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**Minutes
Machias School Committee
Wednesday, June 12, 2019
Superintendent's Office
4:30 PM**

Attendance: Teresa Saddler, Carolyn Nadeau, Amanda Little.

Others Present: Joyce Fragale, 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 May 8, 2019.**

Motion by Carolyn Nadeau to approve the minutes of May 8, 2019.
Second: Amanda Little; Vote: 3-0.

III. **Agenda Adjustments:**

- 8B). Proposed MMHS Graduation Requirements Change.
- 8C). Satellite CTE Program Request.
- 8D). Copier/Printer Lease.

IV. **Principal's Report:**

RMG: Enclosed.
MMHS: Enclosed.

V. **New Business:**

1. Nomination of Probationary Teacher:

The Superintendent nominated Chris Sprague for the CTE Building Trades Program Teacher for the 2019/2020 school year.

Motion by Teresa Saddler to accept the Superintendent's nomination of Chris Sprague for the CTE Building Trades Program Teacher for the 2019/2020 school year.

Second: Carolyn Nadeau; Vote: 3-0.

2. CTE Update:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the CTE Director and a consultant are working on the four new CTE program applications.

The deadline to submit the paperwork to the Maine Department of Education is June 28, 2019.

The Superintendent also informed the School Committee that the Jonesport/Beals CSD High School has submitted a request for approval of a satellite program on the Jonesport campus for the 2020/2021 school year.

3. School Lunch Program:

The Superintendent reported that his office is continuing to pursue individuals that still owe school lunch bills. The Superintendent's office will be using the small claims court system to collect delinquent lunch bills.

4. Legislative Update:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the Appropriations Committee has agreed to implement the \$40,000.00 minimum teachers salary requirement over a 3 year period with the minimum at \$35,000.00 in 20/21, \$37,500.00 in 21/22 and \$40,000.00 in 22/23. The Superintendent also informed the School Committee of a System Administration bill and several education policy bills.

5. Maine Small Schools Coalition Meeting:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the Maine Small Schools Coalition met at UMaine (Orono) on May 31, 2019. The meeting was well attended by Superintendents from rural school districts. There were three legislators that attended and a representative from Maine School Management Association.

6. Summer Committee Meeting Schedule:

The School Committee agreed to meet as needed during the summer months.

7. Gym Roof Project:

The Superintendent reported that Newcomb Construction will be starting the gym roof project on June 24, 2019 and will complete it by September 1, 2019.

The Superintendent also mentioned a group of parents that want to fix the drainage issues on the baseball field this summer. The Superintendent has contacted CES to help develop a plan.

8. Bus Use Approval:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that he received a bus use request for a Wreaths Across America 5k race. Wreaths Across America would provide insurance coverage and one of the Machias substitute drivers has volunteered to drive.

Motion by Carolyn Nadeau to approve the bus usage request.
Second: Amanda Little; Vote: 3-0.

8B). Proposed MMHS Graduation Requirements Change:

The MMHS Principal distributed a hand-out (enclosed) regarding proposed math requirements for graduation. The Principal explained the requirement change and answered questions.

Motion by Carolyn Nadeau to approve the MMHS math requirements for graduation.
Second: Amanda Little; Vote: 3-0.

8C). Satellite CTE Program Request:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the Moosebec CSD (Jonesport/Beals High School) Board has requested approval of an Aquaculture Satellite Program on the Jonesport Campus.

Motion by Teresa Saddler to approve an Aquaculture Satellite Program at Jonesport/Beals High School.
Second: Carolyn Nadeau; Vote: 3-0.

8D). Copier/Printer Lease:

The Superintendent explained that the Rose M. Gaffney School and Machias Memorial High School need to replace their printers through their current lease/purchase agreement.

Motion by Teresa Saddler to approve a lease/purchase agreement with Bangor Computer Company to replace printers.
Second: Carolyn Nadeau; Vote: 3-0.

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

Motion by Teresa Saddler to enter into Executive Session at 5:24 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations.
Second: Carolyn Nadeau; Vote: 3-0.

Declared out of Executive Session at 5:48 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.

