes of April 11, 2018.
Second: Richard Shaw; Vote: 4-0.

III. **Agenda Adjustments:**

The Superintendent suggested adding School Budget Vote as Item # 8.
The School Committee approved the adjustment.

IV. **Principals' Reports:**

RMG: Enclosed.
MMHS: Enclosed.

V. **New Business:**

1. Nomination of Probationary Teachers:

The Superintendent nominated Tom Manship as an elementary teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney School for the 2018/2019 school year.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Tom Manship as an elementary teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney School for the 2018/2019 school year.
Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 4-0.

The Superintendent nominated Lynda Dolley as a Special Education teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney School for the 2018/2019 school year.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Lynda Dolley as a Special Education teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney School for the 2018/2019 school year.

Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 4-0.

The Superintendent nominated Elizabeth Douglas as an elementary teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney School for the 2018/2019 school year.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Elizabeth Douglas as an elementary teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney School for the 2018/2019 school year.

Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 4-0.

The Superintendent nominated Rebecca Lee as an art teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney School for the 2018/2019 school year.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Rebecca Lee as an art teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney School for the 2018/2019 school year.

Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 4-0.

The Superintendent nominated Susan Sexton as an elementary teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney School for the 2018/2019 school year.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Susan Sexton as an elementary teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney School for the 2018/2019 school year.

Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 4-0.

The Superintendent nominated Jessica Stauffer as an elementary teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney School for the 2018/2019 school year.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Jessica Stauffer as an elementary teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney School for the 2018/2019 school year.

Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 4-0.

The Superintendent nominated Gwen Corrigan as a part time English teacher at Machias Memorial High School for the 2018/2019 school year.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Gwen Corrigan as a part time English teacher at Machias Memorial High School for the 2018/2019 school year.

Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 4-0.

The Superintendent nominated EJ Hampson as an English teacher at Machias Memorial High School for the 2018/2019 school year.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the Superintendent's nomination of EJ Hampson as an English teacher at Machias Memorial High School for the 2018/2019 school year.

Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 4-0.

The Superintendent nominated Amanda Anderson as a part time Foreign Language teacher at Machias Memorial High School for the 2018/2019 school year.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Amanda Anderson as a part time Foreign Language teacher at Machias Memorial High School for the 2018/2019 school year.
Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 4-0.

The Superintendent nominated James Lenke as a Science teacher at Machias Memorial High School for the 2018/2019 school year.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the Superintendent's nomination of James Lenke as a Science teacher at Machias Memorial High School for the 2018/2019 school year.
Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 4-0.

The Superintendent nominated Emily Mawhinney as a Culinary Arts teacher at Machias Memorial High School for the 2018/2019 school year.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Emily Mawhinney as a Culinary Arts teacher at Machias Memorial High School for the 2018/2019 school year.
Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 4-0.

2. Approval of Proposed 2018/2019 School Calendar:

The Superintendent distributed copies of the proposed 2018/2019 school calendar. He explained the calendar and answered questions.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the 2018/2019 school calendar.
Second: Teresa Saddler; Vote: 4-0.

3. Approval of Gym Roof Project:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that he has been working closely with Architect Jason Merriman on the gym roof bid documents. The Architect also recommended replacing the front door system and having perspective bidders submit an alternative bid for the door system. The project will go out to bid after the Machias School Budget vote on May 29, 2018.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the gym roof project in the amount up to \$110,000.00 with an alternate bid for a new front door system for the high school gym.
Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 4-0.

4. Approval of Teachers Contract:

The Superintendent reviewed the changes to the teachers contract with the School Committee.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve a three year contract with the Machias Teachers' Association.
Second: Teresa Saddler; Vote: 4-0.

5. Approval of New CNA Career and Technical Education Program (MSAD 37):

Principal Brian Leavitt informed the School Committee that he has been working with MSAD 37 to implement a new CNA program for the Career and Technical Education Program. The program will run on the Narraguagus campus.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the new CNA Career and Technical Education Program (MSAD 37) application.
Second: Teresa Saddler; Vote: 4-0.

