

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

MINUTES

Board of Directors
April 14, 2021
5:30 P.M.
PIHS Cafeteria

Directors Present:

Desiree Albert (13)	John R. Johnston (15)
Carol Bell (6)	Lori Kenneson (9)
James Bubar (10)	Joanna Newlands (2)
Curtis Culberson (11)	Lucy Richard (12)
Dan Edgecomb (1)	Paul Saija (17)
Julie Freeman (16)	Terry Sandusky (3)
Susan Goulet (14)	Stephen Sutter (7)
Roberta Fitzgerald-Hathaway (8)	

Directors Absent: John Harvell (5) and Michael Ouellette (4).

Others Present: Approximately 20 members of the public and one member of the press.

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Lucy Richard called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Chair Richard then asked for a moment of silence for PIHS teacher Paul Ballerstein.

2. **Announcements**

Chair Richard then announced the following upcoming events:

Budget Workshop – May 12, 2021 – 5:30 p.m. – PIHS Cafeteria
Board of Directors – May 19, 2021 – 5:30 p.m. – PIHS Cafeteria

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 Stephen Sutter to accept the Agenda as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Presentation(s) – David Bartlett, PIHS Principal**

PIHS Principal David Bartlett provided the Board with an update of upcoming end of the year events:

PIHS Musical “The Story Never Ends” will be held April 30 and May 1, 2021 with 2 shows. The musical will not be streamed.

Academic Awards will be early June.

Prom will be held June 5, 2021. Prom will be streamed.

Graduation will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2021, at the Johnson Athletic Complex. Rain location will be the Presque Isle Forum and will be streamed.

Project Graduation will be held at the high school following graduation.

All of the above depends on Maine CDC guidelines for schools and gatherings.

Mr. Bartlett thanked everyone for the support during the 2020-2021 school year.

6. **Public Participation**

There were no requests for public participation.

7. **Approval of Minutes – March 17, 2021**

It was moved by Paul Saija and seconded by Stephen Sutter to approve the minutes of March 17, 2021 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **Approval of Bills and Warrants Signed to Date – March 2021**

Superintendent Greenlaw provided the Board with an overview of the March 2021 financials. He reported expenses are down, and as of March 31, 2021 the fund balance is at 4.4 million dollars.

It was moved by Curtis Culberson and seconded by Terry Sandusky to approve the Bills and Warrants signed to date as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Superintendent’s Report**

a. Covid 19 and Our Schools: Superintendent Greenlaw reported to the Board that remote learners are down 28 students from March.

b. 2021-2022 Budget Update: Superintendent Greenlaw provided the Board with an overview of the Budget and reported the district is holding the line on taxes. Discussion followed.

c. Other: Superintendent Greenlaw noted the newsletters from Adult Education and CTE.

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

There was no old business.

11. **Committee Reports**

Susan Goulet, Chair of the Curriculum Committee reported they had met on March 23, 2021. She reported there will be no remote learning for 2021-2022. Parents can choose to homeschool students or to apply to a virtual school. The Committee discussed NWEA tests and SATs. SATs are no longer required by the State of Maine. Also discussed was hiring of 1 year staff to support students in the middle school and high school with learning gaps.

Stephen Sutter, Chair of the Policy Committee, reported they have not met.

Terry Sandusky, Chair of the CTE Committee, reported they have not met.

Curtis Culberson, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported they met prior to the Board meeting and reviewed the March financials.

Lucy Richard, Chair of the Negotiations Committee, reported their first meeting will be held on April 27, 2021, 6:00 p.m. in the Hall of Fame Conference Room.

Paul Saija, Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee, reported they met on March 22, 2021, 5:30 p.m. and toured the high school. He reported the windows and insulation are going well and will provided a huge savings to the district. The district has 12 leaking transformers that will need replacing. Mapleton is in need of an electric generator, and Zippel has a roof leak. He reported their next meeting is June 3, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

12. **New Business – Discussion and Action**

a. Consideration of Staff Resignation(s)/Retirement(s): There were no resignations/retirements.

b. Consideration of Staff Appointment(s) and Transfer(s): Superintendent Greenlaw nominated the following for positions for the 2021-2022 school year:

Holly Vining Business Manager

It was moved by Curtis Culberson and seconded by Jim Bubar to approve the appointment of Holly Vining as Business Manager starting May 10, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

William Guerrette Principal, Pine Street Elementary School

It was moved by Roberta Fitzgerald-Hathaway and seconded by Paul Saija to approve the appointment of William Guerrette as Principal at Pine Street Elementary School starting July 1, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. **Consideration of Leave of Absence for 2021-2022 School Year:** Mr. Greenlaw provided the Board with information for a Leave of Absence request from Kathryn Gochenour for the 2021-2022 school year. It was moved by Terry Sandusky and seconded by Curtis Culberson to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. **Consideration of 1 Year Only Position:** Superintendent Greenlaw then requested the Board approve 2 new positions (1 year only) which will be paid with ESSER funds. The academic support staff will provide support formiddle school students in ELA and math for grade 6 and 7 students, while the second one will provide support for high school students in Alternative Education regarding learning gaps. It was moved by Paul Saija and seconded by Dan Edgecomb to approve the hiring of two academic support staff (1 year only) for the middle school and Alternative Education. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. **Other:** There was no other to discuss.

13. **Consideration of Policy – IKF – Graduation Requirements**

Superintendent Greenlaw provided the Board with an update of the changes in Policy IKF. Special Education students can remain in school until their 22nd birthday, which was 20th birthday previously.

It as moved by Terry Sandusky and seconded by Paul Saija to approve the change to Policy IKF as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

14. **Adjournment**

It was moved by Stephen Sutter and seconded by Jim Bubar to adjourn at 6:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

/s/ Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin Greenlaw