VI. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 5:49 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.
Second: Amanda Little; Vote: 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



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

RMG Principal's Report
June 12, 2019
Rose M. Gaffney Elementary School

The end of the year is a few days away. Students have participated in closing ceremonies, dances, parades, concerts, field trips, the curriculum fair, 8th grade graduation, and today is awards day. Tomorrow we will be hosting a brief ceremony to dedicate our Memorial Tree. Saturday at 11:30 we will wave goodbye to our students, but will see most of them back for summer school and Edge summer camp a week later.

Sports

Our Sports Awards were held after the final game of the season. Congratulations to our student athletes. While being a student athlete is fun and rewarding, it can be challenging to keep up with games and practices while meeting the academic status required of our student athletes.

Music

We have held our Spring Concerts. Student musicians in grades 5-8 hosted an amazing performance. We recognized our RMG and MMHS students from graduating classes. MMHS Seniors who have participated in Band and/or Chorus all four years received "pink chords". Our PreK-2, and grades 3&4 students did an outstanding job hosting their concerts as well (along with looking adorable all dressed up).

Our band students did an outstanding job marching in the Memorial Day Parade. Many of our student musicians also played at the high school graduation. The high school seniors did us the honor of walking through RMG before they graduated. We were excited to have an opportunity to applaud them in their accomplishments!! Forever Bulldogs!!

Marshall's Healthcare Facility invited Mrs. Baker, and a few select RMG and MMHS students, to participate in their talent show. The following students performed: Joel Vane, Lucy Lord, Luna Lord, Destiny Look, Madison Conlin, Cassidy Conlin, and Nora Vioaire. Marshall's provided prizes for first, second and third place winners. Matti and Cassidy placed 2nd, and Joel place 3rd. Mrs. Baker reported that "Our students were the delight of all. Not only were these students wonderful in their performances, but they were all simply wonderful".

Mrs. Baker informed me that our students "Rocked" at the Remembrance Program at the Veteran's Home. They played the "Star Spangled Banner" and "Marches of the Armed Forces". In her words, it was "Phenomenal". She stated that the singing of "Hallelujah with the Veteran's Lyrics" was the hit of the day. The students that played taps were "flawless". Congratulations to all students who participated! Way to represent your school!!!!

Field Trips

Pre-K and Kindergarten students escorted their Teddy Bears to Down East Community Hospital to be treated by Doctors and Nurses. They were able to ask questions, and help their bears understand that the hospital really isn't a scary a place, and that very nice people are there to help them.

Kindergarten visited Roque Bluffs today where they participated in a scavenger hunt as well as several other educational activities. They also had a picnic on the beach.

Grade 1 will be visiting the Maine Discovery Museum on Thursday.

Grade 2 visited Birds Acre. Mrs. Whitney stated that "It was so cool to see the owls that we have been learning about. We were awesome listeners during the live owl presentation and had a great time hiking the trails."

Grade 3 attended the Planetarium in Orono on Friday, May 24th. Thank you to Mrs. Whitney for stepping in to take Mr. Dyer's class at the very last minute!!! The students had a wonderful time viewing planets and stars, and learning more about the constellations.

Mrs. Congelosi's 3rd grade visited Machias Savings Bank to celebrate the completion of their Junior Achievement Unit. Students toured the bank, and were able to visit areas that are usually off limits to the general public. They received certificates, and a "Piggy Bank" to house their own savings.

Fourth graders visited Augusta. They toured the Maine State Museum, made "Petroglyph rubbings" and "arrowheads". They then proceeded to the State House where they were met by Representative Tuell who showed them around the House of Representatives. They also saw where the Senate meets and the Hall of Flags. Finally, they were greeted by Senator Moore. They had a great time!

The 5th grade went on an adventure to Portland, Maine. They became citizen scientists at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute. The students worked with "table size" l-pads to examine plankton, urchin larvae, algae debris, and more. They tried to digitally sort lobster traps into the correct locations and measured lobster carapaces. Students studied the Black Sea Bass, and the impact that this creature has on our lobster industry. They left the field trip excited for Science. Teachers and students were in school the next day in spite of a broken-down Cyr bus that put them back at the school around 10:00. Go Grade 5 Bulldogs!!!