6. Liability Insurance for Parent Groups:

The Superintendent explained that our school liability insurance will not cover accidents or damage to the building that is caused by outside groups. All outside groups including parent groups will need to purchase liability insurance to use school property.

7. 2018/2019 Negotiations:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the Support Staff contract will need to be negotiated next year.

8. School Budget Vote:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the School Budget vote has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rose M. Gaffney School.

VI. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 5:12 p.m. by Richard Shaw.
Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



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

Principal's Report May 15, 2018

The Principal's Desk

*Standards Based Education Update: Teachers are currently working to track "Essential Common Core Standards" using self-developed systems. The implementation of a pilot of the "Unified Classroom" (the proposed standards tracking system) will allow teachers to track using the same system. Teachers are also working to include students in the process by using developmentally appropriate systems which will allow students to track their individual progress toward meeting standards. RMG faculty are continuing our work toward developing school-wide Standard Operating Procedures. We are currently working on SOP's for the cafeteria and hallways.

*Trimesters: As part of our progress towards Standards Based Education we have been contemplating moving from quarterly report cards to trimesters. We are currently on a trimester schedule in grades K-3. Moving to trimesters will put the whole school on the same grading schedule, give students more acclimation time in the fall, as well as more time to demonstrate proficiency.

* We will be having school on Saturday, May 19th. We will be hosting our annual Curriculum Fair. Dismissal will be at 11:30. This is the day that our PAWS Parent Group will be hosting their annual auction in conjunction with the with the MMHS Boosters Club. The auction will take place from 9:00 - 1:00 in the RMG Gym.

What's Going on Around RMG?

Enrichment

The Planetarium was at RMG on April 30th. PreK-4 students had an opportunity to study the stars.

Sports

*Baseball and softball season is in full swing. Our junior high teams have been practicing steadily and have already participated in several home and away games. Boys play on the Machias Campus and girls play at South Side.

*Many of our student athletes participated in the Special Olympics that took place at the University of Maine at Machias. Congratulations to all of them for representing RMG well! Members of the MMHS and RMG Chorus's sang the National Anthem at this event.

Music

*Many of our student musicians attended the Washington County Honors Festival in Baileyville on April 28th. Mrs. Baker reported that they did an outstanding job with their performances.

*RMG and MMHS hosted spring concerts on May 3rd. The grades 5-12 band and 5-8 chorus held a concert at RMG followed by the MMHS Chorus which was held in the high school cafeteria. The performances, which featured several soloists, were amazing.

*On Monday our 7-12 Band students held an outdoor concert at Marshall Healthcare Facility

*Mrs. Baker has done an outstanding job as both band and chorale director this year. We appreciate her efforts toward ensuring that our students at RMG as well as MMHS were able to excel in music.

JMG

*JMG attended Urban Adventure in Portland. This is a two-day event where students have an opportunity to meet other JMG 8th grade students participate in activities that help them practice their "job seeking" skills.

*JMG Sponsored a Talent Show last night.

Community Partnerships

Machias Savings Bank

Students in grades 3-6 attended the Future Promises career fair hosted by Machias Savings Bank. The students had an opportunity to talk to several individuals from our community about their careers. As part of Future Promises students are asked to write an essay about what they want to be when they grow up. We had several winners:

Grade 3
Cedar Lenke- Beeftink
Karalyn Lester
Daniel Jiang
Maya Corbett Kelley

Grade 4
Kiley Bauman

Grade 5
Ethan Sierra

Grades 6
Daniel Atkinson
Mackenzie Schors
Lexi Donaghy

NYU Dental Clinic

NYU held their Dental Clinic April 9th through 13th. Tooth Fairy Teresa said that there are record numbers of students participating, including from RMG.

PAWS

We hosted our Spring Book Fair last week. The fair was run by volunteers from our PAWS Parent Group. We are fortunate to have this hard-working group of parents supporting our school.

EDGE

Grade 6 attended the Marion Cane Edge Leadership Camp last week. While there, students participated in events that help them build teamwork as well as leadership skills. This is another wonderful opportunity that the Edge program provides for our students.

