

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 52

Greene, Leeds, and Turner, Maine

Minutes of the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors for 2016-2017

March 30, 2017

Greene Central School

Members present: Elizabeth Bullard, Chairperson; Robert Allen; Peter Ricker, Pamela Sirois, JoAnn Nickerson; Jon Woodard; Yuri Kowalski; Richard Gross

Members absent: Carlos Gnipp

Others Present: Kimberly Brandt, Superintendent of School; Thomas Ambrose, Assistant Superintendent; Del Peavey, Director of Special Education; Eben Shaw, Leavitt Area High School Principal; Gail Marine, Tripp Middle School Principal; Kelly Marston, Turner Elementary School Principal; Theresa Gillis, Turner Primary School Principal; Mark McDonough, Greene Central School Principal; Danielle Harris, Leeds Central School Principal; Karen Potvin, Technology Education Coordinator; Razell Ward, Adult Education Director; David Roberts, Food Services Director; District Citizens; District Employees

1. Chairperson Elizabeth Bullard called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Robert Allen.
2. Approved the minutes for the Thirteenth Regular Meeting – March 16, 2017.
3. Communications:
 - 3.1 Superintendent Brandt reported the resignation of Jolene Perry, teacher at Leeds Central School, effective end of the 2016-17 school year.
4. Budget Work Session
 - 4.1 Work Session on the 2017-18 budget
 - 4.1.1 Superintendent Brandt gave an overview of the budget process to date. She also talked about the ED279 and the proposed changes in the budget. She said that the administrative team worked hard to analyze the budget to make proposals that will help to minimize the impact of the suggested cuts on students. She talked about the Pre-K mandate and the support the district received from the state so that we are requesting 2 rather than 4 Pre-K .8 ed tech positions for next year. Superintendent Brandt reviewed the suggested cuts proposed by the administrative team at the last board meeting. She noted that there are some additional cuts due to two retirements and the cuts to the Pre-K ed techs. The additional cuts total about \$79,000. Superintendent Brandt answered questions that were emailed to her by the board. Chair Bullard talked about the process and transparency and the fact that the board requested suggested cuts to lessen the impact on our communities' taxes. She said that from a process standpoint there needs to be a motion, a second, and a vote to move items to the revisit list. Chair Bullard talked about the adjustment of warrant article 6 and noted that the board will discuss that article in the line by line review.
 - 4.1.2 The board reviewed the budget line by line and asked a variety of questions.

A motion was made by Richard Gross, seconded by Pam Sirois that the Greene Central School classroom teacher position not be eliminated.

Mr. Ricker noted that he had concerns about adding one back into Greene but not at Turner. He noted that there is a contingency fund if the numbers increase.

Mr. Gross withdrew his motion, Mrs. Sirois agreed to withdraw her second.

A motion was made by Richard Gross, seconded by Pam Sirois that the three classroom teacher positions (one from Leeds, one from Greene and one from Turner Elementary School) be returned to the budget.

Mr. Kowalski asked what the class sizes would be if the teachers were added back into the budget. Superintendent Brandt and principals replied that the average class size would be 18.

Mr. Ricker asked to remove the additional contingency as well as adding the three teaching positions.

Mr. Gross amended his motion to say that that the three classroom teacher positions (one from Leeds, one from Greene and one from Turner Elementary School) be returned to the budget and that the money requested for an additional teacher contingency also be cut.

Mrs. Brandt explained that the plan is to restructure the Turner Elementary School intervention teaching position into a classroom teaching position. If it is cut it will have the same impact as cutting the teachers from Greene and Leeds.

Motion Voted 7 Yes (Bullard, Allen, Woodard, Gross, Nickerson, Ricker, Sirois,) and 1 No (Kowalski) to return the three classroom teacher positions (one from Leeds, one from Greene and one from Turner Elementary School) to the budget and cut the additional requested contingency position.

A motion was made by Peter Ricker, seconded by Bob Allen and voted 7 Yes (Bullard, Kowalski, Woodard, Allen, Nickerson, Ricker, Sirois,) and 1 Abstain (Gross) to add Ukuleles to the revisit list.

A motion was made by Bob Allen, seconded by Peter Ricker and voted 7 Yes (Bullard, Kowalski, Woodard, Allen, Nickerson, Ricker, Sirois,) and 1 No (Gross) to add iXL Software to the revisit list.

A motion was made by Jon Woodard, seconded by Richard Gross to place the Leavitt Area High School Special Education teaching position back in to the budget.

Chair Bullard asked about the student caseloads. Mr. Peavey noted the following:

Resource Room Teacher to Caseload Ratios

LAHS 10:1
TMS 19.6:1

LCS 15.5:1
GCS 17.5:1
TPS 20:1
TES 19:1

LAHS will move to 15.5:1 ratio with the reduction including the new students in eighth grade.

Mr. Woodard asked if there is an extra challenge with the way the work happens at the high school.

Mr. Shaw said that yes, they do work with the students.

Motion Voted 3 Yes (Woodard, Gross, Sirois) and 5 No (Bullard, Kowalski, Allen, Nickerson, Ricker) to place the Leavitt Area High School Special Education teaching position back in to the budget. Motion Failed.

A motion was made by Joanne Nickerson, seconded by Pam Sirois and voted 5 Yes (Bullard, Kowalski, Woodard, Nickerson, Sirois,) and 3 No (Gross, Allen, Ricker) to add the restructuring of the technology department to the revisit list.

