

Maine School Administrative District No. 35
Board of Directors – Regular Meeting Minutes
Marshwood High School – Learning Center
Wednesday, – March 21, 2018, 7:00 PM

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

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

7:00PM 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.

Public input for Budget Priorities

Members of the public are invited to present to the Board their budget priorities and concerns at the beginning of each Board meeting. No advance notice to the Superintendent is required to provide input to the Board during the budget process. All efforts will be made to answer specific budget questions at the time the question is asked. If there is a need to research the answer to your question, the question will be restated and answered at the beginning of the next regularly scheduled board meeting. The Board meetings where the budget will be discussed are: March 21st, April 4th, and April 25th. Before each of these meetings the Board will convene a budget workshop in the Learning Center at Marshwood High School from 5 - 7 PM to review each of the District's cost centers in detail. A fourth budget workshop has been scheduled for May 2nd if needed.

Report of the Secretary:

1. Consideration and action to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Wednesday, March 12 2018.

Motion: Dr. Mannschreck Second: Mr. Stanley Vote: 5:0 (Mrs. Berman abstained)

Report of the Chair:

1. Town Officials Meeting Date – Mrs. Tice reported the next Town Officials Meeting will be April 11th at South Berwick Town Hall at 8:00 a.m. and all are welcome.

2. Rescheduled Finance and Facilities Meeting- Mrs. Tice reported there will not be an April Finance and Facilities meeting and it has been rescheduled to May 2, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Report of the Superintendent:

1. Highlights of the Budget Workshop – Dr. Nash shared with the Board and the community an overview of the Budget Workshop held on March 21st for the detailed review of the FY19 proposed budgets for: MMS, MHS and the Athletic program.

Dr. Nash reported overall, the proposed budgets for MMS, MHS and Athletic are “flat budgets” compared to last year’s budgets. She stated there has been a reduction in enrollment at the MMS, and therefore the recommended budget includes the reduction of two ELA teachers. Dr. Nash reported the Sanford Regional Vocational and Technical Center is bringing back the Career Technical educator that has been located at MHS for several years providing Nursing Services /Health Occupation education and this position will be eliminated which will impact the MHS staffing budget. Dr. Nash stated because of increased class sizes at MHS, a half time ELA teacher and a half time Social Studies teacher is recommended to be added to the budget next year. Dr. Nash reported the Athletic budget is relatively flat but the Programmatic Improvement Plan includes \$20,000 for additional new stipend positions for athletic coaching which the Boosters have been providing for the last three years. She also reported that the Programmatic Improvement Plan includes \$18,500 for the purchase of new athletic uniforms. Dr. Nash stated they are hopeful to find financial strategies for both of these items later in the budget process once we learn more about the health insurance costs and are more certain about the end of the year surplus. Dr. Nash reported the budgets have been uploaded to the MSAD 35 website.

2. Report on the March 14th Student Protest – Dr. Nash reported on Wednesday, March 14th seventy-five MHS students walked outside the front door of MHS to express their solidarity with their peers across the country in grieving for the seventeen victims of the Parkland shooting and to urge their peers to contact their legislators regarding the lack of legislation proposed in response to shooting incidents. She stated the students both inside the building as well as those outside the building were respectful in their civil discourse and returned to class promptly at the end of the seventeen-minute student led event to resume their classes.

Dr. Nash reported at MMS Mr. Bourbon described the student led event as “very peaceful and positive”. He noted that he “..could not be prouder of our students and staff”. Eight MMS students walked outside the rear of the building to discuss their solidarity with their peers around the shooting of the seventeen Parkland victims.

Dr. Nash reported one MHS parent and two MMS parents wanted to come onto their son’s/daughter’s campus to observe the event and in all three cases staff explained to these parents that this was a student led event and each of the three parents was asked not to go beyond the check in point which all three parents did respectfully.

Dr. Nash reported at the GWS, Mr. Burnell reported that there were twelve students who met with him in the cafeteria and asked him questions about the Parkland shooting. She stated Mr. Burnell noted that the discussion centered on school safety and on people who are depressed. He

also noted that it was a productive talk and that the good news is that the GWS students feel safe at school but think we need to do more drills.

Dr. Nash reported there were no protests or questions from our students at either CES or at EES.

Dr. Nash thanked each and every MSAD 35 staff member for their efforts to insure our students' safety and well-being not only on March 14th but every day in our schools throughout the district. She stated however, March 14th posed significant challenges for the district logistically since the student led protests were linked to a national walkout on the same day at the same time in secondary schools across our country. Dr. Nash also thanked the extensive planning and tactical efforts of both the Eliot and South Berwick police departments who partnered with the district to strategically deploy key staff at both MMS and at MHS to insure our students' and staff's safety and well-being. Dr. Nash thanked all once again! Dr. Nash stated it was truly an honor to be able to listen in and witness the work that the students had done on that day to express their solidarity in such a peaceful, calm and respectful way. She thanked the students.

Mr. Hausmann stated he was thankful that parents were discouraged from entering the campus as it helped promote the message that it was about the students. The parents were welcomed to express their interest but this was the environment for the students to share their opinions and promote their voice and it was great that the school respected this fact.

Dr. Nash reported the parents did a great job as they did not look at it as a control issue or an authoritarian move and were respectful as well. She stated she believed everybody tried to find a balance to support the students' voice but at the same time be respectful of the safety concerns.

