

**RSU 83/M.S.A.D. #13 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 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, Elizabeth Brochu, Bonnie Atwood, Beverly Brown, Brandy Hill, Brian Malloy, Pauline Lagasse, Karin Stevens, Ann Ingersoll, Janelle Ingersoll

Absent: None

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

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**-Conducted

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

Upon a motion by Bonnie Atwood and second by Pauline Lagasse the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of March 21, 2023 (CACFP Public Meeting), March 21, 2023 (regular meeting), March 23, 2023 (negotiations committee)

**V. PUBLIC INPUT**-None

**VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

a) Moscow Principal's Report

We made over \$8,000 on our recent fundraiser. The total goal is approximately \$75,000. Pleasant Ridge recently gave us \$500. The community has been very enthusiastic. On March 24th grades 1-4 went to the Piscataquis Ice Arena. The group had a wonderful time, and we hope to make this an annual trip. Grades 1-4 will be going to the planetarium at the University of Maine. We will be eating on campus, which is extremely exciting for our students.

b) Valley Jr/Sr High School Report

**Field Trips:** Recent trips to Moscow Maple and the ABC Craft Championship were successful.

We have a group of jr. high and high school students headed to the University of Maine's Advanced Structures and Composites Center on May 12 for the Windstorm Challenge. This challenge requires teams of students to develop a floating platform for a scale model wind turbine. Teams then present their platforms to a panel of judges, and the platforms are tested at UMaine's facility.

**Spring Events:**

Mr. Davis is the prom advisor this year and reports that the junior class is very engaged in planning and preparing. The prom is scheduled for May 12.

Mr. Kandiko is taking on the planning of Field Day for the junior high and high school. Field day will be at the end of May or early June, prior to graduation.

The athletic and academic awards banquets will be held separately this year. Academic awards will likely be the second or third week of May. Athletic awards are scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup>.

c) Director of Special Services Report

**ESEA update**

Preliminary FY 24 Allocations will be available on the DOE website Thursday, April 13 at noon.

The ESEA summer grant has not been approved yet, but I was asked to make minor budgetary adjustments, so I anticipate it is in the pipeline for approval.

**Special Education**

We are wrapping up the last of our evaluations for this school year.

I am preparing a district training for the start of the next school year to help our staff better understand the special education pre-referral, referral, and eligibility processes. In tandem, the administration team is collaborating to improve the pre-referral academic and behavior intervention processes in the district as this is a crucial part of the special education eligibility process.

d) Athletic Director's Report

**Varsity Baseball and Softball:**

Varsity teams have started practicing and will begin playing this month. Schedules will be attached to the report

**Middle-School Softball:**

Unfortunately, due to the lack of players, Valley will not be having a middle-school baseball team. We are still accepting applications for a coach for next year. Middle-School softball has started practicing and a schedule will be attached to the report.

**E-Sports:**

E-Sports played in their last regular season game against MDI and lost overall, winning 1 game out of 4 which put them in 11<sup>th</sup> place for the spring season. Derek Hussey would like to continue E-sports and hold practices until the end of the school year.

**Math Team:**

Valley Math Team participated in the East/West League and scored their highest scores of the season with a total of 5 students participating including 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Valley would like to continue offering a math team for next year.

**VII. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

- a) IX (f)-Thank you note
- b) IX (g)-Resignation and acceptance of

**VIII. GOOD NEWS**

- a) Updates to ED 279-General purpose aid and mill rate-In the latest update of the ED 279 general purpose aid went up \$60,176 and mill rate went from 7.10 to 6.97

**IX. COMMUNICATIONS**

- a) Financial Statement-Bingham current on monthly assessment. With the new interest rates, the AP account earned \$1,315.20 and the payroll account earned \$311.08 in interest for March.
- b) Superintendent MacArthur's May schedule
- c) Enrollment update-no change
- d) Valley Kitchen health inspection-Kitchen prep area is wooden and needs a new coat of epoxy.
- e) Maine Care application-Waiting for approval
- f) Thank you note from family of Carleton Barnes
- g) Resignation and acceptance of Margaret Jewell, secondary math teacher

**X. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT**

- a) Review and discussion of the draft 2023-2024 budget
- b) Budget Timeline
  - 1) April 25 Finance Committee meeting 1:00 p.m.
  - 2) May 11 Board Meeting-6:00 p.m. board approves the budget and signs the warrant
  - 3) May 30 District Budget Meeting-6:00 p.m.
  - 4) June 13 Budget Referendum Vote-1:00-7:00 p.m.
  - 5) June 15 Board Meeting-6:00 p.m.
- c) Student bathroom doors at Valley

**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 report

**XII. OLD BUSINESS**

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Upon a motion by Brandy Hill and second by Janelle Ingersoll the Board voted to approve the collective bargaining agreement with the Upper Kennebec Valley Education Association. The motion passed with all voting in favor except Bonnie Atwood who abstained.
- b) Upon a motion by Pauline Lagasse and second by Ann Ingersoll the Board unanimously voted to approve the following 2023 summer school position:
  - Amanda Schrader Ed. Tech I-Valley Jr/Sr High School
- c) Upon a motion by Brandy Hill and second by Pauline Lagasse the Board unanimously voted to approve the Day Treatment Clinical Coordinator job description
- d) Upon a motion by Pauline Lagasse and second by Janelle Ingersoll the Board unanimously voted to elect Leo Hill as Chairman, Bonnie Atwood as Vice Chairman, and to appoint the following committee members for 2023-24
  - 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
  - BLDGS/GROUNDS: Leo Hill, Bonnie Atwood, Ann Ingersoll, Beverly Brown
  - PERSONNEL: Leo Hill, Elizabeth Brochu, Brandy Hill
  - Alternate: Janelle Ingersoll
- e) Upon a motion by Pauline Lagasse and second by Bonnie Atwood the Board unanimously voted to approve the Recertification Steering Committee for 2023-2024 as follows:
  - Joy West
  - Rebecca York
  - Catherine Foran, Chair

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**-The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra J. MacArthur".

Sandra J MacArthur  
Secretary to the Board