

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 40
MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 40

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Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, April 3, 2014
Medomak Middle School

MINUTES (Revised 4/14/14)

School Board Members: Erik Amundsen, Guy Bourrie, Theodore Brown, Ann Donaldson, Dana Dow, Danny Jackson, Lynda Letteney (arrived 7:05 p.m.), Margaret Massengale, Sandra O'Farrell, Errol Silvestri, Brooke Simmons, Robert Williams, Dennis Wooster

Student Representatives: Aaron Smeltzer, Olivia Ryan

Administrators: Superintendent Cormier, George Bridges, Robert England, Karen Etheridge, Julia Levensaler, Karla Miller, Katherine Race, Harold Wilson, Christina Wotton, Justin Kangas, Susan Taylor and Linda Trenholm

Others Present: Dennis Wooster introduced two Warren Selectmen in the audience; Ed LaFlamme and Mike York

- I. The meeting was called to order by School Board Chair, Danny Jackson, at 7:02 pm**
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Declaration of Quorum: 730 – 128
 - c. Note Absences: Sean Donaghy (excused)
 - d. Adjustments to the Agenda
 - i. Recognition of Staff/Students moved to after Adjustments to the Agenda
- II. Recognition of Staff and Students**
 - a. Molly Brewer was recognized for being nominated for Promising Practitioner for the New England League of Middle Schools. The award seeks to honor teachers beginning their teaching career, who have one to three years of teaching experience.
 - b. The Medomak High School and Middle School chess teams were recognized for their successful tournaments.
- III. Audience with the Public**
- IV. Approval of Minutes – March 20, 2014**
 - a. Motion to approve the Minutes with corrections (Ann Donaldson made the motion for X. Motion to go into Executive Session 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (D) Support Staff Negotiations): Dennis Wooster Second: Ann Donaldson
Vote: 803 – 55

V. Superintendent and/or Chair Reports

- a. Superintendent's Report
 - i. See written report
 - ii. Steve Nolan, new superintendent, will be coming again April 14th to visit and again in May.
- b. Board Chair's Report
 - i. See written report
- c. Business Manager's Report
 - i. See written report
- d. Student Representative(s) Report
 - i. See written report

VI. Presentations – Maine Autism Leadership Team

- a. The Maine Autism Leadership Team (Karen Etheridge, Julia Levensaler, Dr. Karen Mook, Carol Graff, Jammie Murphy, Pam Stuart, and Courtney McCormick) gave a presentation on the autism training that they have received this year.

VII. Reports from Schools

- a. Friendship Village School – See written report
- b. Miller School – See written report
- c. Medomak Middle School – See written report
- d. Adult Education – See written report

VIII. Educational Issues

IX. Action Items

a. Lawn Mowing Proposal

A list of proposals received for the lawn mowing contract was distributed to the School Board. The recommendation is to contract services with Dean's Lawn Care for Prescott Memorial School, Union Elementary School and Warren Community School and to contract services with J & K Property Management for the Medomak Campus (including sports fields), Friendship Village School and Miller School.

George Bridges explained to the School Board that the logistics of the district make it difficult for one contractor to provide mowing services at an acceptable level at all school locations.

Upon a motion by Maggie Massengale and second by Sandra O'Farrell the School Board voted to accept the lawn mowing proposal as presented:

Vote: 730 – 0 – 73 (Danny Jackson)

b. Review and Approve Paving Projects

A list of paving projects in the district was distributed to the School Board encompassing each school's parking areas and as well as other areas that would be paid out of this year's budget. The projects will be put out to bid/proposal.

Upon a motion by Maggie Massengale and second by Sandra O'Farrell the School Board voted to approve completing the paving projects as presented.

Vote: 803 – 0

c. Siemens' Phase II Funding

Distributed with the Business Manager Report was information regarding Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds (QECBs), a type of tax credit bond available to school districts to finance certain energy conservation projects. This bond is similar to the QZAB that RSU 40 is now using, but without the 10% educational portion. At this point we are asking for approval to apply for the bond.

Upon a motion by Maggie Massengale and second by Guy Bourrie the School Board voted to apply for a QECB.

