

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

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**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 18, 2014**  
**Friendship Village School**

**MINUTES**

**School Board Members:** Erik Amundsen, Guy Bourrie, Theodore Brown, Ann Donaldson, Dana Dow, Danny Jackson, Robert Jones, Lynda Letteney, Margaret Massengale, William Moody, Sandra O'Farrell, Brooke Simmons, Robert Williams, Dennis Wooster

**Administrators:** Steve Nolan, Justin Kangas, Christina Labbe, Matt Lash, Karla Miller, Kim Schroeter, Susan Taylor, Linda Trenholm, Harold Wilson

**Student Representative(s):** Aaron Smeltzer

**Others Present:** See Attached Sign-in Sheet

**I. Opening**

A. The meeting was called to order by Chair Danny Jackson at 7:04 pm.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Declaration of Quorum: 889 – 42
3. Note Absences – Errol Silvestri (excused)
4. Adjustments to the Agenda
  - i. Under Action Items:
    1. Approve adding a Special Education Educational Technician III to the 2014-15 school year
    2. Revising the two Kindergarten Educational Technician positions to one year positions for the 2014-15 school year
    3. Moving the Negotiations committee from the Board Chair Report to Action Items for approval by the board
    4. Approve Ad Hoc Committee for interviewing for Student Representative

**II. Audience with the Public**

**III. Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve the minutes of September 4, 2014: Dennis Wooster  
Second: Maggie Massengale Vote: 889 – 0 – 0

**IV. Superintendent and/or Chair Reports**

A. Superintendent's Report

1. September Enrollment – attached to the minutes
2. Research Base
3. Notification of Resignations
  - a. Robert England – Assistant Principal – Medomak Middle School
  - b. Chris Derby – Ed Tech III Day Treatment – Medomak Middle School
  - c. Jessica Crosby – Ed Tech III LEAD program – Miller School
  - d. Lois Wotton-Hayes – Custodian – Miller School

**B. Board Chair's Report**

1. MSMA Fall conference info – October 23-24 – please let Karen Overlock know if you would like to attend.
2. Danny read a thank you note from a scholarship recipient.

**C. Business Manager's Report**

1. Financials – attached to the Agenda.
2. There is a revised Resolution in packet from Drummond Woodsum that states if the RSU is unable to resolve the negotiations of specific terms of the Lease and all related ancillary documents required by Siemens Financials Services, the Superintendent is authorized to request, accept, execute and deliver a proposal to alternate lessor (Androscoggin Bank or other) in the principal amount of \$733,682.

**D. Student Representative(s) Report**

1. Attached to the minutes

**V. Presentations – N/A**

**VI. Reports from Schools**

- A.** Christina Labbe informed the board that Friendship Village School received an anonymous donation of \$1,000 to provide each student with \$10.00 to participate in the book fair with and the remaining money will for teachers to get books.

Motion to approve accepting the donation: Sandra O'Farrell  
Second: Maggie Massengale      Vote: 889 – 0 – 0

- B.** Harold Wilson spoke briefly about Spirit Week at Medomak Valley High School.

- C.** Matt Lash briefly spoke about Homecoming Weekend events.

**VII. Educational Issues**

- A.** Erik Amundsen informed the board members that he was approached by a community member who let him know that he would be at the next board meeting to start discussions about starting the middle school and high school at a later start time in the morning.
- B.** Guy Bourrie questioned if FaceBook pages were being pre-approved before becoming active on the school's behalf and Linda Trenholm provided an overview of the process.

## VIII. Action Items

- A. Approve the addition of two part-time educational technician positions to help with class sizes at Prescott Memorial and Union Elementary schools for school year 2014-15

Motion: Brooke Simmons Second: Dennis Wooster Vote: 889 – 0 – 0

- B. Review and approve senior privileges – late arrival and early dismissal – Gavin Felch reviewed the guidelines of seniors being required to maintain an average grade of 85% to participate in senior privileges.

Bob Jones amended the motion to 90% grade average requirement with a second by Ann Donaldson. Vote: 55 – 834 Did not pass

The original motion: Guy Bourrie Second: Dennis Wooster Vote: 834 – 55 – 0

- C. Authority for Matt Lash to move forward with fundraising for new scoreboards and bring back to the school board the proposal of any advertising requirements.

Motion: Guy Bourrie Second: Ann Donaldson Vote: 889 – 0 – 0

- D. Approve “Resolution to Authorize Financing of an Energy Conservation and Air Quality Equipment and Improvement Project at RSU Schools Through the Issuance of a Taxable Municipal Lease Purchase Agreement in the Principal Amount of Not More Than \$733,682 to be Issued as a Qualified Energy Conservation Bond”.

Motion: Sandra O’Farrell Second: Maggie Massengale Vote: 889 – 0 – 0

- E. Policies for 2nd reading and adoption

Motion: Guy Bourrie Second: Dennis Wooster Vote: 889 – 0 – 0

- a. Revision BDE – Board Committees Revised
- b. New JL – Suicide Awareness and Prevention
- c. New JRA – Student Education Records and Information
- d. Old JRA – Student Records – delete upon adoption of new JRA

- F. Approve a Special Education Educational Technician III for the 2014-2015 school year with \$15,000 of the funding coming from Local Entitlement and the remainder from the General Fund.

Motion: Maggie Massengale Second: Sandra O’Farrell Vote: 889 – 0 – 0

- G. Approve an Ad Hoc Committee for interviewing for a Student Representative with the committee including Danny Jackson, Errol Silvestri, Steve Nolan, Harold Wilson and Aaron Smeltzer.

Motion: Sandra O’Farrell Second: Bob Williams Vote: 889 – 0 – 0

- H. Approve the negotiation committee members of Erik Amundsen, Tod Brown, Ann Donaldson and Dennis Wooster.

Motion: Guy Bourrie                      Second: Maggie Massengale  
Vote: 696 – 0 – 193  
(Erik Amundsen, Tod Brown, Ann Donaldson, Dennis Wooster)

**IX. Committee Reports**

- A. Personnel Committee – TBD
- B. Curriculum Committee – October 8 @ 5:30 pm – MMS
- C. Facilities-Transportation Committee – October 2 @ 5:30 pm – MMS and October 9 @ 3:30 pm – Bus Garage and 4:00 pm @ Miller School
- D. Finance Committee – October 14 @ 5:30 pm – Central Office
- E. Negotiations Committee — TBD
- F. Policy Committee – October 21 @ 5:00 pm – MMS
- G. Region 8 Committee – September 24 @ 7:00 pm – MCST, Rockland
- H. Technology Committee — TBD
- I. Many Flags Committee – October 9 @ 6:00 pm – Rockland, Main Street
- J. Safe Schools – October 21 @ 3:30 pm - MMS

**X. Other Items/Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm

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.