

MSAD #58 Board Minutes

Thursday, September 21, 2017

6:30P.M.

Strong Elementary School

Board Members: Kim Jordan, ~~Karen Campbell~~, Jessica Cain, Lois Barker, Wendy Warnock, Barbara Worthley, Jessica Stinchfield, Lynnette Abbott, Kim Robinson, Paul Gardiner, Julie Talmage, Johanna Prince, ~~Rebecca Garlick~~ and ~~Jackie Sniadecki~~

Administrators: Susan A. Pratt, Felecia Pease, Laureen Olsen, Michelle Tranten, Jeff Pillsbury, Sean Tennent, Jaime Ela

- I. Call to Order and Flag Salute
Kim Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:30
- II. Public Comment
Ms. Brackley announced that Mr. Danala was nominated as one of the top 50 coach's in the country. The top 15 win a community grant for \$5000 the winner receives a \$50,000 community grant. He is currently ranked 16th.
- III. Action: Board approval of the minutes of August 17, 2017
Motion: Lois Barker to accept the minutes of the August 17, 2017 meeting as written.
2nd: Johanna Prince
Discussion: None
Favor: 711/0 /69 *Motion passed* (Julie Talmage abstained)
- IV. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Presentation- MEA Review -release of 16/17 school year data. Some positive and some negative results - Middle School results are improving. Superintendent Pratt sees improvement in Math scores overall. Science scores across the system were great. Administrator's will digest last 2 years data and provide comparison to Board. Each school varies but all science above State. KES & SES math above State. KES & SES ELA above or equal to State.
Grades 3-8 science KES & SES were close but PES a little below. High School data shows that we need some work. Science is closest to State average, Administration will look at their School Wide Plan and come up with plan for improvement.
 - B. Move one Early Release in Nov 9 from Nov 7
Motion: Wendy Warnock to move early release from the 7th to the 9th
2nd: Jessica Cain
Discussion: Wendy Warnock asked Mrs. Tranten if she believed that absenteeism was an issue for kids on early release before a holiday - she has seen better attendance this year. Memo will follow notifying parents of this change in calendar.
Favor: 698 /82 / 0 *Motion Passed* (Barbara Worthley opposed)
 - C. Enrollment update
Currently 655 students, last year a large graduating class that was not replaced with an equal incoming class. Class sizes vary drastically from school to school and grade level. May have to make changes for budgeting next year. Will reassess in the spring.

National GEARUP Week celebrated at MTA this week - guest speakers spoke about the paths they took to get where they are today. We are in the 4th of 7 year grant. There are 2 grants, Multiple Pathways for the Freshman. Both grants combined bring in approx. \$100,000 in grant money for the system.

Strong Elementary School and the 5210 program - received award for gold status due to increased participation. KES won last year. 5-2-1-0' stands for '5 fruits and vegetables', '2 hours or less of screen time' (TV, video games, etc.), '1 or more hour of activity', and '0 sugary beverages'.

D. Administrator- Opening of School News

Mrs. Pease - BBQ 250 attended, 8th grade meeting, students loving technology and Chromebook station.

Mr. Tennent - Cara and Hope did a great job getting things ready. Rollout was a success. PES new wireless network - new chrome books to replace white MacBooks. All 5th grades have MacBook Air 5-12 overall good start to school year. Mrs. Jordan asked about the early rollout for Seniors. This was to help avoid a bottleneck, allowing students to pick up early 25% picked up early. Emma Berube explained that she was able to apply for multiple scholarships early because she been able to pick her up early.

Mr. Pillsbury - 16th day - BBQ had a great turnout, all but 1 staff were in attendance. There were some great pics of students in The Irregular. On 9/11 they had a flag raising ceremony with Representatives. 8th grade AG fair education, Maddison was invited to sing national anthem at the State House in January. Will be welcoming 4 practicum students this year.

Mrs. Ela – The ice cream social was a success. The Rangeley Regatta tomorrow - Bike Rodeo, safety and fun, they will come again in the spring for older kids. Grades K-4 went to the AG fair, grades 5-8 participated in a technology readiness day. The robotics program up and running along with Growing Gardeners. RTI groups are getting ready.

Mrs. Tranten – On 8/31, guest speaker Rob Surette, a speed painter donated a Disney print. MTA will sell raffle tickets to raise funds for all grades 9-12. The 9-12 senior kickoff night and financial aid nights. A Yankee candle fundraiser for all 9-12 to raise money for senior class trip and prom. Fall clean up headed by Mr. Moretto and again in the spring. Multiple Pathways night for parents to share updates and information.