Vote: 803 – 0

d. Science Olympiad Team

Motion to approve financial help to support Science Olympiad Team in the amount of \$1,000: Lynda Letteney Second: Ann Donaldson Vote: 803 – 0

e. Review and Approve Proposed Budget for FY '15:

Motion to approve the Proposed Budget in the amount of \$22,887,135.80 at a 3.34% increase: Dennis Wooster Second: Ann Donaldson

Conversation ensued on Miller School Music/Art positions being in the proposed budget amount to be approved. The Art position was added to the budget in the amount of \$5,165. The Music position was not added to the budget.

Guy Bourrie made a friendly motion to add the Miller School Music position to full-time at whatever amount would bring the position to a full-time status; adding back to the budget all of the Library Ed Techs to full-time status and paying for these items by the High School's Assistant Principal remaining at half-time status. The amount of \$20,154.75 would need to be added to the proposed budget to restore the Miller School Music position and all of the Library Ed Tech positions.

Ann Donaldson moved and Sandra O'Farrell seconded to move the question.

Vote on moving the question: 349 – 454

More conversation around the Library Ed Techs and their duties and the needs to be filled by the additional time of the High School Assistant Principal continued.

Vote on the friendly amendment to the motion: 166 – 630

Ann Donaldson made a friendly amendment to the motion to restore the Miller School Music teacher to full-time in the amount of \$6,434 with a second by Tod Brown.

Vote: 550 – 253

The Board voted to approve the FY 2014-2015 proposed budget, as amended, in the amount of \$22,893,569.80 for a 3.36% increase.

Vote: 619 – 184 (Sandra O'Farrell, Brooke Simmons, Dennis Wooster)

X. Committee Reports

- a. Personnel Committee – TBD
- b. Curriculum Committee – April 9th @ 7:00 p.m. – MMS
- c. Facilities & Transportation Committee – April 10th @ 4:00 p.m. – Central Office
- d. Finance Committee – April 15th @ 5:00 p.m. – Central Office
- e. Negotiations Committee – TBD
- f. Policy Committee – April 9th @ 5:00 p.m. – MMS
- g. Region 8 Committee – April 30th @ 7:00 p.m. – MCST
- h. Technology Committee – TBD
- i. Many Flags Committee – April 10th @ 6:30 p.m. – Rockland – Main St.
- j. Anti-Bullying Committee – April 9th @ 3:30 p.m. – MMS

XI. Other Items/Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

All meetings of the Board, except executive sessions, will be open to the public. All actions of the Board will be taken openly and the deliberations leading to Board action will likewise be conducted openly. The public and district employees are encouraged to attend Board meetings. A time of up to thirty minutes in duration for comments by visitors at Board meetings will be scheduled at the beginning of the Board's agenda. Board committee meetings are open to the public. Public input is welcomed but the Board Chair may need to limit discussion.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT- 04/03/14

- 1) **Board Member Resignation-** To: Chairman Danny Jackson...Due to my election of Selectman of the Town of Warren on March 24, 2014, I respectfully resign my position on the Board of RSU #40 effective March 25, 2014
- 2) **Appointment to open position on Region 8 Board-** Due to Wayne's resignation from the Board, it opens up a spot on the Region 8 Board of Directors. A Board member can step forward and fill the slot until the Board reorganization meeting in July. If no one steps forward, I will take the spot. If I take the spot, we will need to have someone be the alternate in case someone can't make a Region 8 meeting.
- 3) **Recognition of Staff/Students-** Tonight we are recognizing a MMS teacher and Chess Teams from MMS and MVHS.
- 4) I would like to remind the Board of the School Board Academic Achievement Award night on May 22, 2014. It would be nice if all Board Members would attend. I would be appreciated if Board Members would read the bios of the students.
- 5) I would like to congratulate Dennis and Guy on being re-elected to the Board.
- 6) We will be recognizing the MMS Wrestling Team and coaches at the April 17, 2014 meeting. The team won the sportsmanship award for the Pine Tree Wrestling League East Region and 6th grader Duncan Widdecomb is the PTWL 81 lb State Champion.
- 7) I have met once already with our new Superintendent and will be meeting with him again later this month. The first meeting went

well and I expect the rest of them be the same. I know he is looking forward to being in the district.

