

**RSU 83/M.S.A.D. #13 BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY OCTOBER 10, 2023  
VALLEY JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL BINGHAM, MAINE  
6:00 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**-The meeting was called to order at 6:05 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, Britani Cabassa

**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 September 12, 2023 (CACFP Public hearing), September 12, 2023 (regular)

**V. PUBLIC INPUT**-None

**VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

- a) Moscow Principal's Report
- b) The play at Lakewood was a hit! We have a poinsettia fundraiser going on right now. The plants are beautiful. The PTO had a Fall Festival and sponsored a book fair at school.



- c) Valley Jr/Sr High School Report
- RREV Grant Spending:** Teachers are using the RREV grant to get some great new equipment for our outdoor education programming. They have purchased everything from drones for outdoor video footage to tools for the Doug Arno building. They are currently working on selecting canoes and trailer so our students can spend some class time on the water.
- Vaping Education:** A representative from Reddington Fairview will be coming on October 25<sup>th</sup> to train two of our teachers to offer a youth vaping prevention curriculum. Blaise Kandiko will be able to offer the curriculum as part of his health classes, and Jason Hartwell will be able to offer it to his sports and fitness students.
- d) **Baker Mountain Use:** Teachers have started taking advantage of our use agreement with Baker Mountain. Jason Hartwell brought two sports and fitness classes to Baker last week for a hike to the top of the mountain. We're excited to have students using the Baker property.
- e) Director of Special Services Report

October Child Count Data – No changes from last year

- 40 students with IEPs (District 22%; ME 20%; US 15%)
  - 1 out of district placement
  - 2 expelled students receiving online services.
  - 4 day treatment students need full day 1:1 support services
  - 1 day treatment student needs full day 2:1 support services
  - 3 other students need full day 1:1 support
- 8 students with 504 plans

October Special Education Staff Data

- 1 clinical counselor/day treatment clinician
- 6 special education teachers
  - (1) K-4 resource teacher
  - (1) 5-8 resource teacher
  - (1) 9-12 resource teacher
  - (3) Day treatment teachers (Have BHP qualifications needed to bill for day treatment services)
- 3 educational technicians
  - (1) K-4 ed tech II
  - (1) 5-8 ed tech I
  - (1) 9-12 ed tech III

MaineCare Billing Update – We are still facing issues with accessing the DHHS portal. Sandy and Marcy are working with the DOE to get this corrected.

f) Athletic Director's Report

Varsity and middle-school sports are currently underway. We have had a large participation amount for middle-school cross-country and Varsity Golf has just competed in the East/West League Championship game (results have not published). Valley High School will be having a homecoming Bonfire on 10/05/2023 from 7:00-9:00 with help from volunteers, coaches, and the boosters. On 10/06/2023 there will be night games for Varsity Girls and Boys. The times have changed due to sundown. The girls game will start at 6:30 and boys to follow. We will also have senior night in between games.

## **VII. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

## **VIII. GOOD NEWS**

- a) Electric bus-Should be on the road tomorrow once it is inspected
- b) MSMA walkthrough-Minor issues were addressed
- c) Gear-Up Grant-attached

## **IX. COMMUNICATIONS**

- a) Financial Statement-Moscow and Bingham are paid to date on assessments.
- b) Superintendent MacArthur's November schedule
- c) Enrollment update-Down 6 students from October 2022 (3-Moscow, 3-Valley)
- d) Thank you note from Boston Children's Hospital-Memory of Keel Hood

## **X. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT**

- a) Minimum wage going up to \$14.15 effective January 1, 2024
- b) Stage Lift-Now operational and inspected by State of Maine
- c) Changes to Chapter 117-Must code based on certification 075-School Counselor (Guidance) or correct per license for Social Workers. Licensed Clinical Social Worker, or Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors

**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)

- a) Negotiations committee-Schedule a meeting to discuss support staff salary scale on October 17, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

**XII. OLD BUSINESS**

- a) Upon a motion by Bonnie Atwood and second by Karin Stevens the Board unanimously voted to approve the second reading of policy JICK-E2-RSU/MSAD #13 Bullying Investigation and Response Form
- b) Upon a motion by Ann Ingersoll and second by Bonnie Atwood the Board unanimously voted to approve the second reading of policy JICK-E3-Bullying: Summary of Disciplinary and Remedial Actions
- c) Upon a motion by Brandy Hill and second by Ann Ingersoll the Board unanimously voted to approve the second reading of policy JIH-Questioning and Searches of Students
- d) Upon a motion by Janelle Ingersoll and second by Pauline Lagasse the Board unanimously voted to approve the second reading of policy JIH-R-Questioning and Searches of Students Administrative Procedure as amended.
- e) Upon a motion by Ann Ingersoll and second by Brandy Hill the Board unanimously voted to approve the second reading of policy JK-Student Discipline

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Upon a motion by Brandy Hill and second by Beverly Brown the Board unanimously voted to approve the Emergency Management Plan
- b) Upon a motion by Ann Ingersoll and second by Karin Stevens the Board unanimously voted to raise sub pay to \$14.50 (non-degree) and \$18.50 (4-year degree). Minimum wage is going up to \$14.15 effective January 1, 2024

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**-The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra J MacArthur  
Secretary to the Board