

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

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Steve Nolan, Superintendent
Kim Schroeter, Director of Instruction

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Karen Etheridge, Director of Special Services

Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, March 19, 2015
Warren Community School

MINUTES

School Board Members: Erik Amundsen, Guy Bourrie, Tod Brown, Ann Donaldson, Dana Dow, Danny Jackson, Lynda Letteney, Bill Moody, Sandra O'Farrell, Dorothy Robinson, Errol Silvestri, Brooke Simmons, Bob Williams, Dennis Wooster

Student Representative(s): Aaron Smeltzer, Patrick White

Others Present: See Attached Sign-in Sheet

I. Opening

A. The meeting was called to order by Chair Danny Jackson at 7:00 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Declaration of Quorum: 807 out of 876
3. Note Absences – Sara Andrews (excused)
4. Adjustments to the Agenda
 - i. Remove Action item C – Approve 2015-2016 school calendar
 - ii. Move Presentation of high school cheerleaders to before Audience with the Public and hold off on presentation of the middle school cheerleaders until they arrive after Step Up night at the high school

II. Presentation – Medomak Valley High School Cheerleaders

III. Danny introduced new board member, Dorothy Robinson, from Warren.

IV. Audience with the Public

V. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the minutes of March 2, 2015: Dennis Wooster
Second: Brooke Simmons Vote: 834-0-42

VI. Superintendent and/or Chair Reports

A. Superintendent's Report

1. There will be a benefit dinner for Harold Wilson on April 8th at 5:00 p.m. at Medomak Valley High School
2. The retirement incentive window has closed; seven teachers are retiring this year.
3. Comprehensive Education Plan

B. Board Chair's Report

1. Report attached
2. Key Work of School Boards Guide Book – Chapter 6

VII. Presentation – Medomak Valley High School Cheerleaders

C. Business Manager's Report

1. Communication from MEA Benefits Trust that the highest increase for FY 2015-16 will be 5%. They are in the process of developing the rating bands that will determine the individual rates for each school district.
2. George Bridges provided an update on the MMS leach field.

D. Student Representative(s) Report

1. Report attached

VIII. Presentations –

1. Update Jr. Firefighter Program sponsored by Waldoboro Fire Department
 - a. Paul Smeltzer, Bill Maxwell, Dale Smith, and Gabe Cooley
2. Proficiency Based Education – Kim Schroeter

IX. Reports from Schools

X. Educational Issues – None

XI. Action Items

- A. Review and approve the proposed budget for FY '16

Motion to approve the proposed budget as presented with a 4.97% increase:
Motion: Guy Bourrie Second: Bob Williams Vote: 734-73-69

- B. Approve establishment of an RSU 40 Career and Technical Education Ad Hoc Committee

Motion: Guy Bourrie Second: Erik Amundsen Vote: 734-73 – 69
(Dorothy Robinson)

C. Approve policies for 2nd reading:

1. ADF – Commitment to Learning Results – Parameters of Essential Instruction
2. DIA – Internal Controls
3. JJI – Student Athletics
4. BCB – Board Members Conflict of Interest – Nepotism
5. JKF – Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities

Motion: Guy Bourrie

Second: Ann Donaldson

Vote: 765 – 0 – 111 (Brooke Simmons, Dorothy Robinson)

XII. Committee Reports

- A. Region 8 Committee – March 25th @ 7:00 p.m. – MCST Rockland
- B. Negotiations Committee – March 26th @ 3:00 p.m. – Central Office
- C. Curriculum Committee – April 8th @ 5:30 p.m. – MMS – TBD
- D. Facilities/Transportation Committee – April 9th @ 4:00 p.m. – Central Office
- E. Many Flags Committee – April 9th @ 6:30 p.m. – Rockland, Main Street
- F. Finance Committee – April 14th @ 5:00 p.m. – Central Office
- G. Policy Committee – April 21st @ 5:00 p.m. – Central Office
- H. Safe Schools – May 19th @ 3:30 p.m. – MMS
- I. Personnel Committee – TBA
- J. Technology Committee – TBA

XIII. Motion to go into Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(D) Negotiations with MVEA

Motion: Guy Bourrie

Second: Brooke Simmons

Vote: 876 – 0

Time In: 8:51 p.m.

Time Out: 9:08 p.m.

XIV. Action as the Result of Executive Session – No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

XV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 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 03/19/15

- 1) We have a new Board Member from Warren. Her name is Dorothy Robinson.
- 2) I want to report that Bob Jones from Washington has resigned.
- 3) RSU 40 will be hosting/holding a Region 8 Budget Hearing this year. It will be on 4/2/15 and will start at 6:00pm
- 4) The second Board meeting in April will be held at Miller School.
- 5) I attended the band concert at the high school on 3/18/15. It was a nice concert and it was good hearing both the concert band and the jazz band.

Student Representative Report
March 19th, 2015

The Medomak Valley High School band will be holding a movie fundraiser to fund their trip to a Boston Pops concert the weekend of Friday 3rd and Saturday the 4th. Films shown will contain scores composed by legendary composer John Williams: who will be directing at the concert in June. Such movies include Indiana Jones, Jurassic Park, Harry Potter, and a Star Wars marathon. There is no admission, but donations are GREATLY appreciated. Concessions will be served, and the band is looking forward to a large crowd and a great weekend.

Students have begun signing up for this year's AP tests

The seniors went to Sunday river ski resort last weekend for their class trip.

The juniors just finished their spring plant fundraiser.

On April 3rd I believe is the date, the high school will be holding a school wide assembly where every student and faculty member will wear green to give our support to Mr. Wilson, green being the ribbon color of liver cancer, they will also receive one of the 700 green Mr. Wilson, Principal MVHS, Strong bracelets that national honor society has purchased for every student and faculty member at the high school. And at this assembly we intend to take a school wide picture for Mr. Wilson. All the students can truly feel his absence in our school, and we are doing whatever we can whether it is sending cards or pictures to Mr. Wilson, just to let him know that we are all thinking of him.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aaron Smeltzer and Patrick White