Shriners

The Shriners donated tickets for our 4th graders to attend the Shrine Circus again this year. They had a wonderful time and received compliments on the way that they represented our school

Harwood Lodge #91

Our Bikes for Books presentation took place at 1:00 on Tuesday. Bikes for Books was sponsored by Harwood Lodge #91, and our Literacy Team. Students in grades PreK-6 have been reading books in order to have their names entered into a classroom drawing box. One lucky boy and girl from each classroom had their name drawn and received a new bicycle and helmet donated by Harwood #91 Masonic Lodge in Machias. We appreciate the support of the members of the Lodge in encouraging our students to read. I would like to thank the members of Harwood Lodge #91 for sponsoring the program. I would also like to thank the Grand Lodge of Maine, Machias Savings Bank, Bangor Savings Bank, Points East Realty, Machias Hardware, Signs by Dean - O, and the By Us Company for making donations toward this wonderful event.

Bangor Symphony Orchestra

Due to a grant given by Machias Savings Bank we finished out last week with a visit from the Bangor Symphony Orchestra. Members of the Acadia Brass Ensemble worked with students in the morning, performed during a "mini concert" in the afternoon, and held a public performance in the RMG Gym at 4:00.



Machias Memorial High School

Principal's Report

May 2018

Machias Music Events

Mrs. Baker and her students held their Spring Concerts, both band and chorus, on the same night. The quality of performance of both the band and chorus has improved dramatically over the year and the performances were very good. I would like to commend Mrs. Baker for all her hard work to facilitate the improvement.



Yearbook Dedication

This year the yearbook staff honored Coach Jimmy Getchell with the dedication of the yearbook. Jimmy has been a valuable contributor to our school and basketball teams for many years. He was presented with a yearbook and deeply appreciative to receive the honor.



NWEA Exam

During the month of May freshmen and sophomores have been taking the NWEA exams. The NWEA exam is a computer adaptive assessment that determines academic levels. We are assessing students in reading, language usage, science, and mathematics. Preliminary results are encouraging.

Spanish Class Field Trip

Mrs. Anderson and her "estudiantes" spent a day immersed in local hispanic culture. The class volunteered at Mano y Mano and had lunch at Vasquez Take Out. During the whole day students were required to use only the Spanish language when communicating.



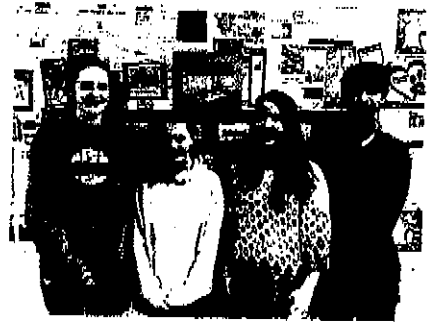
CTE Student of the Year

Nick Mallar was selected as the Career & Technical Education Student of the Year for Coastal Washington CIT. Nick and 26 other students from around Maine were honored at this event. Nick received his award from Senator Brian Langley and MACTE Executive Director Don Canaan. The event was held at the Lewiston Regional Technical Center.

Nick also was awarded the Daughters of the Revolution Good Citizenship Award.

Students of the Quarter

Machias Memorial High School Students of the Quarter are, from left to right in upper photo, Grace Preston, Hannah Faulkingham, Cami Pennell, and Archarlie.



Literacy Students of the Quarter

Machias Memorial High School Literacy Students of the Quarter are, from left to right in lower photo, Quincy Davis, Megan Jordan, Jordyn Bryant, and Joe Horvath.



Senior Activities

Baccalaureate Service will be held on Sunday, May 27th at 1:00 pm at the Center Street Congregational Church in Machias. A reception for seniors and their families will follow the service in the vestibule of the church. Graduation will be held on June 3, 2018 at 1:00 pm in the Machias Memorial High School Gymnasium. Board members are invited to attend both events.

The seniors will be leaving on Wednesday, June 6 at 9:00 am for their senior trip. They will be traveling to the Portland area to attend a SeaDogs game, visit the Maine Mall, and go to FunTown/SplashTown. The graduates will return late Thursday night.