

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 1

Castle Hill - Chapman- Mapleton - Presque Isle - Westfield

MINUTES

Board of Directors

February 14, 2018

5:30 P.M.

Presque Isle Middle School

**Directors Present:**

|                                 |                       |
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| Carol Bell (6)                  | Julie Freeman (16)    |
| James Bubar (10)                | Timothy Levesque (13) |
| Robert Cawley (5)               | Joanna Newlands (2)   |
| Curtis Culberson (11)           | Lucy Richard (12)     |
| Roberta Fitzgerald-Hathaway (8) | Brandon Roope (7)     |
| Susan Goulet (14)               | Paul Saija (17)       |
| Jane James (1)                  | Terry Sandusky (3)    |
| John R. Johnston (15)           | Melissa Vance (4)     |
| Lori Kenneson (9)               |                       |

There were approximately 20 member of the public and 1 member of the press present.

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Lucy Richard called the meeting to order at 5:33 P.M.

Presque Isle Middle School Principal Anne Blanchard welcomed the Board to PIMS.

2. **Announcements**

Chair Lucy Richard announced the following upcoming meetings:

Board Workshop - March 5, 2018 - 5:30 p.m. - Board Conference Room

Policy Committee - March 5, 2018 - Immediately following the Board Workshop

Board of Directors - March 14, 2018 - 5:30 p.m. - Board Conference Room (Later moved to 3/21/18)

Budget Workshop - March 14, 2018 - Immediately following the Board Meeting

3. **Adjustments to the Agenda**

There were no adjustments to the Agenda.

4. **Acceptance of the Agenda**

It was moved by Roberta Fitzgerald-Hathaway and seconded by Melissa Vance to accept the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

5. **Presentation(s)**

There were no presentations.

6. **Public Participation**

The following citizens/employees spoke to the Board regarding Harvest Break:

Dory Smith - Jeff & Owen Smith Farms - Mapleton  
Dr. Carson Dobrin - Science Teacher - Presque Isle High School  
Amy Keaton-Daniels - Pre-K Teacher - Pine Street Elementary School

7. **Approval of Minutes - January 17, 2018**

It was moved by Paul Saija and seconded by Joanna Newlands to approve the minutes of January 17, 2018 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Carpenter reported that the new ED279 funding information is in. SAD #1 funding is up for 2018-2019, but that could change.

Superintendent Carpenter reported the following teacher resignation to the Board:

Katalin Grooms - Math/Science Teacher at Presque Isle High School, is resigning at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

It was moved by Susan Goulet and seconded by Joanna Newlands to accept the resignation as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Carpenter announced the following MSAD #1 teachers have been nominated for teacher of the year:

William Guerrette - Grade 8 Teacher - Presque Isle Middle School  
Sharon Craig - Adult Education Teacher

9. **Financial Report by the Assistant Superintendent for Business (Including bills, warrants and payrolls signed to date by the Finance Committee and the Superintendent)**

It was moved by Jim Bubar and seconded by Curtis Culberson to approve the Financial Report for January 2018 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Clint Deschene, Assistant Superintendent for Business, then provide a brief overview of the January 2018 financials.

10. **Old Business - *Discussion and Action***

There was no old business.

11. **Committee Reports**

Terry Sandusky, Chair of the CTE Committee, provided an update on the Committee meeting held on January 18, 2018. Some of the topics discussed were: 2017 farm report, upcoming accreditation, multi-use building at the farm, and dual enrollment.

Melissa Vance, Chair of the Policy Committee, reported they had met on February 5, 2018 and will meet on March 5, 2018 following the Board Workshop.

Susan Goulet, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, reported the Curriculum Committee Met on January 10, 2018 and will meet again on April 10, 2018.

Curtis Culberson, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported the Finance Committee met on February 7, 2018 and will meet on February 28, 2018.

There were no reports for the Building and Grounds Committee and the Negotiations Committee.

## 12. **School Farm Report**

John Hoffses, School Farm Manager, provided an overview of the 2017 farm report. He reported that crops/sales were down due to weather.

## 13. **New Business - Discussion/Action**

- a) Consideration of P-2, P-3, Continuing Contract and Tenured Teacher for 2018-2019:

Roberta Fitzgerald-Hathaway pointed out that Terry Cummings was in the wrong category, and needs to be moved.

It was moved by Roberta Fitzgerald-Hathaway and duly seconded to approve the list of P-2, P-3, Continuing Contract and Tenured Teachers for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

- b) Consideration of Harvest Break Action:

Melissa Vance read the following motion into the minutes:

**Be it moved that MSAD #1 shall implement the following changes to Harvest Break to unify the District calendar for grades Pre-K - 12 beginning in the school year 2019-2020:**

**Effective fall 2018**, Harvest Break **will remain a 3 week break** for grades 9 to 12;

**Effective fall 2019**, Harvest Break will be eliminated as a break and students in grades 9 through 12 may be granted a **3 week leave** with the support of a parent and farmer;

**Effective fall 2020**, Harvest Break will be eliminated as a break and students in grades 9 through 12 may be granted a **2 week leave** with the support of a parent and farmer.

The following Board members spoke regarding harvest break:

Brandon Roope, Carol Bell, Roberta Fitzgerald-Hathaway, Paul Saija, Timothy LeVesque, Robert Cawley, Lori Kenneson, and Jane James.

Melissa Vance then re-read the above mentioned motion.

A vote was then taken on the motion with results as follows:

In favor of the motion: Lucy Richard, James Bubar, Robert Cawley, Curtis Culberson, Julie Freeman, Susan Goulet, John R. Johnston, Timothy Levesque, and Melissa Vance.

Against the motion: Carol Bell, Roberta Fitzgerald-Hathaway, Lori Kenneson, Joanna Newlands, Brandon Roope, Paul Saija, and Terry Sandusky.

1 abstention - Jane James - Due to conflict of interest.

Motion carried 9-7 with 1 abstention (Jane James- conflict of interest).

c) Consideration of Cooperative Agreement - MSAD #1/MSAD #45:

Superintendent Carpenter reviewed the Cooperative Agreement with MSAD #1/MSAD #45. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Paul Saija and seconded by James Bubar to approve the Cooperative Agreement between MSAD #1/MSAD #45 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

14. **Consideration of Policy - EEAC - Bus Scheduling and Routing**

Melissa Vance, Chair of the Policy Committee, provided an overview of the changes made in Policy EEAC. It was duly moved and seconded to approve the updated policy EEAC. Motion carried unanimously.

15. **Adjournment**

It was moved by Roberta Fitzgerald-Hathaway and seconded by Susan Goulet to adjourn at 6:30 P.M. Motion carried.

/a/ Respectfully submitted,

Brian Carpenter