

**RSU 83/M.S.A.D. #13 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY DECEMBER 12, 2023
VALLEY JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL BINGHAM, MAINE
7:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER-The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Leo Hill

II. ATTENDANCE

Present: Leo Hill, Bonnie Atwood, Elizabeth Brochu, Beverly Brown, Brandy Hill, Janelle Ingersoll, Pauline Lagasse, Brian Malloy, Karin Stevens, Ann Ingersoll

Absent: None

Also present: Sandra MacArthur, Wendy Belanger, James Tyler

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-Conducted

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

- a) Upon a motion by Pauline Lagasse and second by Bonnie Atwood the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of November 14, 2023 (policy committee), November 14, 2023 (regular meeting)

V. PUBLIC INPUT-None

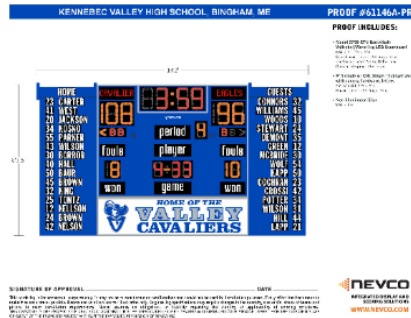
VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a) **Moscow Principal's Report**
We have several activities planned for the month of December. The school is going to Strand Cinema on Friday. The week before Christmas we have themed days planned. We are excited to say that with all of the donations we can start purchasing new equipment for the playground!
- b) **Valley Jr/Sr High School Report**
Davis Woodlot Field Trip: Mr. Davis and Mr. Atwood coordinated a day camping/wilderness exploration trip on Mr. Davis's woodlot in Solon on December 1. Students participated in a range of activities from assembling and breaking down camp, cooking meals, observing and recording animal signs, and timber stand inventory. Students spoke very highly of the trip.
- c) **Canoe Purchase:** RREV grant funds are being used to purchase 6 Old Town canoes through Mid-Maine Marine and a canoe trailer. Colby Atwood and Isaac Davis completed courses and received certification as education trip leaders, and they're excited for the opportunity to use the canoes next spring.
- d) **Honor Roll Reward Trip:** Students in grades 5-12 who earned honors or high honors or who had perfect attendance for the first quarter will be rewarded with a trip to the bowling alley in Skowhegan on Tuesday, December 19. Jason and Luke Hartwell suggested the trip, and staff were very supportive. Students are looking forward to the trip
- e) **Director of Special Services Report**
Still short staffed.
Almost ready to submit the October billing to MaineCare

f) Athletic Director's Report

All winter sports teams have started. Middle-School boys and girls teams competed in a Madison Play-Day tournament and Valley Girls competed in a Lewiston Pre-Season Tournament. First season game will be on 12/09/2023 at the Augusta Civic Center. Varsity Girls start at 5:30 and boys to follow.

Valley Athletics had a generous donation for an indoor basketball scoreboard. After receiving several quotes and a proof, we have chosen to go with the company Nevco to place the order. The scoreboard will be an upgrade from the existing scoreboard and allows us to have players last name and number attached.



VII. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

VIII. GOOD NEWS

- a) Full Plates Grant-\$4,325 for purchase of milk cooler-Cooler was delivered December 12

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Financial Statement-Bingham one payment behind
- b) Superintendent MacArthur's January schedule
- c) Discuss January 2024 board meeting date-Move meeting to January 9, 2024 6:30 p.m.
- d) School Board expiring terms:
Leo Hill-Bingham
Bonnie Atwood-Bingham
Ann Ingersoll-Moscow

X. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

- a) Enrollment update-Attached

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, Karin Stevens, (alternate) Beverly Brown)
Transportation (Leo Hill, Brian Malloy, Karin Stevens)
Buildings and Grounds (Leo Hill, Bonnie Atwood, Ann Ingersoll, Beverly Brown)
Personnel (Leo Hill, Elizabeth Brochu, Brandy Hill, (alternate) Janelle Ingersoll)

XII. OLD BUSINESS

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Upon a motion by Pauline Lagasse and second by Elizabeth Brochu the Board unanimously voted to approve the substitute handbook
- b) Select a board member for the dropout prevention committee - Upon a motion by Brandy Hill and second by Pauline Lagasse the Board unanimously voted to select Beverly Brown for the dropout prevention committee
- c) Upon a motion by Ann Ingersoll and second by Pauline Lagasse the Board unanimously voted to approve the first reading of policy GCSA-R-Employee Computer and Internet Rules
- d) Upon a motion by Ann Ingersoll and second by Pauline Lagasse the Board unanimously voted to approve the first reading of policy JKD-Suspension of Students
- e) Upon a motion by Bonnie Atwood and second by Pauline Lagasse the Board unanimously voted to approve the first reading of policy JKE-Expulsion of Students
- f) Upon a motion by Bonnie Atwood and second by Ann Ingersoll the Board unanimously voted to approve the first reading of policy JKF-R-Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities Administrative Procedure
- g) Upon a motion by Brandy Hill and second by Janelle Ingersoll the Board unanimously voted to approve the first reading of policy JLF-E-Suspected Child Abuse/Neglect Report Form
- h) Upon a motion by Pauline Lagasse and second by Bonnie Atwood the Board unanimously voted to enter Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. for the purpose of evaluation of the Superintendent pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(A). Adjourned executive session at 7:31 p.m.
- i) Upon a motion by Pauline Lagasse and second by Bonnie Atwood the Board unanimously voted to extend the Superintendent of Schools' contract for one year, July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025, and provide for the operation of the Superintendent of Schools including office assistants, supplies, utilities, and other expenses. Benefits will remain the same and salary will be increased by 5%.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT-The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra J MacArthur
Secretary to the Board