

**RSU 83/M.S.A.D. #13 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY MARCH 12, 2024
VALLEY JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL BINGHAM, MAINE
6:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER-The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Leo Hill

II. ATTENDANCE

Present: Leo Hill, Bonnie Atwood, Elizabeth Brochu, Brandy Hill, Beverly Brown, Pauline Lagasse, Brian Malloy, Ann Ingersoll, Janelle Ingersoll, Vacant Seat (Moscow)

Absent:

Also present: Sandra MacArthur, Carol Hines, Wendy Belanger, James Tyler, Melissa Lyons-Vitalone, Pamela Grant, Jessica Mills, Craig Turcotte, Cailin McNear, Lisa Madsen, Cathy Foran, Drew Foran, Diane Lightbody, Melanie Caswell

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-Conducted

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (Regular meetings – will not be done at special meetings)

- a) Upon a motion by Bonnie Atwood and second by Pauline Lagasse the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of February 12, 2024 (building & grounds committee), February 12, 2024 (personnel committee), February 13, 2024 (negotiations committee), February 13, 2024 (regular meeting)

V. PUBLIC INPUT-None

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a) Moscow Principal's Report

Our month-long raffle is underway. Grades 1-4 will be going skating on the 15th. Our Pre-K and kindergarten students visited the Bingham Library and will be going back. They had a great time! We will be having an Eclipse gathering at the Moscow School. We are also selling Eclipse T-shirts.

- b) Valley Jr/Sr High School Report

Athens student tour: We had a successful tour with the Athens students on March 6th, and the lead teacher there reports that she anticipates some of them will choose Valley. Teachers did an excellent job presenting to students about the programs we offer.

Honor Roll Reward Trip: We have about 50 students eligible for the honor roll/perfect attendance trip this Friday, showing that a high percentage of our students are succeeding at a high level.

Baker Mountain Camping Trip: Mr. Davis' outdoor education and Maine woodsman classes will be going on an overnight camping trip on Baker Mountain on March 22.

Mr. Atwood will be chaperoning with him. These two teachers have gone above and beyond in setting up some really engaging field trips for their students this year.

- c) Director of Special Services Report-including MaineCare

Summer School

The ESEA Reallocation grant application for Title I summer programming is due March 29. We are currently in the preliminary stages of planning.

Special Education

I will be presenting information about our day treatment programming at the board meeting.

d) Athletic Director's Report

Basketball:

Middle-School season has finished, and the Middle-School girls finished the season as Pine Cone Champions

Varsity girls and boys have finished their season with both teams winning Regional finals (first in Valley history) and finishing as State runners-up.

This basketball season has been a very successful season with middle-school and varsity teams showing tremendous growth and success.

East/West All-Stars:

The following athletes were chosen as East/West All-Stars: Madeline Hill, Kirsten Bigelow, Liana Hartwell, Harry Louis and Fisher Tewksbury. Harry Louis was chosen as East/West Basketball Player of the Year.

Pep-Rally:

Valley had two pep-rallies this season which included a large amount of participation from the students, players, coaches and staff. Pictures and a highlight video has been posted on the Valley Cavaliers Facebook page.

Math Team:

The math team will compete in their final meet at UMF on March 14th. We currently have 12 participants and are currently in 3rd place.

Acknowledgements:

We would like to give acknowledgement to the Valley boosters, Drew Foran, Bingham Fire Department, coaches, parents and staff members for their support this season. Between involvement in the pep-rallies, decorations, fire truck escorts and hosting the reception following the games, we have had a tremendous amount of support! We are very thankful to everyone involved!

VII. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

- a) Move XIII (c) and (d) to before VIII
- b) XIII (e) and (f)-Table until April board meeting

VIII. GOOD NEWS

- a) MSAD 13 has been approved by DOE to lease purchase a new bus
- b) Basketball teams had a great season and represented the schools and communities well
- c) Math league is currently in third place
- d) Esports is having a good season

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Financial Statement-CMP-up 3.5 cents per KWH but still 2.5 cents below standard rate. Had a conversation with MSAD 59 regarding vehicle repairs. Central office may need to transfer from another cost center due to increase in audit, overtime, training, and vacation payout.
- b) Audit update-Increase in cost due to fact that prior year's audit didn't provide a solid starting point. Audit had to be created from scratch.
- c) Superintendent MacArthur's April schedule-Flying out evening of April 11th, will be back in district April 19th.
- d) Resignation and acceptance of Billie Hatfield, Special Ed Teacher, Valley Jr/Sr High effective March 8, 2024
- e) Craig Turcotte presentation on Maine Learning Technology Initiative Teach with Tech Grant
- f) Thank you note from Maine General Hospice for donation in memory of Reginald McCollor

X. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

- a) Enrollment update-Enrollment remains stable.
- b) Review and discussion of the draft 2024-2025 budget
- c) Budget Timeline
 - 1) April 30th, 1:00 p.m.- Finance Committee meeting-All cost centers will be present
 - 2) May 7th, 6:00 p.m.-Board Meeting-board approves the budget and signs the warrant
 - 3) May 21st, 6:00 p.m.- District Budget Meeting

XI. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS (Finance Committee, Policy Committee, Negotiations Committee, Transportation Committee, Buildings and Grounds Committee, Personnel Committee)

Finance (Bonnie Atwood, Elizabeth Brochu, Brian Malloy)

Policy (Leo Hill, Janelle Ingersoll, Brandy Hill, Beverly Brown)

Negotiations (Janelle Ingersoll, Pauline Lagasse, Beverly Brown)

Transportation (Leo Hill, Brian Malloy, Vacant)

Buildings and Grounds (Leo Hill, Bonnie Atwood, Ann Ingersoll, Beverly Brown)

Personnel (Leo Hill, Elizabeth Brochu, Brandy Hill, (alternate) Janelle Ingersoll)

- a) Policy Committee report

XII. OLD BUSINESS

- a)

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Upon a motion by Brandy Hill and second by Pauline Lagasse the Board unanimously voted to approve the 2021-24 MSAD 13 Opening Plan
- b) Upon a motion by Brian Malloy and second by Bonnie Atwood the Board unanimously voted that the resolution entitled, "Resolution to Accept the Gift in the Amount of \$30,000 from Clayton Andrews and to Establish the Andrews Family Scholarship Fund," be approved in the form presented to this meeting, and that the Secretary file an attested copy of said vote with the minutes of this meeting.
- c) Upon a motion by Pauline Lagasse and second by Brandy Hill the Board unanimously voted to approve Diane Lightbody as Food Service Assistant at Valley Jr/Sr High School starting fall of 2024-25 and authorized the Superintendent to issue a contract.
- d) Upon a motion by Ann Ingersoll and second by Pauline Lagasse the Board unanimously voted to approve Melanie Caswell as Food Service Supervisor/Head Cook at Valley Jr/Sr High School starting fall of 2024-25 and authorized the Superintendent to issue a contract.
- e) TABLED UNTIL APRIL BOARD MEETING-Vote to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) for the purpose of discussing the evaluation of the Athletic Director.
- f) TABLED UNTIL APRIL BOARD MEETING-Vote to approve Britani Cabassa as the Athletic Director and authorize the Superintendent to issue a contract.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT- The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra J MacArthur
Secretary to the Board