

Our Mission is to prepare and support all students within a culture of excellence to do their best and to be their best, so that each can be a successful contributing citizen, able to adapt to change and to successfully respond to the future.

RSU #16  
Mechanic Falls \* Minot \* Poland  
The 5<sup>th</sup> Regular School Board Meeting  
for 2017-2018 was held  
Monday, December 11, 2017  
6:30 P.M.  
Poland Regional High School

# Minutes

Members Present: Mary Martin, Joe Parent, Jennifer Boenig, Aaron Ouellette, Jack Wiseman, Stephen Holbrook, Laura Hemond, Norm Beauparlant, Norm Davis, Leonard Lamoreau, Julie Rioux, Melissa Hodgkin, Edward Rabasco, Lisa Dulac

Members Absent: Tina Love

Student Representatives Present: Jordan Gregory and Gavin Bourgoin

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER:** Mary Martin, Chair

Mary Martin called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.  
Pledge of Allegiance & Mission Statement

**2.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** (10 minutes)

**3.0 RECOGNITIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:** (5 minutes)

Congratulations to Optimist Student of the Month - Briyanna Velilla, MCS 6th Grader

Congratulations to Peyton Rose on her winning poster she entered in the Maine CountMeIn "Attendance Matters" poster contest.

Congratulations to Valerie Young & Logan Landry selected for the Maine Department of Education Teacher Leader Learning Cohort for the 2017-18 school year

Congratulations to Shawn Vincent & Bonnie Robbins – they have been invited to present Restorative School Practices in Action at the 2018 American School Counselor Association Conference in Los Angeles, CA.

**4.0 AGENDA ADJUSTMENT:**

**5.0 PRESENTATION:** (15 minutes)

Overview – Amy Hediger

Amy shared with the board an update of State of the Schools Presentation. They have created a template to focus the information that is important for board members to know and understand beyond the basic facts. Administrators also talked about what can be shared in hand-outs and board reports, instead of being put into the presentation. The purpose would be to allow for the school board to understand where the school is so that they could anticipate future needs.

Norm Beauparlant asked for there to be a link to the Strategic Plan.

**6.0 CONSENT AGENDA INTRODUCTION:** (5 minutes)

Approve 4<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes 11-13-17

Motion: by Norm Beauparlant to approve 4<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes 11-13-17

Seconded: by Leonard Lamoreau

Vote: Unanimous

Notification of new hires:

- Coach, Basketball – Jeff Tetreault, WMS

Notification of resignations:

- Cindy Mitchell – Food Service, PRHS

Sub Committee Minutes

Friends of RSU 16 Minutes

## 7.0 ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT: (10 minutes)

Approve November Financial

Motion: by Steve Holbrook to approve November Financial

Seconded: by Jack Wiseman

Vote: Unanimous

**Discussion:** Stacie reviewed lines. Special Ed out-of-district tuition is at 68%. It was asked if we have moved any students back. Holly Day reported that they have moved back ones who we expected to bring back. There were some students who moved in that were not expected when budgeting.

To authorize the superintendent to expend the additional state subsidy as listed on the revised budget (attached).

Motion: by Ed Rabasco to authorize the superintendent to expend the additional state subsidy as listed on the revised budget

Seconded: by Julie Rioux

Vote: Unanimous

**Discussion:** Is tax relief reflected in the statement? Stacie indicated that the tax relief is not reflected on this, that it is just the spending that will be seen on the printout. The tax relief is on the revenue side not the expenditure side.

## 8.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: (15 minutes)

Update on building project: Would like to postpone the timeline discussion until another month because we are missing a contract. There are three options for the BAN and it requires more time to look at so that decisions can be made based on all of the information that is needed.

Regionalization update:

Chapter 123 encourages the development of regional service centers with the goal of economizing on and maximizing educational services. There are incentives and penalties tied to school funding as a way to encourage districts to collaborate to develop regional service centers. If two or more districts collaborate to develop a regional service center, it will continue to get per pupil funding. If a district does not, it will begin to lose state subsidy. Although participation is voluntary, it is tied to school funding. There is legislation to remove the penalty for not regionalizing.

Tina worked with superintendents on two proposals. 1). A 3-5-year-old service project and a substitute proposal with Turner, Lewiston, and Auburn. 2). Oxford Hills and Turner on a project for a regional bus maintenance and a special education program for children with autism.

Bus Drivers: Today was supposed to be the first meeting for negotiations, but with Tina not here, they postponed the meeting. The new dates will be arranged.

