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Minutes
Machias School Committee
Wednesday, October 6, 2021
Machias Memorial High School
4:00 PM

Attendance: Teresa Saddler, Richard Shaw, William Weaver, Calia Burke.

Others Present: Robert Simpson, Kelly Davis, Jace Farris, Meghan Duff, Gretchen Harrington, Nicole Case, Sue Dow, Mary Maker, Mitchell Look, Scott Porter.

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

II. Approval of the minutes of September 15, 2021.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the minutes of September 15, 2021.
Second: William Weaver; Vote: 4-0.

III. Agenda Adjustments: None.

IV. Public Comment:

Members of the community addressed the School Committee regarding the temporary mask mandate that was put in place. Several community members expressed interest in a mask mandate that extended beyond a temporary two week mask requirement while others expressed opposition to any type of mask requirement.

V. Principals' Reports:

RMG: Enclosed.
MMHS: Enclosed.

VI. New Business:

1. Review of CDC Requirements and Recommendations:

The Superintendent reviewed the Maine CDC "pooled" testing program and a "universal" masking program. These programs, if implemented, allow some close contacts to stay in school. Both programs are recommended but not mandated by the CDC.

2. OSHA Vaccination/Testing Laws:

The Biden Administration submitted a bill that became law that will require businesses and organizations (including schools) with 100 or more employees to mandate vaccinations (COVID-19) or have employees enroll in a weekly COVID testing program. In an AOS, each town is the employer. It is unclear at this time if the Machias School Department employees will be required to follow the Biden mandate.

3. American Rescue Plan (ARP) ESSER III Update:

The Superintendent reported that the ESSER III plan for the Machias School Department was sent to the Maine Department of Education on time. It will take the Department 2 to 3 weeks to review the ESSER plans and provide feedback.

4. Dedication of Rose M. Gaffney Wing Request:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee of a request from the Rose M. Gaffney staff to dedicate the lower end wing of the school in memory of Linda Stoddard.

The School Committee approved the request.

5. Teacher Nomination:

The Superintendent nominated Pat Moores as an elementary teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney Elementary School for the 2021/2022 school year.

Motion by Teresa Saddler to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Pat Moores as an elementary teacher at the Rose M. Gaffney Elementary School for the 2021/2022 school year.

Second: William Weaver; Vote: 4-0.

6. CTE Balance Transfer FY 20:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee of a shortfall in CTE funds for FY 20. The shortfall is in the amount of \$12,000.00. The Superintendent recommended transferring \$10,000.00 from contingency and \$2,000.00 from cost center 1 (Instruction).

Motion by Teresa Saddler to approve the transfer of \$10,000.00 from contingency and \$2,000.00 from cost center 1 (Instruction) to cover the CTE shortfall.

Second: William Weaver; Vote: 4-0.

7. Updated Restraint and Seclusion Policy:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee of a change in state law regarding restraint and seclusion of students that will require a policy update.

Motion by Teresa Saddler to approve the updated Restraint and Seclusion Policy.

Second: Richard Shaw; Vote: 4-0.

VII. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 4:50 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.

Second: Richard Shaw; Vote: 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott K. Porter

Superintendent of Schools

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Machias Bay Area School System

Principal Report for 10/6

Enrollment: 335

8th Grade: Split into 3 smaller groups instead of 2 large ones. Social distancing is better and more individual attention. Allows for the students to have some enrichment activities by doing this. JMG for all.

Students are using the nature trail and the Pavillion for classes often.

Tier III grant has been submitted for School Improvement.

We will begin NWEA next week that will give us beginning Math data for this year.

Nadine Baker received another Music Grant from the Peter R. Marsh Foundation in the amount of \$1000 to further music education.

Our 2nd grade students received books from the Invest In ME Reads program.

We will begin pool testing next week.

Total students involved in fall sports: 80

MMHS Principal's Report October 6, 2021

Enrollment

- ◆ Currently at 159.

ESSER III

- ◆ Application is in, waiting for approval

Athletics

- ◆ Sumner Soccer Game
- ◆ DAC Cross-Country Meet
- ◆ Athletic Boosters
- ◆ Photos

Wednesday Electives

- ◆ Enrichment
- ◆ Off-Campus

Layers of Protection

- ◆ Handwashing
- ◆ Pooled Testing
- ◆ Masks
- ◆ Distancing

Yellow Tulip Project

- ◆ 200 Bulbs Sponsored by Healthy Acadia
- ◆ Campaign to decrease stigma often surrounding mental illness