

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

Present: Mrs. Keri Tice, Chair, Mr. Joe Long, Vice Chair, Mrs. Susan Berman, Mr. Matt Taylor, Ms. Lynn Flynn, Ms. Makenna Janes, Ms. Katie Taran, and Dr. Mary Nash.

Also present: Mr. John Caverly, Mr. Ryan Cormier, Mrs. Nina D’Aran, Mr. Jerry Burnell 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, October 17, 2018.

Motion: Second: Vote:
Tabled – Not enough Board members to vote.

Report of the Chair:

1. Recognition and welcome of Lisa Flynn as the new School Board Member from South Berwick – Mrs. Tice and members of the Board welcomed new Board Member, Lisa Flynn, from South Berwick, to her first meeting.
2. Town Officials Meeting – November 14, 2018 at Eliot Town Hall – Mrs. Tice reported the next Town and Officials meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Eliot Town Hall. All Board members are welcome to attend.
3. Sanford Regional Technical Center Grand Opening – Mrs. Tice reported she and Mr. Wildnauer toured the new Sanford Regional Technical School in Sanford. She noted how large the school is and the interesting set up of the various classrooms for the courses that are offered. Mrs. Tice reported the Health Services classroom had bed setups that included mannequins in beds; the Fire and Emergency Services classroom has an ambulance and a fire truck; the Auto Mechanic program space included the vehicle lifts; the Woodworking classroom was impressive with its

precision machinery. Mrs. Tice was impressed with the new building and was pleased the school Boards were invited for a tour the new facility. Dr. Nash reported the superintendents were also given a tour of the new facility while school was in session. She thought the facility was impressive. Dr. Nash stated she was impressed with the preschool program describing preschool students participating in various activities that explored different vocations. Both Mrs. Tice and Dr. Nash were impressed with the new facility and thought it was very designed.

Report of the Superintendent:

1. Veterans Day Celebration at MMS, Friday, November 2, 2018 - Dr. Nash reported this year's celebration of our veterans at MMS was very special! She stated this year, on the 11th day of the 11th month at the 11th hour, the United States will celebrate Armistice Day or the hundredth anniversary of WWI. Of particular note at this year's celebration was the attendance of Wallace Berg, a veteran of WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War! Dr. Nash reported the 2018 MMS Veteran's Day celebration was well organized and greatly appreciated by all who attended. In particular, Dr. Nash thanked Cathy Locke and Kris Bisson who worked tirelessly with MMS students and staff to produce this year's moving tribute to our veterans and also thanked Principal Bourbon and everyone at MMS for their generosity of spirit and gratitude for our veterans' service.

Dr. Nash reported on Thursday, November 8th at 9:00 a.m., MGWS will have their Veteran's Day program to honor and celebrate our veterans. Mr. Burnell reported Janice Marro provides a student choral program of patriot songs honoring the veterans. He stated former Navy Seal, Chris Cassidy from York, now an astronaut and is currently in Russia, has provided a video presentation for the Veteran's Day program. Mr. Burnell reported students have also written essays that they will present. He stated it is really a tribute to the veterans and their families.

2. Homework Policy Listening Tour – Dr. Nash reported, at the request of Board Chairperson, Keri Tice and Policy Committee member, Paul Stanley, she recently completed a “listening tour” among the district's five schools regarding the district's current homework policy. She provided the Board and the community with a summary of her findings as a result of this important listening tour at the Board meeting. (See attached summary). Dr. Nash said she plans to bring the district's instructional coaches and team leaders together to help write in narrative form what is being done at the different developmental levels in terms of homework assignments. Once this process is completed she will bring these revisions to the Policy Committee for review. If the Policy Committee deems appropriate they will forward the revised policy to the Board where there will be a first and second reading to get public input. A member of the audience suggested that after school programs such as the Clubhouse Kids also be included in the revised policy rollout.
3. Student Report – Ms. Janes thanked Dr. Nash for coming to the high school to speak with the Student Government and the Interact club on the Homework Listening tour as it was greatly appreciated by all who attended the meeting. She also stated that not every student was represented but it clearly shows the great variation that was spoken about at the high school. Ms. Janes, speaking for herself, noted the variation among students in balancing the need to prepare for life after high school with student health. Ms. Janes reported the District Musical “Newsies”,

is coming up. She stated a 20-minute preview was held today. The show is based on the Broadway Musical of the same name. Ms. Janes stated she thought everybody did great job translating a Broadway show onto the stage. She reported there are over 100 people involved in the production of this play. Ms. Janes stated the show opens this Friday with a show at 4:30 p.m. Additional shows will be available on Saturday, November 10th at 7:00 p.m. and next week on Friday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m. and two shows on Saturday, November 17th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Ms. James reported tickets are available for \$10.00 at MHS office or marshwoodmusic.org or \$12.00 at the door. Ms. Janes reported the MHS Band won silver for their state competition held on October 26th. Ms. Taran reported last Saturday the MHS football team played Falmouth and won. She stated this Saturday at 12:00 p.m. MHS will play Kennebunk in Biddeford for the final playoff game. Ms. Taran reported if they win they will play in the state championship. She reported that winter sports will be starting soon, some before Thanksgiving and some after and sign-ups are open now. Ms. Taran stated students must not have any obligations such as uniforms, or a book they have not returned and these obligations must be taken care of to sign up for any of the sports teams.

