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MSAD 28
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Thursday, June 15, 2017
7:00 p.m.
Camden-Rockport Middle School Cafeteria

Minutes

Board Present

Matt Dailey, Chair
Marcia Dietrich, Vice Chair
Lynda Chilton
Kristin Collins
Rebecca Flanagan
Pete Orne
Betsy Saltonstall
Faith Vautour

Others Present

Maria Libby, Superintendent
Gary Gonyar, Assistant Superintendent
Cathy Murphy, Business Manager
Valerie Mattes, Director of Special Student Services
Jaime Stone, CRMS Principal
Matthew Smith, CRMS Assistant Principal
Chris Walker-Spencer, CRES Principal
Shawna Kurr, CRES Assistant Principal
Various students, staff and members of the public

1. Call to Order

Board Chair Matt Dailey called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

- Add under Stipends: Jessica Odgren, CRMS Literary Magazine, 11 pts. 0%, \$799.92
- Correction under Stipends: CRES Leadership Team total amount of stipend is \$145.44
- Add under Finance: Request to reallocate funds to purchase Focal Point software
- Add item 21, Executive Session to consider a leave of absence

3. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

4. Recognition

CRMS Building Design Committee

- George Abendroth, Owen Casas, Lynda Chilton, Ellis Cohn, Kristin Collins, Marcia Dietrich, Will Gartley, Emily Lusher, Elizabeth Noble, Marc Ratner, Joe Russillo, Tyler Smith, John Scholz

CRMS Building PR Committee

- Diana Castle, Abe Dugal, Mackenzie Lyman, Wyatt McConnell, Kathleen Meil, Elizabeth Noble, Tyler Smith

The Board thanked the above individuals for their work on the CRMS project and congratulated all on a successful vote.

Departing School Board Members

- Kristin Collins, Camden, 3 Years
- Faith Vautour, Rockport, 3 Years

Matt Dailey thanked Kristin and Faith for their dedicated service on the Board.

Retirement Recognition

- Kathy Foss, CRMS Librarian, 30 Years
- Judy Laurence, School Psychologist, 31 Years
- Nancy Nelson, Ed Tech, 21 Years

The Board recognized the above retirees for their years of service to the district.

Student Recognition

- CRES Student Recognition
- CRMS Student Recognition

The principals awarded certificates of achievement to CRES and CRMS students. The Board took a brief break for all to celebrate and enjoy cake.

5. Notification of Resignations

None

6. Minutes

- a. Accept the Minutes of the May 18, 2017 Regular Meeting
- b. Accept the Minutes of the May 23, 2017 Budget Approval Meeting

Upon motion by Faith Vautour and second by Betsy Saltonstall, the Board voted to approve the above minutes as written.

Vote: 8 – 0 Passed

7. Nominations (note Executive Sessions are possible for nominations):

a. Nominations:

- Alex Amoroso, School Psychologist, \$65,000

Upon motion by Faith Vautour and second by Lynda Chilton, the Board voted to approve the above nomination.

Vote: 8 – 0 Passed

b. Stipend Nominations:

POSITIONS	NAME	POINTS	BONUS	AMOUNT
CRES School Leadership Team	Morin, Calvin	2	0%	\$145.44
CRES School Leadership Team	Fitzpatrick, Meghan	2	0%	\$145.44
CRES Student Council	Kennedy, Amber	16	0%	\$1,163.52
CRES Team Leader (Gr 1)	Pierce, Lynda	12	0%	\$872.64
CRES Team Leader (Gr 2)	Chadwick, Shelby	12	0%	\$872.64
CRES Team Leader (Gr 3)	Davis, Susan	12	0%	\$872.64
CRES Team Leader (Intervention)	Fornili-Gaulin, Christine	12	0%	\$872.64
CRES Team Leader (K)	Wickenden, Kim	12	20%	\$1,047.17
CRES Team Leader (Multiage)	Sady, Megan	12	0%	\$872.64
CRES Team Leader (Special Ed co-)	Miller, Tara	6	0%	\$436.32
CRES Team Leader (Special Ed co-)	Cloutier, Leanna	6	0%	\$436.32
CRES Team Leader (Specials)	Dowley, Susan	12	0%	\$872.64
CRES Team Leader, Gr 4)	Wass, Kelly	12	0%	\$872.64
CRMS Afterschool Art	Anderson, Kristin	18	20%	\$1,570.75
CRMS Dept Head Exel-Team Ldr	Burwell, Sue	11	20%	\$959.90
CRMS Dept Head Language Arts	Friesland, Trish	12	20%	\$1,047.17
CRMS Dept Head Math	Hichey, Tammy	11	0%	\$799.92
CRMS Dept Head Science	Dietter, John	10	0%	\$727.20
CRMS Dept Head Social Studies	Norwood, Marsha	11	0%	\$799.92
CRMS Dept Head Sp Ed	Fancy, Carla	11	0%	\$799.92
CRMS Horizons LA Screen	Friesland, Trish	11	20%	\$959.90
CRMS Horizons Math Screen	Hilchey, Tammy	8	0%	\$581.76
CRMS Japan Hosting Coordinator	Cooke, Ben	20	0%	\$1,454.40
CRMS Literary Magazine	Odgren, Jessica	11	0%	\$799.92
CRMS Musical Assistant	Ouellette, Craig	20	0%	\$1,454.40
CRMS Musical Tech Director	Colvin, Erma	16	15%	\$1,338.05
CRMS School Leadership Team	Anderson, Allysa	2	20%	\$174.53
CRMS School Leadership Team	Young, Christina	2	15%	\$167.26
CRMS School Leadership Team	Libby, Amy	2	0%	\$145.44
CRMS School Leadership Team	McKenzie, Ian	2	0%	\$145.44
CRMS School Leadership Team	Young, Tanya	2	0%	\$145.44
CRMS Team Leader (Gr 5)	Campagnoli, Fern	14	20%	\$1,221.70
CRMS Team Leader (Gr 6)	Reigler, Cassandra	14	0%	\$1,018.08
CRMS Team Leader (Gr 7)	Zwecker, Sam	14	15%	\$1,170.79
CRMS Team Leader (Gr 8)	Toothaker, Joshua	16	0%	\$1,163.52
Ed Tech Authorization Chair	Merriam, Holly	11	0%	\$799.92

