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**Minutes
Machias School Committee
Wednesday, November 30, 2022
Machias Memorial High School
4:00 PM**

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

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

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

II. Approval of the minutes of November 2, 2022.

Motion by Calia Burke to approve the minutes of November 2, 2022.
Second: Richard Shaw; Vote: 5-0.

III. Agenda Adjustments: None.

IV. Public Comment: None.

V. Principals' Reports:

RMG: Enclosed.
MMHS: Enclosed.

VI. New Business:

1. Machias Memorial High School Gymnasium Boiler Project:

The Superintendent explained the need for replacing the boiler in the Machias Memorial High School Gymnasium. Two propane boilers will be replacing a single oil boiler system that is 36 years old. Considering there is not enough money in the local maintenance budget to pay for a two boiler system and energy costs are significantly higher than expected, the Superintendent recommended using up to \$65,000.00 from Fund Balance to pay for the system. He informed the School Committee that \$145,000.00 in Fund Balance was approved for the Rose M. Gaffney Roof project but was not used due to the project coming in under budget.

Motion by William Weaver to approve presenting the boiler project to the Selectmen with the intent to use up to \$65,000.00 from Fund

Balance to pay for the MMHS gymnasium boiler project.
Second: Richard Shaw; Vote: 5-0.

The approval of the using up to \$65,000.00 will require public approval at a town meeting.

2. Balance Transfers:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the AOS 96 Business Manager recommends transferring \$38,000.00 from the Instruction Cost Center to the Maintenance Cost Center in FY 22 to balance the Maintenance Cost Center due to higher than expected energy costs in FY 22. The AOS 96 Business Manager also recommended transferring \$4,000.00 from Contingency into the Transportation Cost Center in FY 22 to balance the Transportation Cost Center due to higher than expected transportation costs.

Motion by Richard Shaw to transfer \$38,000.00 from the Instruction Cost Center into the Maintenance Cost Center in FY 22 and to transfer \$4,000.00 from Contingency into the Transportation Cost Center in FY 22.

Second: William Weaver; Vote: 5-0.

3. MMHS Project Update:

The MMHS classroom project has been started but there has not been much progress since our last meeting. The Superintendent expects that significant progress will be made on the project in December.

4. Energy Costs:

The Superintendent is very concerned about FY 23 energy costs. He informed the School Committee that heating fuel costs have increased by over 100% since the fall of 2021. He also indicated that diesel fuel has increased by over 73% since the fall of 2021. As a result of these increased energy costs, the Superintendent anticipates that the School Committee will need to transfer funds from other budget article cost centers later in FY 23.

VII. Adjournment:

Motion by Richard Shaw to adjourn at 4:32 p.m.
Second: William Weaver; Vote: 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



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

Principal Report for 11/30/22**Enrollment: 327**

Winter sports are underway. The Bulldog Blitz fundraiser was a great success for the Literacy team who also donated half of their money to help purchase new soccer, baseball and softball uniforms.

3 teachers and myself will be attending a Peace of Mind Training in Washington D.C. in January funded through the Tier III grant.

We have received 90 Merge Cubes that are used in Science to explore in 3D mode topics like plant and animal anatomy. These were free from the DOE.

The PAWS parent teacher group is hosting a Chance Auction fundraiser this weekend.

We are getting ready for our Christmas Carolling season. We will be in town, Marshall's and the Veterans home. Our younger students will sing for the kitchen and the high school.

RMG will be having remote learning days in the event of school closures this winter. Teachers have designed educational material in the form of packets, pre-taped videos of themselves teaching the materials, etc. I spoke to parents and teachers and they want to continue this way.

MMHS Principal's Report November 30, 2022

Current Enrollment

- ◆ 175 - Up one

2022-2023 Enrollment

- ◆ Freshmen 40
- ◆ Sophomores 53
- ◆ Juniors 39
- ◆ Seniors 43

What's Going On

- ◆ Reviewing Graduation Requirements - Revision Needed
- ◆ Remote vs. Traditional Snow Days
- ◆ Maine Space STEM Program *Jim Lenke*
- ◆ CSI Educator *Becky Lee*

Athletics

- ◆ Winter Sports - Scrimmages Tonight
- ◆ Basketball
- ◆ Cheering