

**RSU 83/M.S.A.D. #13 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY MARCH 8, 2022
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, Elizabeth Brochu, Pauline Lagasse, Brandy Hill, Beverly Brown, Adrienne Mathieu, Brian Malloy, Ann Ingersoll

Absent: Bonnie Atwood (excused), Janelle Ingersoll (excused)

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

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 Adrienne Mathieu the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of February 8, 2022 (regular meeting), February 8, 2022 (finance committee), February 10, 2022 (negotiations committee), February 15, 2022 (negotiations committee), and March 7, 2022 (buildings and grounds committee)

V. PUBLIC INPUT-None

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a) Moscow Principal's Report
We finished our Winter Kids competition. We ended up receiving \$500 from the competition. Overall, it was a good experience. We are celebrating Read Across America this week with several Dr. Seuss activities.
- b) Valley Jr/Sr High School Report
Cavalier Café: Crystal Rollins and Jessica Mills have opened a student-run café during Mrs. Rollins' block A consumer sciences class. Students are selling breakfast food to staff and other students. The goal is for students to run a self-funding restaurant that takes in enough money to cover its own expenses. The café is off to a great start.
Baker Mountain Trip: Jr. high and high school students went to Baker Mountain for a ski trip on Friday, March 4. Students had a great day. Thanks goes to Corey Farnham, Cathy Foran, and Scott Laweryson for setting things up and making the day run smoothly.
Next Year's Schedule: I have started discussing next year's schedule with teachers and hope to have a list of courses ready soon. We will continue to offer many of the successful electives we offered this year. We are also discussing adding AP courses to our offerings and considering whether we may be able to offer a consumer sciences class at the high school level.

c) Director of Special Services Report

Summer School

The ESEA Reallocation grant for Title I summer programming is due March 11. We will be requesting funds to operate a summer program structured similarly to last year. Last year, we requested and received \$24,865 for a similarly structured program. Learning targets will be aimed at areas in need of growth as identified by teachers and NWEA data.

ESEA/LE Fiscal Allocations

Projections for FY23 ESEA and LE funds have not been made available yet. I will report them as soon as they are made available.

Special Education

Staff continue to work hard to meet the needs of the students. The needs we are seeing are becoming more and more complex, and our numbers continue to climb.

The following numbers of students either have an identified disability, or are in the referral process:

Moscow - 18 of 57 (32%)

Valley - 34 of 128 (27%)

d) Athletic Director's Report

Basketball:

Basketball season is completed. All four basketball teams have had an extremely successful year.

- Middle-School girls and boys both finished as runners-up in the pine-cone tournament
- Girls Varsity made it to the 2nd round at the Civic Center and had a season record of 14-2
- Boys Varsity finished the season as regional runners-up and had a season record of 12-5

Acknowledgements: Basketball East/West All-Star nominations included the following players and will be acknowledged at the East-West Banquet at the end of the year (date TBD).

- Brielle Hill – 11th Grade
- Madeline Hill – 9th Grade
- Emily Collins – 12th Grade
- Fisher Tewksbury – 8th Grade
- Harry Louis – 8th Grade
- Fisher Tewksbury and Harry Louis were acknowledged as Hoop 8 All-tournament team. They are the first 8th graders from Valley to receive the recognition.

Softball and Baseball:

Softball and Baseball sign-ups are currently at the main office. We are still in need of the following coaches:

- Middle-School Baseball
- Middle-School Softball
- Varsity Baseball

Pep-Rally:

Valley High School had their first pep-rally of the year. All SAD 13 students and staff were in attendance. Activities included: cheering competition, staff vs. players (foul-shot) competition, relay race (varsity players paired up with random students) and recognition from the varsity coaches.

VII. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

- a) XIII (f) Dedication of old shop
- b) XIII (g) Changes to ESSER ARP application

VIII. GOOD NEWS

- a) Old shop building is being updated.-The renovation is moving along. They are painting now.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Financial Statement-We will need to transfer funds to cover Instruction and Special Education. It is a tight budget. We will update carry forward again.
- b) Superintendent MacArthur's April schedule-Vacation days during April school vacation week.
- c) Curriculum and Instruction-Shelly continues to work with 1 or 2 teachers on lesson and unit plans as well as Moscow's writing program.
- d) Resignation and acceptance of Scott Shaw, custodian, Valley Jr/Sr High School
- e) Met with Bingham & Moscow selectmen on February 15 and February 17
- f) Enrollment-We continue to enroll new students.
- g) COVID updates-Masking is now optional on buses and continues to be optional in our schools. CDC is updating the SOP. It should be available this week.

X. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

- a) 2022-2023 Budget Preliminary Overview-Reviewed the draft budget. The draft budget is up 15%. The board wants this reduced. This could mean a reduction in force, 75% of the budget is staff. Utilities are up as well as health insurance and all other insurances. Our electric power is locked in until November 2024. Our oil bid was locked in at \$2.699/gallon, but water and sewer continue to increase. Diesel and gasoline also continue to increase.

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 (Pauline Lagasse, Adrienne Mathieu, Janelle Ingersoll, (alternate) Beverly Brown)

Transportation (Leo Hill, Brian Malloy, Adrienne Mathieu)

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

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

a) Policy committee

XII. OLD BUSINESS

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Upon a motion by Adrienne Mathieu and second by Brandy Hill the Board unanimously voted to approve the school calendar for 2022-2023
- b) 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-tabled
- c) Vote on Britani Cabassa as the Athletic Director and authorize the Superintendent to issue a contract.-tabled
- d) Vote on the nomination of a Special Education teacher (if available) and authorize the Superintendent to issue a contract.-tabled

- e) Vote on the UKVEA-ESP (support staff) contract for 2022-2025-tabled
Upon a motion by Pauline Lagasse and second by Beverly Brown the Board unanimously voted to table items (b), (c), (d), (e) until March 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.
- f) Upon a motion by Pauline Lagasse and second by Elizabeth Brochu the Board unanimously voted to dedicate the new Outdoor Nature Based Building in memory of Doug Arno.
- g) Upon a motion by Adrienne Mathieu and second by Brandy Hill the Board unanimously voted to rewrite the ESSER ARP application to include an additional bathroom due to increased enrollment, a sanitizing dishwasher at Moscow in order to improve the disinfecting of utensils and trays, and replacement of the windows in the old shop to improve air quality.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT- The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra J MacArthur
Secretary to the Board