Upon motion by Marcia Dietrich and second by Betsy Saltonstall the Board voted to approve the above stipend nominations.

Vote: 8 – 0 Passed

8. Discussion of MET Building Future

Matt Dailey outlined the history of the Board's consideration of the MET Building as part of the new CRMS project:

- Renovation of the MET Building was part of the CRMS project that was rejected by voters in 2015.
- Focus groups indicated that voters felt they did not have enough information on the project to pass it. Feedback indicated also that voters believed the \$28 million project cost was excessive. Given that MET was \$3.4 million of that cost, that cost likely contributed to the failure of the vote.
- The new Building Vision Committee that convened in 2016 included town select board members and a wide cross section of the community.
- Numerous community feedback sessions and public forums were held to ensure that the communities' input was incorporated into the project that was put forth to voters in 2017.
- Feedback indicated that the majority of community members did not have strong feelings about preserving the MET building.
- The Superintendent wrote a letter to the town of Camden regarding its potential interest in preserving the building if it were not incorporated into the new CRMS design. The select board advised the Building Design Committee to do what was best for the project, and did not express interest in taking over the MET building. (See February 2, 2016 Camden Select Board minutes).
- The MSAD 28 School Board discussed the MET building in numerous public meetings over the course of 2016. In December 2016 the Board "voted to pursue a design for the CRMS project that does not include the MET building but, if practicable, incorporates salvaged components of the building in the design." This decision was covered in the local media.
- In May 2017 the Board agreed to revisit the MET building decision in response to some community members that expressed concerns.
- Legally, because of the wording of the referendum that passed June 13, another vote would be required to approve the decision to not demolish the MET Building.

Community members Erik Kangas, Robin McIntosh, Allison McKeller and Jasmine Pike spoke in support of preserving the MET Building. Their opinions included:

- The building has historical significance and has special meaning for many of the adults that attended school there.
- It is irresponsible environmentally and historically to demolish the building.

- The Town of Camden did not act with due diligence in exploring options for the building.
- Some people who voted yes for the project did so thinking the MET building would not necessarily be demolished, and they would feel misled if there is no consideration for saving it.
- There are many possibilities to find the \$3-4 million to renovate the building, including:
 - Tax incentives for private developers
 - A capital campaign
 - Another referendum put to taxpayers to renovate the building

Additional Board discussion noted:

- After demolition of the rest of the campus, the MET Building could not stand on its own. It would have no heat, water or electricity. It could take \$1 million to “keep it from rotting.”
- The rumor that it would cost more to demolish the building rather than renovate it is false. Cost of demolition is approximately \$200,000, vs. \$3-4 million to renovate for school use.
- The location of the new CRMS would have to be moved by approximately 30 feet to make room for MET. The concept design of the new school would have to be changed substantially if that building is left standing.
- Maintaining control of who/what is in the building is important to the Board.
- Plans of private investors/developers/potential tenants don’t always come to fruition, or happen in a timely manner. The history the Tannery property illustrates this point.
- The Board discussion at this meeting, including listening to the opinions of the citizens who attended, is a reflection of the Board’s decision to reconsider possibilities for MET.

Board and community members agreed that additional discussion is needed. The Board will hold a special meeting or workshop on this issue later in the summer.

9. Consideration and Possible Approval of a Club Proposal – Destination Imagination
Upon motion by Kristin Collins and second by Betsy Saltonstall, the Board voted to approve the request for club status for Destination Imagination effective fall 2017.

Vote: 8 – 0 Passed

10. Approval of the 2017-2020 Megunticook Educational Support Association Contract
(Executive Session Possible)

Upon motion by Faith Vautour and second by Kristin Collins, the Board voted to approve the 2017-2020 Megunticook Educational Support Association Contract.

