

Maine School Administrative District No. 35
Board of Directors – Regular Meeting Minutes
Marshwood High School – Learning Center
Wednesday, January 2, 2019 - 7:00 PM

Present: Mr. Joe Long, Vice Chair (Serving as Board Chair in Mrs. Tice's absence), Mrs. Susan Berman, Mrs. Lisa Flynn, Mr. Paul Stanley, Mr. Matt Taylor, Ms. Makenna Janes, Ms. Katie Taran and Dr. Mary Nash

Also present: Mr. Ryan Cormier, Mr. John Caverly, Mr. Jerry Burnell, Mrs. Nina D'Aran, 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, December 19, 2018.

Motion: Mr. Stanley Second: Mrs. Berman Vote: 5:0

Report of the Chair:

1. Town Officials Meeting – Mr. Long reported the next scheduled Town Officials is on January 8 at Superintendent's Office at 8:00 a.m.

Report of the Superintendent:

1. L.D. 1689 ~ An Act to Repeal Certain Provisions Regarding the System Administration Allocation - Dr. Nash reported Tiffany Roberts-Lovell, the recently elected state representative from South Berwick, contacted her to find out if there was any legislation the district would be interested in seeing enacted. Dr. Nash thanked Tiffany for reaching out to the district on this important issue and asked her to confer with her legislative colleagues on re-introducing *L.D. 1689 ~ An Act to Repeal Certain Provisions Regarding the System Administration Allocation*. Dr. Nash stated this bill would amend law passed in the biennial budget that requires participation in regional management centers for districts to get their full system administration

allocation. It says that in 2019-20, administrative units that have established regionalized administrative services OR are identified as high-performing efficient school units by a statewide education policy research institute are eligible for \$141 per pupil in system administration funds. Under current law, only those belonging to a regional management center are eligible. Dr. Nash believes that Marshwood would qualify for \$141 per pupil in system administration funds since the district was cited in David Silvernail's 2012 study through the Maine Education Policy Research Institute of USM as one of Maine's more efficient public schools in Maine. Marshwood originally explored the feasibility of joining the regional service center organized by RSU 21 last year but when it was learned that the focus of the regional center would be on bulk commodity purchasing for food services programs, the district withdrew from the application process so as not to infringe on our contract with Chartwells. Dr. Nash stated she will shall keep the Board and the community advised on the progress of re-introducing L.D. 1689 in this legislative session.

2. Notice of Retirement – Dr. Nash recently received notice from Candace Manero, a fourth grade teacher at the Great Works School that she intends to retire at the end of this school year. She stated Candi has worked as a 4th grade teacher at GWS since 2008. Prior to her teaching experience, Candi was an Ed Tech at MMS from 2001 – 2008. Dr. Nash reported Candace has been a teaching and learning leader among her peers. Candi was a key contributor to the thought behind the elementary report card initiative several years ago. She was also a valued member of the district's PE/PG Task Force and has served on the GWS Instructional Leadership Team since its inception. Dr. Nash and the Board thank Candi, for all of her tireless work and efforts on behalf of the district's students over the past eighteen years! The Board wishes her well in your retirement but know, you will be missed greatly!
3. Student Report – Ms. Janes reported the Interact Club is continuing their drive to collect gently used winter clothing and gear. Items may be dropped off in the library. She thanked all that have donated. Ms. Janes reported auditions are taking place for two upcoming musicals. One is the MHS spring musical, "Once on This Island". It focuses on a peasant girl who falls in love with a boy outside her social class and throughout the story the girl uses love to bridge the gap between the classes of the island society. Ms. Janes reported auditions are being held on Tuesday, January 8th and students that are interested, see Miss West for an audition time. She stated shows will be held the end of March and the beginning of April. Ms. Janes reported the one act play, "Scenes From Moment Animation" which tells the stories of many individuals trying to make sense of the thing out. Ms. Janes reported auditions are Monday, January 7th and students are to see Mr. Livingston to sign up. She stated in the past the One Act play has been performed at the Maine Drama Festival and Marshwood has almost always earned very high placement. Ms. Taran reported last Saturday the indoor track team competed at the USM relays. Katherine Page and Rori Coomey came in 1st and 2nd respectively in the 50 meter dash and both got 7.70 seconds. It had to be determined by a thousandth of a second to determine who came in first. Ms. Taran reported the girls 4x4 relay team came in first. The boys relay team came in seventh. Rori Coomey placed third in the long jump. Ms. Taran stated that overall the meet was very successful and they had the opportunity to compete against some really great teams from around the state. Ms. Taran reported midterms are beginning January 22nd – 25th. Ms. Janes added the boys indoor track high jump team also won in the recent competition.

Correspondence: Mr. Long reported the Board received a holiday greeting card from former board member Dr. Dan Mannschreck. He also reported the receipt of a letter from State Senator Mark Lawrence, the district representative, noting he is looking forward to working with the school board, attend a board meeting and updating on items happening in the legislature.

Report of the Committees:

1. Report of the Finance and Facilities Committee – Mr. Long reported the next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2019.
2. Report of the Educational Policy Committee – Mr. Long reported the next meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2019.

New Business: None

Administration:

Mrs. D’Aran reported volunteer Alana Craffy helped to organize community efforts to provide gifts to families in need for the holidays. She stated this year has been the most successful. Mrs. D’Aran reported they worked for 3 days straight with people stopping by, buying gifts, wrapping and giving gifts to families. It was wonderful.

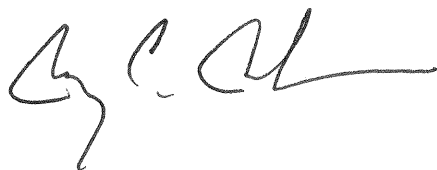
Mr. Burnell reported MHS teacher Josh Livingston, who teaches a class on Introduction to Theatre contacted Mr. Burnell a couple of weeks prior to Christmas break as he had students who a done a play and was seeking an audience. Mr. Burnell stated the play was about “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs” years after the original story. He reported it was perfect timing as the presentation was held on the Thursday prior to Christmas break. Prior to the play, Mr. Livingston had sent down to MGWS the material about the play and the students had the opportunity to discuss with teachers. Mr. Burnell said the MHS students did a great job. He stated he spoke with Mr. Livingston as a possibility of this to become a tradition.

Adjournment

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

The Board adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Attest: True Record



Dr. Mary C. Nash
Superintendent of Schools