

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 40

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Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, March 17, 2016 Warren Community School

MINUTES

School Board Members: Erik Amundsen, Sara Andrews, Guy Bourrie, Tod Brown, Cheryl Cichowski, Seth Hall, Natasha Irving, Danny Jackson, Lynda Letteney, Sandra O'Farrell, Dorothy Robinson, Errol Silvestri, Brooke Simmons, Bob Williams, Dennis Wooster

Student Representatives: Patrick White, Jake Faria

I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Danny Jackson at 7:02 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Declaration of Quorum – 744 out of 945
3. Note Absences: Cheryl Cichowski, Seth Hall, Natasha Irving (arrived 7:06)
4. Adjustments to the Agenda – None

II. Presentations –

- a. MMS Cheerleading – Busline League Champions and Maine State Jr. High Division II Champions
- b. MVHS Cheerleading – KVAC Class B and South Class B Regional Champions
- c. MVHS Cheerleading – Cassie Dever – KVAC Class B Cheering Athlete of the Year

III. Audience with the Public – None

IV. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Minutes of March 3, 2016: Lynda Letteney Second:
Sandra O'Farrell Vote: 748 – 0 – 69 (Sara Andrews)

V. Superintendent and/or Chair Reports

A. Superintendent's Report

1. Attached

B. Board Chair's Report

1. Attached

C. Business Manager's Report

1. Attached

D. Student Representative(s) Report

1. Attached

VI. Reports from Schools

- A. Christina Wotton, Principal of Union Elementary School, thanked the members of PAWS from the high school in the audience for visiting the elementary schools and mentoring the sixth graders.

VII. Educational Issues

VIII. Action Items

- A. Motion to approve Senior Class Trip to New York City on May 6 – 8, 2016: Guy Bourrie
Second: Brooke Simmons Vote: 817 – 0 – 0
- B. Motion to approve allocating \$11,500 from the 2015 – 16 budget to complete Phase I for Surveying/Feasibility study for a bus garage at Warren Community School: Sandra O'Farrell
Second: Erik Amundsen Vote: 817 – 0 – 0
- C. Motion to approve FY 17 School Calendar: Brooke Simmons Second: Erik Amundsen
Vote: 817 – 0 – 0
- D. Motion to approve policies for 2nd reading and adoption: Guy Bourrie Second: Erik Amundsen
Vote: 647 – 42 (Brooke Simmons) – 128 (Sara Andrews, Natasha Irving)
 - a. BCA – Board Member Code of Ethics
 - b. BEC – Executive Sessions
 - c. BG – School Board Policy Process

IX. Committee Meetings

- A. **Budget Committee – March 21st @ 6:30 p.m. – Miller School**
- B. **Policy Committee – March 22nd @ 5:00 p.m. – Central Office**
- C. **Curriculum Committee – April 5th @ 5:00 p.m. – MMS**
- D. **Personnel Committee – April 7th @ 6:30 p.m. – MMS**
- E. **Finance Committee – April 12th @ 5:00 p.m. – Central Office**
- F. **Facilities-Transportation Committee – April 14th @ 4:00 p.m. – Central Office**

X. Region 8 Board – March 23rd @ 7:00 p.m. – MCST

- XI. Motion to go into Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) Personnel: Brooke Simmons
Second: Sandra O'Farrell Vote: 817 – 0 – 0

Time In: 7:48 p.m.

Time Out: 8:01 p.m.

- XII. Action as the Result of Executive Session
There was no action as a result of Executive Session

- XIII. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 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.

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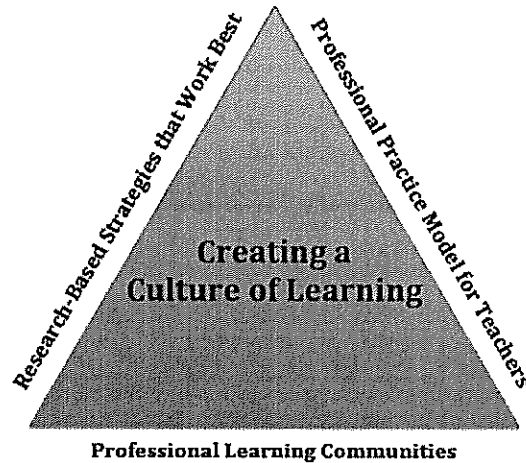
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To: Members of the Board of Directors
From: Steve Nolan
Date: March 11, 2016
Subject: Board Agenda for March 17, 2016

- I. Opening
- II. Audience with the Public
- III. Consent Agenda
- IV. Superintendent and/or Chair Reports
 - A. Superintendent's Report



1. Karen Etheridge, Christina Labbe, Linda Pease, Kate Race and I are working to develop an administrator handbook for the principal (building administrator) portion of our new Performance Evaluation and Professional Growth (PEPG) system.
2. I have asked Ken Desmond, Training and Operations Specialist from the Lincoln County Emergency Management Agency, to review our district emergency plan and provide feedback and suggestions.