8) I would like to thank Dennis for attending the Warren Selectman's meeting last night. I hear he is going back for a return engagement.

Administrator's Monthly Report

School/Department: Business Office/Facilities/Food Service/Transportation

Month: April, 2014

Business Office

The business office staff is in preparation mode for year-end; it will be here before we know it. We are looking at the General Ledger to make sure that we balance and are ready for the auditing process.

Facilities

Duane Vigue, general contractor, is working on the Facilities and Maintenance repair list that I have attached for your information.

RSU 40 was not approved for a QZAB for Phase II of the Siemens Performance Contract. We are currently looking into applying for QECB financing and I have attached information on the QECBs for you.

Performance Contract with Siemens' is ahead of schedule, I have attached the weekly update for March 28, 2014 for your information.

Seacoast Security is working on the door buzzer systems and we are hoping the installation will be complete this week.

Food Service

Food Service was audited by MDOE Child Nutrition Services the week of March 17, 2014. The audit went smoothly and we were told it was one of the better audits the year.

There will be an emphasis on collecting on student accounts over the next couple of months.

Transportation

Transportation is going well.

RSU 40/MSAD 40

Summary of Repairs and Maintenance

School	Description of Work That Needs to be Done	Work be done By	Estimate
FVS	Missing window screens	Custodial	\$ 3,000.00
FVS	Shrubbery and trees	Subcontractor	\$ 1,200.00
FVS	Basketball hoop coming out of cement	Subcontractor	\$ 1,000.00
MMS	Boiler room door - ices up in winter	Subcontractor	\$ 3,200.00
MMS	Copper piping in front of school	Subcontractor	\$ 1,300.00
MMS	Stove in Life Skills Class - necessary (can it be removed)? Lets in cold air	Subcontractor	\$ 600.00
MS	Shrubs and Trees - need to be trimmed and/or removed if dying		\$ 3,000.00
MVHS	Corner of Gym repair	Subcontractor	\$ 3,600.00
MVHS	Oil shed roof needs repair	Maintenance	\$ 2,500.00
MVHS	Repair track at Southwest corner	Subcontractor	\$ 10,000.00
PMS	Speaker/Intercom System upgrade	Subcontractor	\$ 10,000.00
PMS	Fire alarm horns/strobe lights placed in bathrooms for hearing impaired/music	Subcontractor	\$ 1,500.00
PMS	Electrical outlets needed	Subcontractor	\$ 3,500.00
PMS	Replace/paint stained ceiling tiles	Maintenance	\$ 800.00
PMS	Kitchen steam table needs to be repaired/replaced	Subcontractor	\$ 5,000.00
UES	Front Entryway - Repair / Replace Doors	Subcontractor	\$ 6,500.00
	Total Priority #2		\$ 56,700.00
FVS	Painting School/missing shingles/rotting trim	Custodial	\$ 17,000.00
FVS	Cracks in tile	Subcontractor	\$ 3,000.00
FVS	Carpet in Principal area	Subcontractor	\$ 3,000.00
MMS	Window frames in stairwell need to be finished	Maintenance	\$ 250.00
MVHS	New signage on bldg (school, office, gym/audit)	Subcontractor	\$ 3,000.00
MVHS	Greenhouse louver	Subcontractor	\$ 2,500.00
MVHS	Stump removal in front of gym	Subcontractor	\$ 2,000.00
MVHS	Paint Curbing and light posts in front of school	Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00
MVHS	Cross walks painted in front of school	Maintenance	\$ 100.00
MVHS	Weed removal plan for curbing area	Maintenance	\$ 100.00
MVHS	Courtyard maintenance/landscape	Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00
MVHS	Room 23 Walls and flooring - asbestos	Subcontractor	\$ 6,500.00
MVHS	Glass corridor - water runs under sills	Subcontractor	\$ 5,000.00
MVHS	Student lockers need to be repaired/replaced	Subcontractor	\$ 5,000.00
MVHS	Corridor floor tile replacement	Subcontractor	\$ 25,000.00
MVHS	Paint six (6) classrooms	Maintenance	\$ 1,500.00
MVHS	Corridor doors need crash bar assemblies	Subcontractor	\$ 7,500.00
MVHS	Security Cameras	Subcontractor	\$ 3,000.00
MVHS	Weight room rug to be replaced	Subcontractor	\$ 12,000.00
PMS	Parking Lots painted/relined	Maintenance	\$ 200.00
PMS	Gym needs siding and trim replaced, stained, painted	Subcontractor	\$ 7,500.00
PMS	Rust on Gray doors by Gym entrance	Maintenance	\$ 200.00
PMS	Many windows need new cranks, screens, shades	Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00
PMS	Locking doorknob between library and literacy room	Maintenance	\$ 250.00
PMS	New Carpet/tile Library, Literacy Room, Teachers' Room, Speech and Lobby	Subcontractor	\$ 9,000.00
PMS	Painting of hallways and classrooms	Maintenance	\$ 750.00
UES	Front Entryway - Replace Mat/tile	Maintenance	\$ 3,000.00
WCS	Shadow boards/soffits degraded/rotten	Subcontractor	\$ 35,000.00
WCS	Gutters damaged/missing	Subcontractor	\$ 5,000.00
WCS	Allowing water into building by frames	Subcontractor	\$ 500.00
WCS	Screens are broken/missing	Maintenance	\$ 3,000.00
	Total Priority #3		\$ 171,850.00