4. MSMA Conference – Dr. Nash reported she attended the MSMA Conference on October 26th. She attended two breakout sessions. One was presented by Bruce Smith from DrummondWoodsum on *Staff-Student Boundaries*. Dr. Nash stated due to recent local and national cases involving the transgression of boundaries between students and public school staff DrummondWoodsum has updated the policy *Staff Conduct with Students* to include clear examples of unacceptable conduct by staff that are expressly prohibited. Dr. Nash stated one example is “friending” students or engaging in any other interactions on social networking sites. She stated she has a copy of the draft policy and she will present to the Policy Committee meeting for review. Dr. Nash reported she attended another DrummondWoodsum breakout session *Facebook and the First Amendment: School Employee Constitutional Rights in the Age of Social Media*. She stated this was a procedural course providing balancing tools to balance the rights of a public employee versus their First Amendment rights. Dr. Nash stated the presentation provided various court cases and tests for administrators to use when evaluating First Amendment claims.

Correspondence: None

Report of the Committees:

1. Report of the Finance and Facilities Committee – Mrs. Tice reported the next will be meeting November 14, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
2. Report of the Educational Policy Committee – Mrs. Tice reported the Educational Policy Committee met on October 31st and on tonight’s agenda there first read polices. The next meeting will be November 28, 2018.

New Business:

1. Consideration and action to approve *first reading and discussion* of policy *Immunization of Students and Immunization of Students Procedure – JLCB and JLCB-R (New)*.

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

Correction: JLCB-R – Title: ~~Exemption~~ to Exemption

2. Consideration and action to approve *first reading and discussion* of policy *Admission of Resident Students and Procedures - JFAA, JFAA-R1(new) and JFAA-R2(new)*.

Changes: JFAA – First line change school unit to Maine School Administrative District 35 (MSAD #35); JFAA-R1 (page 2) and JFAA-R2 (page 3) ~~written statement that immunization to:~~ completed Immunization Exemption Form (JLCB-R); JFAA-R2, page 2, 2nd paragraph, line three, ~~the~~ MSAD #35.

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

3. Consideration and action to approve *first reading and discussion* of policy *Assignment of Students to Classes – Five Year Olds – JGAA*.

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

Mrs. Berman reported the MHS Soccer Team last weekend received the Sportsmanship Award.

Administrators:

Mrs. D'Aran reported she wished to thank the CES PTO for the amazing Monster Mile Run fundraiser. They raised \$35,000 for CES. She stated it was a great day, well organized and lots of fun. The top classroom will receive a \$500 mini grant. The CES teachers will write mini-grants and submit requests to the PTO. Mrs. D'Aran stated this was the first year for this fund raiser and they were very pleased with the results.

Mr. Burnell reported MGWS is running a food drive and if they go over the goal Mr. Burnell will wear Red Sox paraphernalia noting he is a Yankees fan. Mr. Burnell reported Ms. Marro and the MGWS 5th grade chorus was invited to UNUM's annual Veteran's Day Program to perform. This is the second year they have been invited to perform. Mr. Burnell reported that Travis Mills, a paraplegic, was in attendance. Mr. Mills shared his story and after his presentation he met with members of the MGWS chorus. Mr. Mills said he wanted to make a difference and set up the Travis Mills Foundation. Mr. Burnell reported the students were inspired by Mr. Mills and spurred conversations among students. He stated that MGWS is the only school that is invited to the UNUM Veteran's Day program.

Mr. Caverly reported the MHS lower parking will be open end at the week as during a storm last Saturday a tree came down and fell on to a pole causing the pole to split. The tree has been taken away and the pole has been replaced.

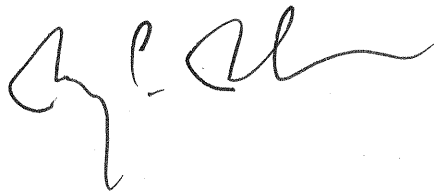
Mr. Cormier reported the district has subsidy to purchase two buses this year and will also be purchasing two additional buses. He stated three of the four have now been delivered.

Adjournment

Motion: Ms. Flynn Second: Mr. Taylor Vote: 5:0

The Board adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Attest: True Record

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. C. Nash', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Mary C. Nash
Superintendent of Schools