

Maine School Administrative District No. 35
Board of Directors – Regular Meeting Minutes
Marshwood High School – Learning Center
Wednesday – September 20, 2017, 7:00 PM

Present: Mrs. Keri Tice, Mr. Fred Wildnauer, Mr. Paul Stanley, Mrs. Sue Berman, Dr. Dan Mannschreck, Mr. Will Hausmann, Ms. Makenna Janes and Dr. Mary Nash.

Also present: Mr. John Caverly, Mr. Ryan Cormier, Mr. Paul Mehlhorn, Mr. Anthony Bourbon and interested members of the public and press.

7:00 PM Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Scheduled Audience to the Public - None

Opportunity for Public Input on Items Not on the Agenda - None

Requests to address the Board on matters not on the agenda must be made to the Superintendent and must set forth the specifics of the subject to be addressed.

Report of the Secretary:

1. Consideration and action to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Wednesday September 6, 2017.

Motion: Mr. Stanley Second: Dr. Mannschreck Vote: 5-0

Correction: Page 4 Student report: ~~classman~~ to classmen; ~~freshman~~ to freshmen

Report of the Chair:

1. Town Officials Meeting- September 13th – Mrs. Tice reported discussions included the technology partnership with both the towns of Eliot and South Berwick and an update on the new food service program. She stated South Berwick has appointed an interim fire chief. Dr. Mannschreck reported there were discussions on the traffic survey, the new South Berwick police station and the proposed traffic light at Route 91. He stated both town halls are planning to update their town web page. The next Town Officials meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18th at the South Berwick Town Hall.
2. MSMA Fall Conference – October 26-27, 2017 - Mrs. Tice reminded Board members of the upcoming MSMA Fall Conference in Augusta to be held on October 26-27, 2017.
3. MEF Oktoberfest – October 20, 2017 – Mrs. Tice reported the MEF Oktoberfest is to be held on Friday, October 20th from 7 – 11 p.m. at the Regatta Banquet and Conference

Center in Eliot. She stated this is MEF's largest fundraiser.

4. Board Meeting Topics – Mrs. Tice reminded Board members to provide topics for this year's board meetings to Dr. Nash.

Report of the Superintendent:

1. Remembrance of 9/11 – Dr. Nash reported on the various remembrances of 9/11 held at each school. She stated that although it is hard to believe, our current enrollment of students were either not born yet or were only toddlers when 9/11 happened 15 years ago and as a result, the way in which we remember 9/11 today is somewhat different than we did even a few years ago. Dr. Nash provided the following account of each school's remembrance.

CES prepared for remembering 9/11 by having age appropriate discussions and by celebrating on September 21st the International Day of Peace through an international literacy and art project, "Pinwheels for Peace".

EES gathered in the gym as a community and set a school-wide goal of Building a Positive Community and Care.

At the GWS, students either watched an age appropriate elementary video regarding 9/11 or may have read a book about 9/11. Additionally, there was a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m. on 9/11 followed by an explanation by Principal Burnell to the entire school community why the school's flag was at half-mast.

Similarly, at MMS the day started with all students and staff assembling in the gym for a moment of silence to honor all those impacted by the attacks on US soil that occurred on 9/11. The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance as a community followed by the reading of a written reflection of the 9/11 attack by two 8th grade students. Ms. Bisson concluded the assembly by leading a group of 8th grade chorus students in singing *America*.

MHS posted "Always Remember 9/11" on the sign at its entranceway and there was a moment of silence prior to the Pledge of Allegiance in memory of those impacted by the event.

Dr. Nash commended all of the teachers, students and administrators through the district for remembering 9/11 in these special ways age appropriately, Kindergarten through grade 12.

2. Flu Shot Clinic - Dr. Nash reported Nurse Judy Doran has prepared this year's flu clinic vaccination schedule with Dr. Matt Kenny from the South Berwick Pharmacy Seacoast Compounding. She stated the principals will distribute the schedule to faculty and families. Dr. Nash reported we also have a contract with the Visiting Nurses Association as due to a state law, Dr. Kenny cannot provide children under

the age of 9 years the flu vaccination, and therefore to accommodate our younger students the VNA will provide this service. Dr. Nash reported the VNA will have two separate clinics with one at CES on September 26th and one at EES on September 27th for our primary age students. For older students, Dr. Kenney will offer a flu vaccination clinic on October 6th at the different school sites as well as at the Parent Conference nights at MGWS on October 26th, MHS on November 7th and MMS on November 8th. Dr. Nash reported parents, students or faculty members are able to receive the flu vaccination at any of the clinic locations.

3. The Danes Are Coming to Marshwood (again!) – Dr. Nash was happy to report that Danish students will return to Marshwood this year! Last year, Marshwood hosted 20+ high school students and their faculty advisors for several days as they shared with us their culture and customs and we reciprocated! Dr. Nash reported this exchange of cultures was so well received the district is planning a second such visit this October. The Danish students will arrive on Wednesday, October 4th and will depart on Saturday morning, October 7th. Mr. Mehlhorn shared with the Board and our community the planning efforts underway to support this valuable cultural exchange program.