Handwritten: Karla
FVS
Mick

Schools may be able to use qualified school construction bonds

By Greg Im



Greg Im represents schools in the areas of finance and general school law.

In a prior School Law Advisory article,¹ we discussed the availability of tax credit bonds authorized by Congress as part of various economic stimulus bills. That discussion focused on tax credit bonds that had obvious application to school districts: qualified school construction bonds (QSCBs) and Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZABs). In this article, we draw your attention to Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds (QECBs),

another type of tax credit bond available to school districts to finance certain energy conservation projects.

Tax credit bonds in a nutshell²

In brief, tax credit bonds are tax-advantaged financing vehicles that provide benefits to issuers and bondholders through the use of federal subsidies at an applicable tax credit rate. The applicable tax credit rate is determined by the government and is fixed for a bond as of the date that the issuer enters into a binding loan commitment.³

Tax credit bonds are most commonly issued as direct pay bonds where the issuer elects to receive the applicable tax credit amount in the form of a direct cash payment from the federal government.⁴ The bondholder earns taxable interest income on the bond, and the issuer's interest payments are subsidized up to the applicable tax credit rate.⁵ For QSCBs and QZABs, the direct subsidy to issuers is the lesser of the interest rate on the bonds or 100% of the applicable credit rate. For QECBs, that percentage is reduced to 70%.

What types of school projects could be financed with a QECB?

Our prior article on tax credit bonds did not address QECBs because they seemed less suited to school

districts and more targeted to energy production facilities, research facilities for alternative fuels, mass commuting facilities, and public education campaigns.⁶ Since then, the IRS has published guidance that demonstrates the applicability of QECBs to projects that schools commonly undertake.⁷ Specifically, the IRS has explained how to use QECBs to finance capital expenditures⁸ that (i) reduce energy consumption in public buildings by at least 20% and/or (ii) implement green community programs.¹¹

School districts may use QECBs to finance capital expenditures that will reduce energy consumption in a school building by at least 20 percent. For the 20% test, energy consumption is measured over a period of at least one year prior to the project and compared to reasonably anticipated energy consumption during the same length period immediately after the project is complete (applying the same method and unit of measuring energy consumption). To qualify for QECB financing, there must be a reasonable expectation that the project will produce an actual, measurable 20% reduction in energy consumption.