3. Acting Commissioner Bill Beardsley attended our last Mid-Coast Superintendents' Association meeting. He shared state and district expenditure data for the past 10 years and I have included the information in this Board packet for your review. The table below compares 2013-14 district and state expenditures so you can see how RSU 40 compares relative to state expenditures.

2013-14 Annual Expenditures	RSU 40		Maine	
	Expenditures	Percent	Expenditures	Percent
Regular Instruction	\$8,477,887	38.4%	\$895,040,534	40.9%
Special Education	\$3,458,315	15.7%	\$337,613,458	15.4%
Vocational Education	\$754,110	3.4%	\$44,186,618	2.0%
Other Instruction	\$363,158	1.6%	\$47,635,826	2.2%
Student & Staff Support	\$1,907,612	8.6%	\$172,376,920	7.9%
System Administration	\$529,846	2.4%	\$64,496,501	2.9%
School Administration	\$1,304,619	5.9%	\$113,610,166	5.2%
Transportation	\$1,683,981	7.6%	\$120,271,780	5.5%
Facilities	\$2,058,404	9.3%	\$244,287,943	11.2%
Debt Service	\$1,506,381	6.8%	\$140,965,390	6.4%
All Other	\$25,000	0.1%	\$7,781,507	0.4%
Total	\$22,069,313		\$2,188,266,643	

V. Reports from Schools

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VIII. Action Items

A. Approve Senior Class Trip to New York City on May 6 – 8, 2016

You will be asked to approve an overnight, out-of-state fieldtrip for our senior class. Please review the information included in this Board packet.

B. Approve allocating \$11,500 from the 2015 – 16 budget to complete Phase I for Surveying/Feasibility study for a bus garage at Warren Community School

You will be asked to approve funding to conduct a survey/feasibility study on the Warren Community School property. A proposal from Gartley & Dorsky Engineering & Surveying containing a detailed explanation of all four phases of this project will be shared and discussed at our budget meeting on Monday evening.

C. Approve FY 17 School Calendar

You will be asked to approve the district calendar for 2016-17. The proposed calendar is included in this Board packet for your review. The later start time issue is not included in this proposal.

D. Approve policies for 2nd reading

You will be asked to approve the policies included on the agenda. These policies were included in the Board packet from our last meeting.

IX. Committee Reports

X. Region 8 Board

XI. Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) Personnel

XII. Adjournment

Board Chair Report 03/17/16

- 1) Read resignation letter from Tara Wellman
- 2) I want to mention the Concept & Design Committee of the Region 8 Board will be making a presentation at our May 5th board meeting.
- 3) I attended the MMS Wrestling Meet on 03/09/16. I believe the Riverhawks came out on top.
- 4) I want to remind Board members there is only one board meeting in April and that will be April 7th.
- 5) I want to let Board Members know there won't be a School Board Academic Achievement Awards Top 8 Recognition night this year. It's being combined with MVHS Academic Awards on 5/17/16.

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March 8, 2016

Dear Steve and Danny,

Im writing to inform you that effective immediately I will be resigning from my position on the school board. This was a difficult decision to make but I feel it's the best decision for myself and my family.

At this point in time I have many other commitments involving my children that have made it challenging to successfully manage my school board responsibilities. I feel as though I cannot continue to serve on the board if I'm unable to give 100% and to fully commit to the requirements. I've made every effort to attend the meetings but unfortunately I've missed quite a few due to scheduling conflicts.

I am glad that I had the chance to learn more about the MSAD 40 district, our amazing superintendent, and our school board. Being directly involved in my children's education is an opportunity that I'm grateful to have had and wish that I could continue. I'm very thankful to be in this district knowing that we have a supportive school board and that our superintendent is fully dedicated to making changes that will continuously improve our schools. All the hard work and dedication of the school administrators, teachers, and the school board members are truly appreciated.

I wish our superintendent and our school board all the best in the future and I'm looking forward to seeing great things in our district.

If you would like to further discuss my resignation please feel free to contact me at (207) 542-4743 or email wellmantara@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,
Tara Wellman

Student Rep Report
3/17/16
Jake Faria, Patrick White

Athletics

Spring sports draw nearer for our athletes. Pitchers and catchers report for baseball/softball as early as next week, while the others spring athletes prepare for their respective sports. Intramural floor hockey has been a hit once again, as the numbers continue to rise each day.

Theater

The drama department is in the process of picking a play for dessert theater, and will hopefully have an idea of roles and the play tomorrow.

NHS Convention

The National Honors Society traveled to UMaine for the societies' annual convention. This was Medomak's first year attending the event, and learned many things from leadership, a speech by disabled comedian/motivational speaker Bill Picard, to even healthcare. The students were able to bag 30,00 meals over the course of the day as well for those in need. It was a rewarding experience for all, and many hope to return next year.

Chess

The chess team also went to UMaine, this weekend, and the championship placed fourth in the state. The team has been a fantastic addition to the schools' after school activities, and Joseph Powell has done an incredible job leading the group. Thanks to Mr. Hill for advising them as well.