Mr. Mehlhorn reported the Danish students will be picked up from the Portsmouth bus station on Wednesday and will be brought to MHS to meet with their host families and have a simple gathering. On Thursday the students will attend school and participate in the school day and the Homecoming festivities, which includes the Homecoming dance Thursday night. Friday schedule is still to be determined but they will be attending the MHS football game that evening. Mr. Mehlhorn reported there will be 27 students. Mr. Josh Livingston has been coordinating the effort. Mr. Mehlhorn noted that when Josh was in high school, he visited Denmark. He stated there will be a meeting with the host families prior to the arrival of the students and will address any questions or concerns they may have as well.

4. Student Rep Report – Mr. Hausmann reported students are now settling in to the new school year and getting into the swing of things. Students are getting into a rhythm and some good learning is being done. Mr. Hausmann reported the Student Government had their first meeting this past Monday. He stated they are ready for the new school year and to get some new policies enacted and to make some good changes. Mr. Hausmann reported Open House was held on Tuesday evening, stating his parents attended and were able to see his schedule and meet his teachers. He believes this is a good experience for the parents to become familiar with the new school year. Mr. Hausmann reported the cafeteria food lines are getting better and it has become a smoother process. He stated he has heard from some students they are a bit confused about the menu and finding resources online about the food program. Mr. Hausmann suggested reaching out to Mr. Caverly to provide more information, as he does not think some students saw the email that came out at the beginning of the school year and therefore are still a bit confused. He suggested maybe handing out paperwork to assist them on how to find information online. Mr. Caverly stated that Chartwells will provide a presentation at MHS on Monday, September 25th to assist on how to use the online system. Dr. Nash reported some graphic

organizers were created at MHS to demonstrate what \$3.00 will buy. Mr. Mehlhorn reported that Steve Baldoumas attended the MHS Open House, providing samples and answered parents' questions.

Ms. Janes reported the Pumpkinman Triathlon was held on September 9-10 and Marshwood students volunteered with either organized sports teams or independently. She noted there was a small amount of volunteers but thought everything worked out very well. Ms. Janes stated it is an important event in the community that also provides fundraising for MHS. She noted it is nice to have people come from all over to see our beautiful town. Ms. Janes reported there is an art exhibit of MHS student, Madison Person, at the Black Bean Café in Rollinsford, NH. She personally thinks her work is beautiful. Ms. Person's art is on display on Thursdays and Fridays from 7 – 2 p.m. and on the weekends from 7 – 12:00 p.m. for the month of September. Ms. Janes highly recommends going and seeing the exhibit. She stated she always likes to celebrate student art.

Correspondence – Mrs. Tice reported receiving correspondence for this year's Maine Public Maine High School Quiz Show. She reported the deadline for those wishing to compete is September 30th with filming to begin on December 2nd. Mrs. Tice stated there will also be a regional competition in Boston with students from Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts in January. Mrs. Tice reported she had spoken with Mr. Lietz who informed her that he has contacted the Maine Public's education program coordinator of our interest to compete. Mr. Hausmann reported Mr. Lietz will be working on soliciting interest to compete over the next two weeks. He stated the testing to qualify as a team will be late September or early October. The team will then test to determine if eligible to compete. Mr. Hausmann intends to apply.

Report of the Committees:

1. Report of the Finance and Facilities Committee – Mr. Stanley reported they met with the auditors from RKO. He stated that it was a clean audit with an unmodified opinion (which means there are no issues with the district's practices). Mr. Stanley stated the auditors complimented us on how prepared we were for the audit. Mr. Stanley complimented Ryan Cormier on all his hard work and preparation for the audit.

Mr. Wildnauer reported there was discussion on the new Chartwells food service program status and how it is working out. There are some items to work out but overall it appears to be going well. Mr. Wildnauer stated according to a report from the community the MSAD 35 bus company is doing a very good job. He reported Specialty Services is completing the first phase of the current project and will return next summer to complete phase two. The next meeting to be held on October 18th at 6:00 p.m.

2. Report of the Educational Policy Committee – Next meeting will be September 27, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

New Business:

1. Consideration and action to approve the MHS Soccer Boosters annual fundraising event to be held at MHS home games throughout the year and soccer season to promote recycling and financial benefit to the boosters.

Motion: Mr. Wildnauer Second: Mrs. Berman Vote: Yea: 5 Nay: 0

Administration:

Mr. Bourbon reported the school year is going along well and many programs have started. He reported the Choral Program visited the Vine Street Bridge site in South Berwick, where the proposed project of the Great Works Covered Bridge is to be built. The group is considering using the bridge site for inspiration for composing music. The plan is to write a piece on the new walkway. Choral teacher Kris Bisson has recognized this as a project. Mr. Bourbon reported Linda Beckett of the Bridge Brigade will provide a presentation on October 4th to discuss the construction of the bridge. Mr. Bourbon stated maybe some connection to the project could develop into some type of curriculum program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration and action to enter into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a student discipline issue pursuant to title 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(B).

Motion: Mr. Stanley Second: Mr. Wildnauer Vote: Yea: 5 Nay: 0

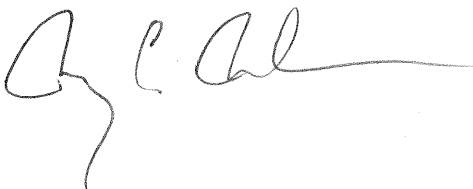
The Board entered Executive Session at 7:36 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:40 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion: Dr. Mannschreck Second: Mr. Stanley Vote: Yea: 5 Nay: 0

Attest: True Record



Dr. Mary C. Nash
Superintendent of Schools