School districts may also use a QECB to finance capital expenditures that implement a green community program. There are two requirements for a project to qualify as a green community program. First, the program must involve property that is available for general public use. This should not be an issue with public school property. Second, the program must promote one or more of the purposes of energy conservation, energy efficiency, or environmental conservation initiatives relating to energy consumption, broadly construed.¹³ This includes promotion of energy savings through retrofitting initiatives for heating, cooling, lighting, water-saving, storm-water reducing, or other efficiency measures.¹⁰

As an illustration, suppose a school district wishes to replace a school's fuel oil boiler with one that uses a renewable biomass fuel. The biomass boiler, although more efficient, may not result in a measurable 20% reduction of energy consumption; however, the boiler replacement project may be recognized as a green community program because the boiler is a capital expenditure, the school is available for general public use, and the change to renewable fuel promotes environmental conservation related to energy consumption.

— Qualified school construction bonds, *continued*

How is a QECB issued?

To issue a QECB, a school district must apply to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to receive all or a portion of the State's QECB allocation.¹¹ The school district, in consultation with bond counsel, must also determine the applicability of any voter approval requirements. Once the allocation is authorized and the necessary approvals are in place, the school district may request proposals from lenders. The QECB is then issued under authority of the school board or, where applicable, the municipal officers. In some circumstances, the QECB may be issued as an equipment lease purchase agreement rather than as a general obligation renovation bond.

Why finance with a QECB?

The same school energy conservation project might qualify for financing through a QSCB, QZAB, or QECB. QSCBs and QZABs may be preferable because 100% of the tax credit or direct subsidy benefit is available, compared to 70% for QECBs. Given this, why would a school district opt for a QECB? The answer relates to supply and demand. The supply of federal tax credit allocations is being used up, and unless Congress authorizes further allocations for tax credit bonds, the allocations for the State of Maine are becoming increasingly limited.

For example, Maine received QSCB allocations of \$42,074,000 in 2009 and \$41,368,000 in 2010. Since then, the State Board of Education has reallocated all but \$764,457 of that amount. Similarly, the Board of Education has reallocated \$13,881,000 of the State's 2008-2011 QZAB allocations and there remains \$2,924,000 of QZAB allocations from 2012 and 2013 available for reallocation.¹²

By comparison, the Bond Bank's \$9,559,900 QECB allocation from 2009 remains untouched. This may be due to issuers' unfamiliarity with aspects of QECBs, such as green community programs. Given the recent IRS guidance on the use of QECBs and the IRS's indication that it will give governmental units broad discretion in issuing QECBs, school districts should consider using QECBs to finance projects that relate to reduction of energy consumption through energy efficiency, energy conservation, or environmental conserva-

tion. These projects may be eligible for financing on fairly attractive terms.

Talk to your bond counsel. Ask if a QECB is right for you. ■

Endnotes

1. E. William Stockmeyer, *How tax credit bonds work: QZABs and QSCBs and BABs*, Oh My!, *School Law Advisory* (Spring 2010).
2. See the *School Law Advisory* article referenced in footnote 1 for a more detailed discussion of tax credit bonds.
3. The applicable tax credit rate is published daily by the Bureau of Public Debt at http://www.treasurydirect.gov/govt/rates/rates_trstcb.htm.
4. Alternatively, tax credit bonds can be issued so that the bondholder receives federal tax credits instead of the issuer receiving an interest payment subsidy. In this scenario, the benefit to the issuer is having a bond that is interest free up to the applicable tax credit rate (although a bondholder may charge supplemental interest above the applicable tax credit rate).
5. Note that the direct payment subsidies are currently subject to a 7.2% reduction as a result of sequestration. To date, sequestration has not applied to tax credit bonds where the bondholder receives tax credits.
6. The QECB statute lists all of the qualified purposes for QECBs. See 26 U.S.C. § 54D(f)(1).
7. IRS Notice 2012-44 (June 2012).
8. Keep in mind that for a school project to qualify for QECB financing, it must be a capital expenditure. As a rule of thumb, capital expenditures include costs incurred to acquire, construct, or improve land, buildings, and equipment.
9. IRS Notice 2012-44 at 9.
10. *Id.*
11. 30-A M.R.S. §5953-F(2). At present, the Bond Bank has not implemented a formal application process; however, it has indicated informally that it will respond to an application for a QECB allocation. Note also that the role of the Bond Bank is to redistribute the State's QECB tax credit allocation, not to purchase bonds issued as QECBs.
12. Also, QZABs require a 10% private business contribution, a feature that has somewhat limited the demand for QZABs.