Board Stipend: Will be based on the \$1,400. More discussion will be made to make sure it is clear how it will be split up.

Resignations:

- Kayla Marston – School Counselor, ESS & MCS
- Ami-jo Arsenault – Social Worker, ESS

**Discussion:**

Ami-jo was working at MCS as an ed tech while she was waiting for her license to come in. She did work at ESS for 2 weeks and then resigned due to personal reasons. Julie asked about Mary Beth's schedule. Amy shared that MBK was at MCS for whole days for Tuesday and Thursday and half day on Wednesday. The social worker has been moved back to ESS for part time. Neither school has a School Counselor at this time. Cathy and Kaitlynn have been working to fill these needs for students. Pathways does contract out at ESS to provide services. Holly Day said she has had difficulty contracting in the past. The School Counselor position has been posted and there are no applicants. We have thrown out if we need to look at an additional ed tech trained in Restorative Practices to help support students as an option. Aaron asked if there is a head hunter who can help find a candidate. Melissa discussed that the positions are split between schools and that it isn't appealing to people and should be looked at for next year.

## 9.0 NEW BUSINESS:

Approve Budget Timeline

Motion: by Julie Rioux to approve budget timeline

Seconded: by Lisa Dulac  
Vote: Unanimous

Approve Budget Committee members

Motion: by Norm Beuparlant to approve budget committee members

Seconded: by Julie Rioux

Vote: Unanimous

## 10.0 OLD BUSINESS:

### 11.0 POLICIES: (5 minutes)

Approve 1<sup>st</sup> & final reading of the following policy:

ECB - Pest Management in School Facilities and on School Grounds

Motion: by Ed Rabasco to approve 1<sup>st</sup> & final reading of ECB-Pest Management in School Facilities and on School Grounds

Second: by Julie Rioux

Vote: Unanimous

## 12.0 REPORTS TO THE SCHOOL BOARD:

### Student Representatives: (5 minutes)

Gavin: Holiday Spirit week next week. Community day on November 16<sup>th</sup> was a day where all the grade levels got together in groups and discussed how we can be a better group together.

Jordan: Civil Rights members went to the Friends of RSU 16 meeting and are planning a “No Name Calling” week.

Band and Chorus performance was last week. Julie asked where the dress code was and Jordan indicated that it was still in progress.

### Report of the Communication Advisory Committee: (15 minutes)

11-20-17 Minutes attached - Norm Beuparlant: Clarification that there would be changes made on a draft set of Minutes, not that minutes would be changed. Minutes wouldn't be official until they were approved. They would take a look at the website and what we would like to be communicated on the website. Joe Parent: We looked at the strategic plan and talked about what the current state is so that the team could think about what is needed to be done to bridge that gap. Julie asked for clarification of the purpose of the committee. Lisa shared that it was to improve the communication between the stakeholders. Mary read the purpose of the committee as clarification.

### Report of the School Board Chair: (10 minutes)

- Strategic Plan update: Talked about still having a need for a Strategic Plan, but having a translation for the community that will make it easier for members of the community to better understand the plan. Team will have something that they can bring to the full board for feedback.
- Attendance:
- LRP/Board Governance

## 13.0 ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION: (5 minutes)

ATeam Reports

### Discussion:

Aaron asked about hockey. Cari reported out the number of students who were playing. He asked Tom about the heat at the garage. Tom indicated they are doing what they can with space heaters to maintain heat. Aaron asked if John could check in on that next year. Mary noted Jordan had a recognition for Academic and Field Hockey.

Aaron talked about the Indoor Track program and the sportsmanship. Mary recognized the common thread of behavior and PBIS in all the reports. Mary praised the Civil Rights Team's presentation to the Friends of RSU 16 meeting. Mary recognized the purchase of the Social Studies materials in Amy's report. Julie reported that her kids at MCS are using the words PBIS and Mary shared her grandkids were excited about the first schoolwide goal and were able to communicate what the goal was and the reward.

## 14.0 COMMUNICATIONS:

### 15.0 HANDOUTS:

Listing of Maine Legislators: To help with advocacy.

LRP Publications November 2017

**16.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**17.0 REMINDER:**

Sign Policy DJ – Bidding/Purchasing Requirements (revision page 2 section F (word *responsible* added per 11-13-17 minutes)

**18.0 ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: by Steve Holbrook to adjourn at 7:53

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Meserve