Vote: 8 – 0 Passed

11. Approval of the 2017-2020 Megunticook Bus Driver/Food Services/Custodian Association Contract (Executive Session Possible)

Upon motion by Faith Vautour and second by Betsy Saltonstall, the Board voted to approve the 2017-2020 Megunticook Bus Driver/Food Services/Custodian Association Contract.

Vote: 8 – 0 Passed

12. Approval of the Computation and Declaration of Votes – CRMS Construction Project

Upon motion by Betsy Saltonstall and second by Marcia Dietrich, the Board VOTED: that the Computation and Declaration of Votes dated June 15, 2017 and attached hereto be approved.

FURTHER VOTED: That the Computation and Declaration of Votes be entered upon the records of Maine School Administrative District No. 28.

FURTHER VOTED: That a certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes be sent to each of the Municipal Clerks within the District.

Vote: 8 – 0 Passed

13. Approval of the Computation and Declaration of Votes – Budget Validation

Upon motion by Matt Dailey and second by Marcia Dietrich, the Board VOTED: that the Computation and Declaration of Votes dated June 15, 2017 and attached hereto be approved.

FURTHER VOTED: That the Computation and Declaration of Votes be entered upon the records of Maine School Administrative District No. 28.

FURTHER VOTED: That a certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes be sent to each of the Municipal Clerks within the District.

Vote: 8 – 0 Passed

14. School Board Chair's Report – Matt Dailey

Matt thanked everyone who worked so hard on the Middle Matters campaign to help pass the construction bond referendum.

15. Superintendent's Report

No report.

16. Administrative Reports

- a. Gary Gonyar, Assistant Superintendent

Gary provided a written report to the Board regarding the award of Title I and Title II Funds for 2017-2018 School Year. For more information and/or to receive a copy of the report contact Gary at gary.gonyar@fivetowns.net.

- b. Jaime Stone, CRMS Principal – Written report attached. Additionally, Jaime invited the Board to attend the 8th Grade promotion ceremony on Tuesday, June 20 at 9 a.m.
- c. Chris Walker-Spencer, CRES Principal – Written report attached. Chris also called the Board's attention to the YMCA fliers for before care and after care that were included in his report, noting that this service is available to families who may need it as a result of the change in school start time.
- d. Valerie Mattes, Director of Student Special Services
Valerie reported that she has received notice of local entitlement allocations for 2017-2018 and noted that they are about the same as last year.
- e. Cathy Murphy, Business Manager – Written report attached. Cathy's report included background information on the items requested under Finance.

17. Standing Committee Reports

a. Finance

- i. Request to use unexpended funds from the CRES construction project and unexpended funds from the current fiscal year to purchase basketball hoops

Upon motion by Faith Vautour and second by Marcia Dietrich the Board approved the request use unexpended funds from the CRES construction project and unexpended funds from the current fiscal year to purchase basketball hoops for CRES.

Vote: 7 – 0 – 1 (Flanagan abstained)

- ii. CRMS request to use unexpended funds from current fiscal year for unbudgeted items – video equipment

Upon motion by Faith Vautour and second by Kristin Collins the Board voted to approve the request to purchase video equipment using unexpended funds from the current fiscal year.

Vote: 7-0-1 (Orne abstained)

- iii. CRES request to use unexpended funds from current fiscal year unbudgeted items - photocopier

Upon motion by Lynda Chilton and second by Betsy Saltonstall the Board voted to approve the request to purchase a photocopier for CRES using unexpended funds from the current fiscal year.

Vote: 8 – 0 Passed

- iv. Request to use unexpended funds from current fiscal year to purchase Focal Point software

Upon motion by Faith Vautour and second by Kristin Collins the Board voted to approve the request to purchase Focal Point software using unexpended funds from the current fiscal year.

Vote: 8 – 0 Passed

b. Personnel/Negotiations – will meet June 21 from 4-5 p.m.

c. Policy

i. Approval of the CRES Student Handbook

ii. Approval of the CRMS Student Handbook

Upon motion by Marcia Dietrich and second by Faith Vautour, the Board voted to approve the CRMS and CRES Student Handbooks.

Vote: 8 – 0 Passed

Second Readings

EBCF – Automated External Defibrillators

GBGD-R – Workers' Compensation Procedures

IJND - District Web Site

Upon motion by Marcia Dietrich and second by Faith Vautour, the Board voted to approve the above policies.

Vote: 8 – 0 Passed

18. Next Meetings

- June 21, 5 p.m. - Board organizational meeting to elect officers and appoint CSD members
- June 21, 5:30 p.m. – CRMS Project Workshop

19. Future Agenda Items

None noted.

20. Executive Session to Consider an Unpaid Leave of Absence – 1 MRSA §405(6)A

Upon motion by Faith Vautour and second by Marcia Dietrich, the Board voted to enter an Executive Session to discuss an unpaid leave of absence.

Vote: 8 – 0 Passed

In: 9:35 p.m.

Out: 9:41 p.m.

Upon motion by Faith Vautour and second by Kristin Collins the Board voted to approve an unpaid leave of absence for CRES teacher Deborah Gould for the 2017-2018 School Year.

Vote: 8 – 0 Passed

21. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.