Siemens Industry, Inc. Division: BAU	Weekly Project Management Report	Date: March 28, 2014
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A. Project Information

Project Name: RSU # 40 Performance Contract	Siemens Project Number: 44OP-131754
Project Manager: Charlie Roman	Contact Info: <u>charlie.roman@siemens.com</u> 233-9184
Automation Engineer: Eric Hanley	Contact Info:
Customer Name: Regional School Union # 40	Customer Contact Info: George Bridges <u>George_Bridges@sad40.k12.me.us</u> 542-2359
Project Description: Entire Project - Over view by location	

B. Project Report Summary

General Business:

Week ending Progress Report - % complete

Building Envelope work – ECP

The Building Envelope Work is 100% Complete

Lighting Retro-fit Work – EMC

This week the installers focused their efforts on the Warren Elementary school. They have completed nearly all of the interior work with the gym fixtures and occupancy sensors left to install. Next week our plan is to install the new gymnasium fixtures, install the new occupancy sensors and work on the exterior new LED lighting system.

As most of you are aware, there has been a 30yard roll-off dumpster container set in the rear/side parking area. This will be removed once the gym and exterior fixtures have been installed, approximately (1) more week.

Next week, EMC will be receiving (2) 40FT storage containers in preparation for the material deliveries for the High School and Middle School lighting projects. These containers will be set down side by side in the student parking area. (1) will be delivered Tuesday and the second one will be delivered Wednesday both will arrive between 10am-12pm. As always EMC will be onsite to receive and will notify facilities on all material shipments and which day(s) the electricians will be onsite for start-up.

The remaining exterior fixtures that are still on back order are said to ship out next week and arrive to EMC's office next Thursday. EMC will deliver these fixtures to each respective building once received.

Percentage complete is as follows:

- Miller School 99%
- Friendship School 99%
- Prescott 99%
- Warren 90%

Siemens Industry, Inc.

Division: BAU

Weekly Project Management Report

Date: March 28, 2014

- High School 0%
- Middle School 0%

All buildings included and Percentage complete as a whole has reached 52.45%.

Look ahead:

Lighting Retro-fit Work – EMC

Remaining Durations for each School location:

- Madomak High School..... (6) Weeks
- Madomak Middle School.. (1-2) Week(s)
- Warren School.....(1) Week

Present schedule: Warren and do the High School and Middle School last

Other Items:

Siemens has received the materials for :

1. Warren School Boilers – Re-gasketing and cleaning
2. Warren School – Oil Burners – Oil Nozzles
3. Friendship School – Hot water pump control, Lead lag panel
4. Miller School – Room Thermostats
5. Union School – Domestic water heater

One (1) Boiler has been cleaned at Warren School, (1) Remains

New control panels have been ordered to replace the existing at Warren School.
We should have them within a week.

I'll be making a visit Tuesday April 1 to confirm some site issues so I can order the new boilers for the Greenhouses and Union school

I will also get a schedule together for installation of some of the materials listed
Above for the spring vacation break week, we should be able to get quite a bit done.

As always, I will schedule the installations with George.

Administrator's Monthly Report

School/Department: Friendship Village School

Month: April 3, 2014

Staff Updates/Information:

1. Third grade teacher, Christina Labbe and first grade teacher, Heidi McKechnie attended a great workshop on teaching writing with the literacy coaches on 3/27.
2. Casey attended a workshop in Augusta on Section 504 regulations

Student Updates/Information:

1. Fourth, fifth and sixth students who read at least five Maine Student Book. Ten students earned this reward
2. Second grader wildlife researchers are learning about moose. Mrs. Flanagan's neighbor, Levitt Storer brought in his moose antlers for students to see. They have read both fiction and non-fiction books about moose and seen video of moose. Now they are now doing informational writing about moose.

