

AOS 96  
Superintendent's Office  
291 Court Street  
Machias, ME 04654  
(207) 255-6585

**Minutes**  
**Machias School Committee**  
**Wednesday, November 2, 2022**  
**Machias Memorial High School**  
**4:00 PM**

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

**Others Present:** Nicole Case, Sue Dow, Mary Maker, Mitchell Look, Scott Porter.

**I.** Call to order at 4:03 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.

**II.** **Approval of the minutes of October 17, 2022.**

Motion by Calia Burke to approve the minutes of October 17, 2022.  
Second: William Weaver; Vote: 3-0.

**III.** **Agenda Adjustments:**

Teacher Nomination as item 8 on agenda.

**IV.** **Public Comment:** None.

**V.** **Principals' Reports:**

**RMG:** Enclosed.

**MMHS:** Enclosed.

**VI.** **New Business:**

**1. MMHS Project Update:**

The Superintendent updated the School Committee regarding the new classroom that is being developed at Machias Memorial High School. The carpentry work has begun and other infrastructure work will be completed in the next few weeks.

**2. Transportation:**

The Superintendent reported the transportation of Lubec students has remained the same since our last meeting. He also informed the

School Committee there is a CTE bus driver vacancy in the Machias School Department. This position will be advertised and interviews will be conducted.

**3. Snowplowing:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee regarding the 2007 snowplow truck repairs. He also indicated the school department is still looking for a driver for the plow truck.

**4. Snow Days:**

The Principals and Superintendent spoke to the School Committee regarding having remote learning days during snow days. The Principals will be seeking input from staff and parents on this topic. The School Committee was in agreement for the school department to conduct remote learning days during snow days if the input to do so is positive.

**5. MSMA Fall Conference Report:**

The Superintendent reported that he attended the MSMA Fall Conference in Augusta on October 26 – 28, 2022. The Keynote Speaker was David Horsager, CEO of The Trust Edge Leadership Institute. He has written several books on building trust in organizations and has developed the 8 pillars of trust. The Superintendent also attended sessions on collective bargaining and Special Education Law.

**6. MSSA Funding Committee:**

The Superintendent reported that he is a member of the MSSA Funding Committee. In a recent meeting, officials from the Maine Department of Education indicated the total state valuation has increased by 6%. If municipal valuations increase by more than 6% it could result in a loss of State subsidy.

**7. MSSA Legislative Committee:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that he is a member of the MSSA Legislative Committee. This session there is no limit on the number of bills legislators can sponsor. The MSSA Legislative Committee will be reviewing bills when the new session begins in January 2023.

**8. Teacher Nomination:**

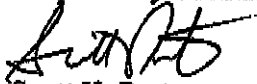
The Superintendent nominated Celia Jellison for the Alternative Education teaching position for the 2022/2023 school year.

Motion by Teresa Saddler to accept the Superintendent's nomination of Celia Jellison for the Alternative Education position for the 2022/2023 school year.  
Second: William Weaver; Vote: 4-0.

**VII. Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn at 4:46 p.m. by Richard Shaw.  
Second: William Weaver; Vote: 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



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

**Principal Report for 11/2/22****Enrollment: 330**

**We had 8 students earn a ribbon at the Auror Airline Cross Country meet last week and 1 medal that was in the top 5 runners. This is the most we have had in the last several years.**

**Winter sports will begin on Monday. We will have both basketball and cheerleading teams.**

**We have been awarded the Outdoor Ed grant of \$100,000 and a formal announcement will be coming in the near future.**

**Many of our classes have been visiting the DEI center on Beals Island for marine biology presentations.**

**We will have our first meeting next week of the Wellness Committee to review and revise the policy prior to the food service audit in the spring.**

**On Friday, I will be taking some JMG students to the Messenger Animal Rescue to deliver 205 items of food, treats, blankets to**

## **MMHS Principal's Report November 2, 2022**

### **Current Enrollment**

- ◆ 174

### **2022-2023 Enrollment**

- ◆ Freshmen 40
- ◆ Sophomores 53
- ◆ Juniors 38
- ◆ Seniors 43

### **What's Going On**

- ◆ Reviewing Graduation Requirements - Revision Needed
- ◆ First Quarter will wrap up this Week - Progress Reports on Friday
- ◆ Remote vs. Traditional Snow Days
- ◆ Veteran's Day Program
- ◆ Safety Plan

### **Athletics**

- ◆ Winter Sports Begin on November 21st
- ◆ Cooperative Wrestler