

**RSU 83/M.S.A.D. #13 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY AUGUST 8, 2023
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, Beverly Brown, Brandy Hill, Pauline Lagasse, Brian Malloy, Karin Stevens, Ann Ingersoll, Janelle Ingersoll

Absent: None

Also present: Sandra MacArthur, Wendy Belanger, Jim Tyler, Melissa Lyons-Vitalone, Cathy Foran, Drew Foran, Laura Hartwell

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 Brandy Hill the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of July 11, 2023 (policy committee), and July 11, 2023 (regular meeting),

V. PUBLIC INPUT-The picnic tables look nice, and the entryway at Valley Jr/Sr High School looks good.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a) Moscow Principal's Report
We received a \$500 donation from Skowhegan Savings Bank. Our Parent Teacher Group has been very busy collecting school supplies to hand out to students throughout the district. They are offering free haircuts to students on August 26th at the Quimby gym. We will be having an Open House on Monday August 28th at 5:30.
- b) Valley Jr/Sr High School Report
Welcome to Valley night for incoming 5th grade students is scheduled for Tuesday, August 29th at 5:30 p.m.
Ed Nevins says he got a good response from his electives survey and has started getting student schedules ready for the year.
Scott, Drew, and Linda have done a great job getting the building ready for the school year. Classrooms are looking great, and Scott and Drew have gotten a lot of projects done to improve the building.
- c) Director of Special Services Report
Our Local Entitlement and ESEA applications have both received final approval from DOE.
The special education department is currently recruiting staff and restructuring programs to prepare for the 2023-24 school year as we have recently lost two key personnel.

d) Athletic Director's Report

Fall Sports:

All Fall sports are in the process of being finalized. Once they have been finalized, a copy will be published for all coaches and spectators.

I am in the process of scheduling a night game and would like to have it on the same night as senior night and homecoming against Carrabec on October 6th.

VII. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

- a) X (b) Laura Jones retirement
- b) X (c) Transfer of Wendy Belanger to Literacy Teacher
- c) X (d) Data workshop-September 12 board meeting, 5:30 p.m.

VIII. GOOD NEWS

- a) Summer programs successful
- b) Valley gym floor-August 9
- c) Local Entitlement & ESEA funds applications approved

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Financial Statement-Concerns regarding Extra Curricular having additional trips due to scheduling and adding middle school cross country trips. This will increase the pay to drivers for overtime and an increase in fuel costs.
- b) Superintendent MacArthur's September schedule-Vacation week of September 18
- c) Maine Care application-Has been approved-Marcy has started working on student files
- d) Thank you card from Somerset Humane Society for donation in memory of Chad Hebert
- e) Thank you card from Moscow Elementary School staff for donation to playground fund in memory of Norman Dionne

X. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

- a) Resignation and acceptance of Kelly Vicneire, Ed. Tech
- b) Laura Jones, Ed Tech III has retired
- c) Wendy Belanger has been transferred to a Literacy Teacher position
- d) There will be a data workshop for board members at the September 12 board meeting-5:30 p.m.

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, Karin Stevens, Pauline Lagasse, (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)

- a) Policy Committee Report by Brandy Hill

XII. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Upon a motion by Pauline Lagasse and second by Bonnie Atwood the Board unanimously voted to approve the second reading of JEA-Compulsory Attendance
- b) Upon a motion by Pauline Lagasse and second by Ann Ingersoll the Board unanimously voted to approve the second reading of policy JFAB-Admission of Non-Resident Students as amended

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Upon a motion by Pauline Lagasse and second by Bonnie Atwood the Board voted to waive the policy BCC-Nepotism. The motion passed with all voting in favor except Brandy Hill who abstained. Therefore, upon a motion by Elizabeth Brochu and second by Ann Ingersoll the Board voted to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Laura Hartwell as grade 2 teacher and authorized the Superintendent to issue a contract. The motion passed with all voting in favor except Brandy Hill who abstained.
- b) Upon a motion by Brandy Hill and second by Bonnie Atwood the Board unanimously voted to approve Amanda Schrader as Ed. Tech I and authorized the Superintendent to issue a contract
- c) Upon a motion by Bonnie Atwood and second by Brandy Hill the Board unanimously voted to approve the student handbooks
- d) Upon a motion by Brandy Hill and second by Pauline Lagasse the Board unanimously voted to approve the staff handbook
- e) Upon a motion by Pauline Lagasse and second by Ann Ingersoll the Board unanimously voted to approve the volunteer handbook
- f) Upon a motion by Ann Ingersoll and second by Karin Stevens the Board unanimously voted to approve the first reading of policy JFC-Dropout Prevention Student Withdrawal from School
- g) Upon a motion by Ann Ingersoll and second by Brandy Hill the Board unanimously voted to approve the first reading of policy JFCK-R-Student Use of Cellular Telephones and Other Electronic Devices
- h) Upon a motion by Ann Ingersoll and second by Beverly Brown the Board unanimously voted to approve the first reading of policy JI-Student Rights and Responsibilities
- i) Upon a motion by Bonnie Atwood and second by Brandy Hill the Board voted to approve the following co-curricular/extra-curricular positions and authorized the Superintendent to issue contracts. The motion passed with all voted in favor except Elizabeth Brochu who abstained.

MS Soccer	Corey Farnham
Graduation Advisor	Corey Farnham
- j) Upon a motion by Bonnie Atwood and second Ann Ingersoll the Board unanimously voted to approve the following co-curricular/extra-curricular position and authorized the Superintendent to issue a contract

Varsity Baseball	Hunter Tewksbury
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- k) Upon a motion by Pauline Lagasse and second Ann Ingersoll the Board unanimously voted to approve the following co-curricular/extra-curricular positions and authorized the Superintendent to issue contracts

Student Council	Isaac Davis
Prom Advisor	Isaac Davis
- l) Upon a motion by Bonnie Atwood and second by Ann Ingersoll the Board voted to approve the following co-curricular/extra-curricular position and authorized the Superintendent to issue a contract. The motion passed with all voting in favor except Brandy Hill who abstained.

Varsity Cross Country	Jason Hartwell
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XIV. ADJOURNMENT-The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra J MacArthur
Secretary to the Board