Staff and Student Recognition(s):

Other News:

1. New lights and motion sensors have been installed.
2. A buzzer system has been installed on the front door.

Administrator's Monthly Report

School/Department: Miller School

Month: April 3, 2014

Staff Updates/Information:

1. The MALT Team (Autism team) attended two more days of training in Brewer on April 1 & 2. These days focused on behavior.
2. Casey attended a workshop in Augusta on Section 504 regulations.

Student Updates/Information:

1. Second grade Camp Out on Friday, March 28. The day was spent reading and enjoying books.
2. Open Mic Night was also on Friday, March 28. Students showed off their talents.
3. Student art work will be hanging in the Waldoboro Public Library for the month of April.

Staff and Student Recognition(s):

Other News:

1. Tim Harrington of Goldfish Guitars, son of Marilyn Harrington a Miller staff member, donated 25 handmade ukuleles. All have his hand painted signature fish design.
2. New lights and motion sensors have been installed.
3. A buzzer system has been installed on the front door.
4. The Life Skills Program is celebrating Autism Awareness Month by selling ribbons for \$1.00 and raising money for their program.

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Katherine Race, Principal
Robert England, Assistant Principal

Administrator's Monthly Report
March 28, 2014

School/Department: Medomak Middle School
Month: March

Professional Development:

- PLC's: Teachers are starting to look at data to inform instruction
- MPCL Course-Workshop Model in content areas beginning next year
- David Livingston-MVHS

Student Updates/Information:

Current Enrollment:

7th Grade 136

8th Grade 143

279

Attendance Statistics

- February 93%
- March 93%

At Risk Letters sent home March 21

- 7th grade=17 students
- 8th grade=11 students

Academy Intervention

The Academy program runs three days a week for three weeks each month. Students are able to take advantage of time after school to work on learning targets. Students get small group instruction as well as 1:1 instruction in order to meet their academic proficiency standards. Roughly 32 students take advantage of this intervention time daily. Lynda Pinkham and three educational technicians oversee this program. Since MMS has offered the late bus on Tuesdays, the number of students attending has steadily increased. It is wonderful to see so many students taking advantage of this opportunity.

February's Students of the Month

- Artist of the Month - Ian Kavan
- Tyler Field
- -Mariah Grindle
- Catherine Shelmerdine
- Sierra Metcalf
- Sean Leigh
- Alden McLain
- Klarissa Vernesoni

MathCounts

- March 8th in Waterville
- Jordan Hays 49th, Elizabeth Flanagan 63rd, Caleb Savage 68th place

District III Jazz Festival Participants

- Tyler Lee
- Silas Faria

District III Honors Chorus and Band Participants

- Sophie Robbins
- Rose Hickey
- Somerset Ganz
- Ella Grant
- Mahaley Withim
- Alexys Schaeffer

Science Olympiad

The University of Maine invited our kids to return on Saturday for the high school competition so that they could observe and get more practice on some of their events. It was a tremendous honor since a middle school team has never before been invited to attend the high school competition. They appeared to be holding their own against high school teams from Falmouth, Yarmouth and Cape Elizabeth.

Wrestling News

Medomak Middle School earned the Pine Tree League East Sportsmanship Award at the State tournament Saturday! Amazing display of sportsmanship and parent support. Eli Miller, Korbin Daniels, and Noah Munn were in it to the end. Duncan Widdecome who is in 6th grade at Friendship WON A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE! Well done to Medomak Middle School wrestlers

Other News:

Dance #4: Sponsored by Science Olympiad

- March 28 6:30-8:30
- Fundraiser for Florida trip. Cost of this is 18,000.

S.P.A.R.K.ers (Students Promoting Random Acts of Kindness)

- Animal Shelter visit 2/26
- Over 100 items donated to Shelter

Auction-8th grade trip to Boston

- April 5th
- Still in need of donated items. Right now only have 70 items. Had over 300 last year.

MMS Drama Troupe: Velveteen Rabbit

- March 13-15 Directed by Nancy Durgin
- AWESOME production!

