

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 1
Castle Hill – Chapman – Mapleton – Presque Isle – Westfield

MINUTES

Board of Directors
January 15, 2020
5:30 p.m.
Pine Street Elementary School

Directors Present:

Carol Bell (6)	Lori Kenneson (9)
Jim Bubar (10)	Joanna Newlands (2)
Robert Cawley (5)	Michael Ouellette (4)
Desiree Chasse (13)	Lucy Richard (12)
Roberta Fitzgerald-Hathaway (8)	Paul Saija (17)
Julie Freeman (16)	Terry Sandusky (3)
Susan Goulet (14)	Stephen Sutter (7)
John R. Johnston (15)	

Directors Absent: Curtis Culberson (11), Dan Edgecomb (1)

1. Call to Order

Chair Lucy Richard called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. Announcement(s)

Chair Richard announced the following meeting date:

Board of Directors – February 12, 2020 – 5:30 p.m. – Presque Isle Middle School

Chair Richard welcomed Benjamin Greenlaw as Superintendent of Schools for MSAD #1, effective January 1, 2020.

Ms. Richard then welcomed Desiree Chasse to the Board representing Section 13.

Loretta Clark, Principal, Pine Street Elementary, welcomed the Board to Pine Street Elementary School and gave an update on the school including enrollment and improvements.

Molly Priest, Vocal Music Instructor, led a group of first grade students in an entertaining presentation of three songs.

Sharmon Clark, Second Grade Teacher at Pine Street Elementary School, along with a small group of her students, made a presentation to the Board on the Mindfulness project currently being utilized in her classroom.

Chair Richard thanked these presenters for their information.

3. **Adjustments to the Agenda**

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

4. **Acceptance of the Agenda**

It was moved by Paul Saija and seconded by Roberta Fitzgerald-Hathaway to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Presentation(s) – Covered under Item 2.**

6. **Public Participation**

Paula Sperrey spoke to the Board regarding her concerns about the District-wide early dismissal on January 2, 2020.

7. **Approval of Minutes – December 11, 2019**

It was moved by Paul Saija and seconded by Roberta Fitzgerald-Hathaway to approve the minutes of December 11, 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **Approval of Bills & Warrants Signed to Date – December 2019**

Clint Deschene, Assistant Superintendent for Business, provided an overview of revenue/ expenses for December 2019 bills and warrants signed to date. Discussion followed. It was moved by Jim Bubar and seconded by Roberta Fitzgerald-Hathaway to approve the bills and warrants signed to date for December 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Superintendent's Report**

- a) Superintendent Ben Greenlaw provided an update on the threats received on January 2, 2020 and actions taken to date.

Mr. Greenlaw then provided an overview of District safety at every location in MSAD #1, including ALICE Training provided in the past and new training expected in the near future. Discussion followed.

- b) Superintendent Greenlaw welcomed Tim McCue, District Safety Officer. Mr. McCue updated the Board relative to District-wide safety training, Crisis Response Plans, liaison efforts between MSAD #1 and the Presque Isle Police Department, and experiences working both with law enforcement and as the MSAD #1 Safety Officer.

Chair Richard thanked Mr. Greenlaw and Mr. McCue for their updates.

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

There was no old business.

11. **Committee Reports**

Chairperson Richard and Superintendent Greenlaw passed around copies of the 2020 Board Committee Assignments and the 2020 Board List.

Susan Goulet, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, reported that the Committee met on January 7, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in the Hall of Fame Conference Room. Erin Argraves, Science Teacher at PIHS, described a new physics book and proposed replacing the current, outdated physics text with the new one. This recommendation was approved by the Curriculum Committee.

Ms. Goulet stated that the Maine Learning Results in Social Studies have been updated to require classes on Personal Finance for all students in grades K-12.

Terry Sandusky, Chair of the CTE Committee, reported that the CTE Committee will meet prior to the February Board meeting and will be discussing School Farm performance. He noted that he attended the CTE Advisory Board meeting on January 6 with all the sending schools. They discussed the "Hold Harmless" status as it currently stands and the importance of it remaining unchanged in the future so that MSAD #1 does not lose monies.

Lucy Richard, Chair, reported she attended the Maine School Board Association meeting on January 4. Money will be released to help districts pay for a minimum salary of \$40,000 per year for beginning teachers. School Safety and School Culture are also areas of emphasis for MSBA.

12. **New Business**

There was no new business presented.

13. **Staff Appointment**

Superintendent Greenlaw recommended hiring Michael Boone as a Social Studies Teacher at Presque Isle High School.

Jim Bubar moved and Roberta Fitzgerald-Hathaway seconded that Mr. Boone be hired as a Social Studies Teacher at Presque Isle High School effective January 21, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

14. **Adjournment**

It was moved by Roberta Fitzgerald and seconded by Susan Goulet to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. Motion carried.

/s/ Respectfully submitted,



Benjamin J. Greenlaw