3. Tentative Plans for Making Up No School Days Due to Inclement Weather Days – Dr. Nash stated the annual district calendar notes that the last day of school is scheduled for Monday, June 11th. She reported as of tonight, the district has had 5 inclement weather days ~ 4 “snow days” and one day when all five of our schools lost electrical power due to a significant wind storm. Dr. Nash stated if we were to extend the school year by 5 additional days, the last day of school would be Monday, June 18th.

Dr. Nash reported in preliminary planning efforts it was noticed that if the district were to extend the school year by four days to Friday, June 15th, the district would only have to make up one additional day at this time. She stated in reviewing the district's application for a waiver from the DOE for last year's inclement weather days, the district identified a number of late/start early/release days to make up two additional inclement weather days the district had not built into the district's calendar. Dr. Nash stated she has asked the district's principals to confer with their faculty and staff to see if that is a plan we should also consider for this school year as well. Dr. Nash reported in several weeks after the threat of most significant snow storms has passed, she will be finalizing a plan to send to the DOE requesting a waiver for making up the day(s) beyond Friday, June 15th but as of right now, she stated she would like to let our community know that the district is actively trying to find solutions and gain DOE approval so that the last day of school will be rescheduled for Friday, June 15th.

4. Resignation: Nicole Clark, Administrative Assistant, EES – Dr. Nash reported she recently received notice from Nicole Clark, an Administrative Assistant at EES, of her intention of resigning at the end of this school year due to her family’s relocation to South Carolina. Nicole has been a valuable, trusted Administrative Assistant at EES for the past three years. Dr. Nash wished her well as she leaves our district and explores new opportunities in South Carolina!

5. Student Report: Mr. Hausmann reported baseball and softball season started this week and additional spring sports will begin next week. He stated he hopes they have a successful spring season. Mr. Hausmann reported the MHS Musical *Brigadoon* will be starting the last weekend in March (30th and 31st) and first weekend in April (6th and 7th). Mr. Hausmann wished to add to Dr. Nash’s comments regarding March 14th stating “regardless of how you stand on this issue, you have to acknowledge that the civic engagement demonstrated by the students was done in a respectful and purposeful way,.” He also wished to recognize Keagan Roberts and Makayla Runey for the great job they did in organizing students. He stated in any capacity it is challenging managing both that was respectful and purposeful and prompted a good message. Ms. Janes reported that day regarding March 14th “It made me proud to be a Marshwood student.” She reported they were handing out T-shirts and were on top of things. Ms. Janes stated she was glad the district allowed the students to speak their minds. Ms. Janes reported the MHS Winter Guard and Percussion placed second at the New England Scholastic Band Association show. The band will also be hosting the Winter Guard and Percussion Competition at MHS this Sunday, March 25th at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Janes wished them good luck on their upcoming competition. Ms. Janes reported this Friday, March 23rd the MHS CyberPatriots Club will be hosting a skype conference with “Women in Tech” where the discussion would be in sharing experiences in technology and cyber security. It will be held in the MHS Learning Center after school. She stated there will be snacks. Ms. Janes stated the 3rd quarter ends next Friday.

Correspondence: Article from Maine Arts Leadership Initiative (MALI) on MMS Music Teacher Kris Bisson – Mrs. Tice reported receiving a great article on MMS Chorus Director and Music Teacher, Kris Bisson by the Maine Arts Leadership Initiative (MALI). In the article Ms. Bisson spoke about her past, how she came to where she is today and what she is doing now and how it all came about. The article also states how the MALI is supporting her as a teacher and the benefits of being a part of the Initiative.

Report of the Committees:

1. Report of the Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting on March 21st– Mr. Stanley reported cash balance is good but noted there will be three payrolls in the month of March. He stated there is a projected \$145,000 savings for the end of the school year. Mr. Stanley reported there is 38% left on budget, the same as we were last year at this time.

Mr. Long reported on the Food Service audit to be held at MHS and MGWS. He stated there will be a request to the Policy Committee to review the meal charging policy. Mr. Long reported the Late Start Committee is working on the bus transportation three late start scenarios. He reported there are budget catch up projects for Facilities which include a computer upgrade for HVAC system at MHS and the installation of two awnings to the gym side entrance doors at MMS and at GWS.

2. Report of the Educational Policy Committee – Next meeting scheduled for March 28, 2018

New Business:

1. Consideration and action to approve to allow Eliot Recreation Department/KidsPLAY use of school bus during the April School Vacation week – April 17 – April 20, 2018.

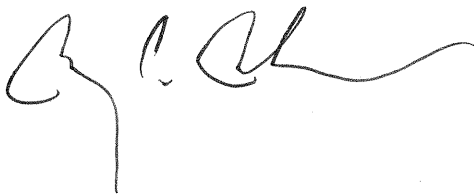
Motion: Mr. Long Second: Mr. Stanley Vote: 6:0

Adjournment

Motion: Dr. Mannschreck Second: Mr. Stanley Vote: 6:0

The Board adjourned at 7:22 PM

Attest: True Record

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. C. Nash', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right. A vertical line descends from the first letter 'M' to the text below.

Dr. Mary C. Nash
Superintendent of Schools