Grade 6 attended the Edge Marlon Kane Leadership Camp. Students participated in events geared towards team and leadership building skills. This is one of many wonderful opportunities offered to our students by the Edge program. Grade 6 students have been visiting the Down East Institute on Beals Island as well.

Grade 7 will be doing a field day for their "end of the year" field trip. They plan to walk the trails and have a picnic in the park across from Helen's. After some activities there, they will finish with a donut from Dunkins.

Special Events

We hosted our annual Curriculum Fair. The students take great pride in their accomplishments and were very excited to have an opportunity to show off their hard work to friends and family members! The turn-out was amazing.

PAWS hosted a "Fill the PAW" fundraiser roll during our fair. The PAWS group is generously working on purchasing playground equipment that will benefit our youngest students. PAWS also hosted a teacher appreciation luncheon. The theme was "Back Yard BBQ".

Parent/Teacher Conferences have taken place. Teachers modified their schedules to meet with working parents during convenient times.

Students enjoyed a presentation of "Tall Tales" by Monmouth Theatre. I am very proud of our students as they have learned the appropriate manner in which to be a good audience participant.

JMG hosted a Spring Spectacular Dance for students in grades 6-8. They also attended the Down East Workforce Development Conference. During the conference they participated in activities surrounding careers of their choice. JMG students did a wonderful job speaking during their closing ceremony. I was very impressed with their individual vision boards which were on display. Students honored Machias Savings Bank, The Wesley Foundation, and Down East Community Hospital. Mr. Peasley from Machias Savings Bank was the guest speaker.

Harwood Lodge #91 hosted "Bikes for Books" at RMG again this year. Thirty-Two avid readers were selected to receive new bikes and helmets. I would like to thank the members of Harwood Lodge #91, Machias Savings Bank, the By Us Company, and our Literacy Team, for hosting our "Bikes for Books" Campaign.

Edge hosted their end of the year Family Night. Seventy people were attendance. Students had an opportunity to invite family members to a spaghetti dinner, as well as to play "minute to win it" games. A good time was had by everyone. Thursday was the last day of Edge for the school year. Edge summer camp will begin on Monday, June 24th.

The Machias Drama Club Play featured students in grades 7-12 and hosted a dress rehearsal and two showings. The RMG Drama Club hosted a dress rehearsal and play as well. Machias and RMG Drama Clubs hosted outstanding performances this past week. I think that we have some aspiring actors and actresses as well as a potential talk show host in our midst. Congratulations to all of our Drama Club participants and thank you for outstanding performances!

Special Recognition

I am proud to announce the essay winners of the Machias Savings Bank Future Promises Scholarship.

Mrs. Congelosi's Class - Temperance Bean, Brooke Davis, Kala Worcester

Mrs. Singh's Class - Lisa Moses-Fynn

Mrs. Grange Class - Lucy Lord

Mrs. Roy's Class - Cassidy Conlin

Mrs. Douglas' Class - Ethan Sierra

Mrs. Maker's Class - Elayna VanOrmer, Maleah Rhodes

Our Daughters of the American Revolution Essay Winners, Manny Albee (Grade 6) and Gracie Henderson (Grade 7) read their essays on Tuesday at Burnham Tavern. They did an outstanding job. The readings were followed by a reception. The judges complimented both students greatly on their writings about "What a Flag Means to Me".

Congratulations to our 8th graders who celebrated their graduation with a dance and graduation ceremony. We will miss them and wish them all the best! Many of our students were recipients of awards. I have highlighted the medalists, as well as the Class Leader, Citizenship, Principal's, and Highest Average Awards below.

