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Minutes
Machias School Committee
Wednesday, December 6, 2023
Machias Memorial High School
Room 6
4:00 PM

Attendance: Teresa Saddler, Richard Shaw, Calia Burke, Jennifer Weaver, Whitney Wood.

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

I. Call to order at 4:01 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.

II. Approval of the minutes of October 18, 2023.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the minutes of October 18, 2023.
Second: Jennifer Weaver; Vote: 5-0.

III. Agenda Adjustments: None.

IV. Public Comment: None.

V. Principals' Reports:

RMG: Enclosed.
MMHS: Enclosed.

VI. New Business:

1. Rose M. Gaffney Library:

The Rose M. Gaffney staff requested that the School Committee name the library in honor of long time teacher, Diana O'Neal.

Motion by Teresa Saddler to name the Rose M. Gaffney Library in honor of long time teacher Diana O'Neal.
Second: Jennifer Weaver; Vote: 5-0.

2. MSMA Fall Conference Report:

The Superintendent reported that he attended the MSMA Conference

in Augusta from October 25 to October 27. The first day of the conference was with Dr. Bill Daggett. Mr. Daggett is a nationally recognized presenter that spoke about the role of artificial intelligence in education. The following two days of the conference had many different professional development sessions with attorneys from Drummond and Woodsum.

3. ESSER Project Updates:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee of upcoming final ESSER projects which include purchasing computers, a kitchen ventilation system and bathroom renovations.

4. Tuition Update:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that updated tuition rates have not been released from the Maine Department of Education at this time, but new rates will be released later in December. Currently, the number of tuition students projected at Rose M. Gaffney are very close and the high school has exceeded enrollment projections.

5. Upcoming Legislative Session:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that he recently attended an MSSA Legislative Committee meeting. The \$50,000.00 teacher minimum salary bill will be considered by the Legislature, as well as, an Ed Tech/Support Staff bill that has significant financial implications.

6. Stronger Connections Grant Update:

The Machias Memorial High School Principal reported that a School Resource Officer has not been hired at this time. The Principal will continue to work with the Machias Police Chief to fill the position that will be provided through the Stronger Connections Grant.

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

Motion by Teresa Saddler to enter into Executive Session at 4:44 p.m.
Second: Calia Burke; Vote: 5-0.

Declared out of Executive Session at 5:10 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.

VII. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 5:10 p.m. by Richard Shaw.
Second: Teresa Saddler; Vote: 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott K. Porter

Superintendent of Schools

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Machias Bay Area School System

School Committee Meeting 12/6/23

Enrollment: 341

Bulldog Blitz fundraiser for our Literacy Team was a huge success and raised a lot of money for activities for our students.

40 students participating in Jr. High Sports

The Perloff Family Foundation donated 2 new 3D printers to our jr. high science room. One of Mrs. Hartsgrove's GT student's is creating a 3D aerial view of the campus building using the drone pictures that we received and will share it with the committee as soon as it is finished.

Our 2nd grade students visited Lynch Hill Farm and toured the Cranberry Bogs and processing facility. They were treated to a cranberry snack as well.

We had 2 Donors Choose projects fully funded: Robbie Hammond received soap making supplies to teach a science lesson to our students. Mrs. Roy received financial literacy supplies to support her ongoing lessons in the classroom.

The leadership team is working on developing ways to improve attendance and tardiness.

The PAWS group will be hosting a lasagna dinner for our staff Christmas party.

Christmas concert for grades 5-12 will be tomorrow night.

Grades pre k-4 concert will be on Dec. 20th.

MMHS Principal's Report December 6, 2023

Current Enrollment

- ❖ 170

What's Going On

- ❖ CTE Visits
 - Currently 52
 - Computer Science approved for next year
- ❖ Becky Lee - Art Grant \$1500 Indigo Garden
- ❖ Digital Marketing - Resignation of Jillian Taylor, effective end of first semester

Athletics

- ❖ Basketball
 - Girls 11
 - Boys 28
- ❖ Cheering
 - 10

Campus

- ❖ Plowing
- ❖ Updates
 - Hood
 - Freezer
 - Bathrooms
 - Point of Entry