Mrs. Olsen - GT programming up and running and made some changes for this year adjusting services to where needed. Moved day treatment to separate location - going well for students.

Ms. Brackley – There will be more Soccer games under the lights this year. This allows more fans to come out and support each other.

V. Discussion Items

French Trip Presentation and Proposal- Francois Moretto

Offering a trip to Europe, 13 days - 4/5 to 4/17 (over April vacation) from Paris to the South of France.

This will afford students and expanded world view, personal view, and marketable experience.

Mr. Moretto chose to work with Explorica - They have proven experience, an excellent value, incredible tour directors, and an exceptional safety record.

The group will visit Louvre, Paris - Notre Dame Cathedral, St Jean de Luz, South of France & Nimes Amphitheater. This is an incredible chance to travel and experience sights, sounds and smells.

The Tour Director will post pictures and summary of the day's events for parents to log in and experience as well.

This all-inclusive trip covers everything except -passport, tipping, snacks & beverages, lunch, souvenirs and free time activities. Payment plans are available to help students budget and fundraise - a link will be provided to help them with fund raising.

The cost is \$4700 per student, cost includes 2 chaperones and there is a \$50 scholarship available.

The trip is available to juniors and seniors with 2 years exposure to French and must be at least 16 years old. He needs 10 students to make trip happen, still short 1.

Board must need to endorse trip in order to move forward.

If necessary the board has the right to cancel the trip if there are any safety concerns.

Motion: Johanna Prince moved to allow Mr. Moretto to move forward with plans for the French Trip.

2nd: Jessie Sinchfield

Discussion: None

Favor: *Motion passed unanimously*

School Board Goals Review- handed out a draft for review. The Board will discuss these the next meeting.

Maine School Management sign ups

Lynnette Abbott - Friday, Barbara Worthley – both, Jessie Stinchfield – both, Kim Robinson – both, and Kim Jordan – both. Sue will reach out to Jackie and Rebecca Garlick.

VI. New Business

A. Possible Executive Session in accordance to 1 MSRA 20A § 405 (6)(A)- Employment

Motion: Julie Talmage to enter Executive Session in accordance to 1 MSRA 20A § 405 (6)(A)

2nd: Barbara Worthley

Discussion: None

Favor: *Motion Passed unanimously*, entered Executive Session at 8:02 pm

Out of Executive Session at 9:07

B. Nomination of Candidates to fill open teaching positions:

Superintendent's nomination of a Music Teacher- Elizabeth Marble

Motion: Wendy Warnock to approve the Superintendent's nomination of a Music Teacher- Elizabeth Marble

2nd: Jessie Stinchfield

Discussion: Johanna Prince asked if the vote could be postponed. Mrs. Pratt explained that it could not.

Favor: 278/420/82 *Motion Failed* (Barbara Worthley Abstained)

C. Transfers to fill open positions:

Lani Roy- From PE at PES and KES to PE at MTA

Kathy Twitchell- Ed tech Strong to Ed Tech Kingfield

Sharon Webber- Cust/Driver- MTA to Cust/Driver- Strong

John Engwall- Cust- Strong to Cust/ MTA

D. New support staff:

Gisele Glidden- Ed Tech II- Strong
Margo Laverture- Ed Tech II- KES
Tim Bachelder- Cust- MTA
Ed Tech II MTA

Motion: Lois Barker to accept the new support staff presented tonight

2nd: Paul Gardiner

Discussion: None

Favor: *Motion Passed unanimously*

VII. Financial Update

83.12% remaining including both payrolls in September, summer purchasing mostly complete.

VIII. Committee Updates

Finance- Sept 21, 2017- 5:30 – Strong - Budget update and tuition billing

Facilities- Sept 21- 5:30- Strong Rev Reno and Elevator at PES

Policy- Sept 12- 4:30 Next meeting Nov 14-4:30

Recognition- electronic meeting Oct 4 - 5:30

Wellness- TBD

Administrator Evaluation- Oct 24- 5:30

Academic Committee KES 6:00

IX.

Adjournment

Motion: Jessica Cain to adjourn meeting at 9:22 pm

2nd: Jessie Stinchfield

Vote: *Unanimous*

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. Pratt, Secretary