A motion was made by Bob Allen, seconded by Peter Rick and voted 7 Yes (Bullard, Kowalski, Woodard, Nickerson, Sirois, Allen, Ricker) and 1 Abstain (Gross) to reduce the school board supply line by \$1,000.

4.2 Next Budget Work Session – April 6, 2017 at Leeds Central School at 6:00 P.M.

5. Adjustments to Agenda: None

6. Committee Reports:

- 6.1 Finance Committee- Jon Woodard reported that the committee met this evening. They signed warrants and looked at the financials for Feb. Beginning of the discussion of Warrant Article 22.
- 6.2 Plant/Transportation/Building Committee - Peter Ricker reported they have not met.
- 6.3 Curriculum/Policy Committee – JoAnn Nickerson reported that the committee met this evening. They discussed policies regarding student member of the school board, weighted class ranks and private school students – access to public school co-curricular, interscholastic and extra-curricular activities.
- 6.4 Student Representatives Report – Madeline Hanscom, Chole Veilleux, Saige Arseneault - no report
- 6.5 Tri-Town Education Association Negotiations (Teacher) – Jon Woodard reported there will be an executive session this evening
- 6.6 Administration Work Agreements – Peter Ricker reported there will be an executive session this evening
- 6.7 Administrator Report – Administrators shared some great things happening at their schools.

6.8 Superintendent's Report – Kimberly Brandt congratulated Mr. McDonough for attaining his doctorate and she acknowledged Turner Elementary School for their very successful Literacy Night and for receiving a donation from Rowe toward technology. Nadia Rioux, also from Turner Elementary School, is working with the Turner Public Library to secure the opportunity for Turner Elementary School students to take a tour of the planets in a planetarium dome of the solar system. Dr. Robert Hasson is now our Commissioner of Education.

7. Public Comment: None

8. Old Business: None

9. Consent Agenda: None

10. New Business:

10.1 A motion was made by Yuri Kowalksi, seconded by Peter Ricker and voted unanimously by those in attendance to approve an out-of-state field trip to the Boston Museum of Science for Leeds Central School sixth grade classes

10.2 A motion was made by Richard Gross, seconded by Peter Ricker and voted unanimously by those in attendance to approve a potential out-of-state trip to Michigan to attend Odyssey of the Mind Worlds competition for Turner Elementary students and a Leeds Central School student

Mr. Ricker noted that he assumed there will be more oversight due to the age of the students.

10.3 A motion was made by Peter Ricker, seconded by Richard Gross and voted unanimously by those in attendance to approve an of out-of- state field trip to the Boston Museum of Art for Leavitt Area High School's French and Latin students

10.4 A motion was made by Peter Ricker, seconded by Richard Gross and voted unanimously by those in attendance to approve a potential fundraiser for the Odyssey of the Mind students at Turner Elementary School and Leeds Central School

10.5 A motion was made by Peter Ricker, seconded by Richard Gross and voted unanimously by those present to approve the Second Reading and Adoption of Policy JHB: MSAD 52 Truancy Policy.

10.6 A motion was made by Yuri Kowalski, seconded by Peter Ricker and voted unanimously by those in attendance to approve the Second Reading and Adoption of Policy JEA: MSAD 52 Compulsory School Attendance

10.7 A motion was made by Peter Ricker, seconded by Richard Gross and voted unanimously by those in attendance to approve the Second Reading and Adoption of Policy IHDA: Adult Education and Regulations IHDA-R: MSAD 52 Adult Education Administrative Procedures

10.8 A motion was made by Yuri Kowalski, seconded by Peter Ricker and voted unanimously by those in attendance to approve the First Reading and Acceptance of Policy JJID: MSAD 52 Student Physicals for School Athletics

10.9 Report the completion of probationary employees:

TMS	Stephanie Nolin	Food Service Assistant	3-24-17
GCS	Paula Pratt	Special Education DTP Ed Tech III	3-24-17
LAHS	Julie Wright	Food Service Assistant	3-27-17

A motion was made by Jon Woodard, seconded by Peter Ricker and voted unanimously by those in attendance to extend the time of the meeting past 10:00 PM.

Hearing no objections, Chairperson Bullard moved to Agenda Item 11.

11. Other Business: None

Hearing no objections, Chairperson Bullard returned to Agenda Item 10.10

10.10 A motion was made by Richard Gross, seconded by Peter Ricker and voted unanimously by those in attendance to enter into an Executive Session for discussion of arbitration decision pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (A)

Time in: 10:00 PM
Time out: 10:04 PM

10.11 Action as warranted – None

10.12 A motion was made by Robert Allen, seconded by Peter Ricker and voted unanimously by those in attendance to enter into an Executive Session for discussion of Tri-Town Education Association Teachers (TTEA) contract pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6) (D)

Time in 10:05 PM
Time Out 10:26 PM

10.13 Action as warranted – None

10.14 A motion was made by Robert Allen, seconded by Richard Gross and voted unanimously by those in attendance to enter into an Executive Session to discuss Administrators work agreement pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6) (D)

Time in 10:27
Time out 10:43

10.15 Action as warranted - None

10.16 Other - None

12. A motion was made by Robert Allen, seconded by Peter Ricker and voted unanimously by those in attendance to adjourn at 10:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Brandt, Secretary