Intramurals-Mrs. Knight

- Month of March
 - Dodgeball, kickball, basketball, floor hockey (25+ students each time)
 - Camden Snow Bowl-more participants than ever before

Administrator's Monthly Report

School/Department: RSU 40/MSAD 40 Adult Education

Month: April 2014:

We have seen a change in the level of interest and enrollment in adult education classes over the past several weeks in our local program and throughout the midcoast region, and are confident that the switch in seasons from winter to spring (at least on the calendar) has people feeling more hopeful, active and willing to get out and about.

Right now we are running a variety of successful classes and we are certain that the weather will be cooperative as we venture into the months of April and May. There are many 'spring specific' classes upcoming to get folks thinking about the great outdoors: Grow Your Own Organic Garden (MOFGA), Backyard Chickens, Edible & Medicinal Mushrooms, Foraging for Wild Plants, Designing Your Landscape, Gardening & Landscaping for the Birds, Songbird Identification and Spring Wildflowers of Maine. If you are interested in seeing all of the adult education classes available, visit our web portal at www.msad40.maineadulted.org for a complete listing of the upcoming classes, workshops and events!

We are excited to begin the process of designing a Facebook page for the adult education program!!! When time allows, I am looking online at other adult education Facebook pages to get design and marketing ideas that will carry over to our own home page. The goal is to have the adult education Facebook page up and running before the fall semester begins so we can market the fall program highlights and target those who embrace communicating via this social medium. For those who already utilize our web portal, there will be a direct link there to the new Facebook page once it is completed.

We currently have 8 active students in our HiSET preparation classes and 2 students who are working on earning credits toward a traditional high school diploma using the PLATO system. We are planning to add an additional evening of math instruction using our AEFLA grant funds for those students who need additional assistance in this subject area in order to pass the HiSET Math Exam.

As the HiSET examiner in our school district, I have begun testing adults from the Bolduc (Pre-release) Correctional Facility in Warren. This collaboration benefits us both, as the contractual funds that are paid for this service go directly into the adult education budget as additional revenue for the program.

Respectfully submitted,

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Summary of Repairs and Maintenance - PAVING

Description of Work That Needs to be Done	Work Done By	Priority	Estimate
Friendship Village School			
Paving walkways / parking lot	Subcontractor	1	\$ 20,000.00
Drainage by back door	Subcontractor	1	\$ 2,500.00
Basketball hoop coming out of cement	Subcontractor	2	\$ 1,000.00
Total Friendship Village School			\$ 23,500.00
Miller School			
Increase parking area in front and side of bldg			\$ 54,000.00
New entrance/exit for buses only	Subcontractor	3	\$ 66,000.00
Total Miller School			\$ 120,000.00
Union Elementary School			
Parking Lot/Basketball court needs to be repaved	Subcontractor	4	\$ 25,000.00
Wing Exit needs new pavement	Subcontractor	3	\$ 5,000.00
Total Union Elementary School			\$ 30,000.00
Prescott Memorial School			
Parking Lots/Tarred Spaces - repair/replace	Subcontractor	1, 2, 3	\$ 30,000.00
Basketball hoops need to be repositioned	Subcontractor	1	\$ 1,200.00
Front driveway widened for buses to enter/exit	Subcontractor	4	\$ 5,000.00
Total Prescott Memorial School			\$ 36,200.00
Warren Community School			
Playground curb needs to be repaired	Subcontractor	1	\$ 1,500.00
Parking lot needs to be resurfaced	Subcontractor	4	
Total Warren Community School			\$ 1,500.00
Medomak Middle School			
Driveway repair - cracks and low spots	Subcontractor	3	\$ 25,000.00
Total Medomak Middle School			\$ 25,000.00
Medomak Valley High School			
Paving handicap ramp at end of athletic wing	Subcontractor	3	\$ 1,800.00
New paving at back entrance	Subcontractor		\$ 45,000.00
Parking Lot (by tennis courts) fill w/water & ice	Subcontractor	3	\$ 25,000.00
Total Medomak Valley High School			\$ 71,800.00
Total All Schools			\$ 278,000.00