Recipients of the Bronze Medal

Jakob Haynes
Brookelyn Matthews
Jaydn Anderson

Recipients of the Silver Medal

Virginia Austin
Hayley Bishko
Becca Scribner
Jenna Gallant
Kolby Henderson
Maggie Allen
Gaven Bixler
Elisha Sternberg
Kaitlyn Guptill

Recipients of the Gold Medal

Jalda Case
Samuel Hughes
Jacey Barabe

Recipients of the Class Leaders Award

Jacey Barabe, Hayley Bishko, Becca Scribner, Sofia St. Pierre

Recipient of the Citizenship Award

Jenna Gallant

Recipient of the Principal's Award

Brookelyn Matthews

Recipient of the Highest Average Award

Jacey Barabe

We will be dedicating our Memorial Tree on Thursday (June 13) at 3:00. Dismissal will be at regular time. Everyone is welcome.

Mrs. Hooper and Mrs. Murphy will be hosting Youth Cheer Camp here at RMG from June 17-21. Camp will run from 3:00-4:30 for students in K-2, and from 4:30-6:00 for students in grades 3-6. Cost per child is \$20.

RMG Summer School will run alongside Edge Summer Camp from June 24 through July 18.

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://www.facebook.com/Rose-M-Garnsey-Elementary-School-135592016487990/>

Machias Memorial High School
Principal's Report
June 2019

Machias Memorial High School Class of 2019



Front row (left to right): Madison Conlin, Ashley Norman, Shelby Fuller, Smita Martin, Ardriana Mahar, Kellee Moores, Keely Tibbetts, and Jordyn Bryant. Middle row (left to right): Dallas Moody, Caleb Sprague, Tyler Faulkingham, Cain Doten, Alex Wentzell, David Mitchell, Sammie Cox, and Caitlin LaPointe. Back row (from left to right): Evan Dray, Noah Albert, Braden Pottle, Robert Swallow, Riley Tinker, Jackson Saumur, Simon Edwards, Brandan Jordan, and Jon Cole.

Community Music Events

Mrs. Baker and the music students have been busy this spring. The band participated in the Memorial Day Parade. In addition, band and chorus students participated in the Marshall Talent Show and the annual Remembrance Day at the Veteran's Home. The community appreciates the efforts of Mrs. Baker and our students.

The "Real Senior Prom"

Machias Memorial High School hosted the Real Senior Prom on May 19 in the gym. Senior citizens from the surrounding communities were invited to attend this social event. The event did a great job of providing an authentic experience featuring live music from the past and the ambiance of a real prom.

Mr. Worcester's Retirement

The faculty organized a celebration of Mike Worcester's 35 years as an educator at Machias Memorial High School. The evening started with a dinner and "roasting" of Mike at the high school. Many former staff members came back to congratulate Mike. After the dinner a public reception was held in honor of Mike at the gym.

I would like to thank Mike for his service of 35 years. In his position at MMHS he has had a positive effect on many students' lives. His sense of humor and wit will be missed by many. We wish him the very best in the future.

Machias Memorial High School

Proposed Changes to Academic Requirements for Graduation

In an effort to meet the needs of students, post-secondary educational institutions, and the workforce, Machias Memorial High School is proposing the following changes in math and Physical Education/Health for graduation.

The proposed changes have been thoroughly discussed and agreed upon by the faculty and administrators. We would like the Machias School Board to consider approving these changes.

Math Department

Current Requirement: Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and a fourth math (all 1 credit classes)

Proposed Requirements: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and a fourth math (all 1 credit classes)

All students must take at least one (1) math class each year they attend Machias Memorial High School.

In the past, students who are not enrolled in a math class their senior year often struggle or fail their first year of college math.

Below are the possible pathways students may choose:

Machias Memorial High School Math Pathways

Pathway #1

Grade 9	Algebra I
Grade 10	Geometry
Grade 11	Algebra II
Grade 12	Senior Math, Pre-Calculus, or Early College Math

Pathway #2

Grade 9	Pre-Algebra
Grade 10	Algebra I
Grade 11	Geometry
Grade 12	Algebra II or Senior Math

Pathway #3

Grade 9	Algebra II or Geometry
Grade 10	Algebra II or Geometry
Grade 11	Pre-Calculus, AP Statistics, or Early College Math
Grade 12	Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus, AP Statistics, or Early College Math

Substitutes for graduation requirements:

Honors Algebra I, Honors Algebra II, and Honors Geometry