

# MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT No. 52

Greene, Leeds, and Turner, Maine

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Minutes of the Eighteenth Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors for 2013-2014

June 5, 2014 6:30 P.M. Greene Central School

Members present: Elizabeth Bullard; Peter Ricker; Robert Allen; Diana Morgan; Yuri Kowalski; Richard Gross; JoAnn Nickerson; Jon Woodard; Eric Milliken

Members absent: None

Others Present: Henry Aliberti, Superintendent of Schools; Becky Foley, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Deborah Alden, Special Education Director; Deborah Roberts, Business Manager; Gail Marine, Tripp Middle School Principal; Cynthia Alexander, Turner Elementary School Principal; Theresa Gillis, Turner Primary School Principal; Danielle Harris, Leeds Central School Principal; Glen Reynolds, Facilities/ Transportation Director; Ryan Holmes, Leavitt Area High School Athletic Director; District Citizens; District Employees

1. Chairperson Elizabeth Bullard called the meeting to order at 6:56 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by JoAnn Nickerson.
2. The Seventeenth Regular Meeting Minutes, May 29, 2014 will be acted upon on June 19, 2014.
3. Communications:
  - 3.1 Superintendent Aliberti reported the transfer of Lori Russell from Special Education Ed Tech III Functional Life Skills Program to Special Education Ed Tech III at Turner Primary School, effective beginning of 2014-15 school year.
  - 3.2 Superintendent Aliberti read a thank you letter for the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society in memory of Tracy Weston's mother.
4. Adjustments to Agenda:
  9. New Business
    - 9.2 Technology update presentation
5. Committee Reports:
  - 5.1 Finance Committee: Jon Woodard reported the committee has not met.
  - 5.2 Plant/Transportation/Building Committee: Peter Ricker reported the committee has not met, but the energy audit is going well. He asked when the weekly updates would begin around the audit. Business Manager Deb Roberts will follow-up with this.

5.3 Curriculum/Policy Committee: JoAnn Nickerson reported the committee had met and discussed a policy of class size and it will go to the Board for full discussion. Policy JCA: K-6 Assignment of Students to School will be revised to add the optimal size for Pre-Kindergarten. The committee also discussed buses going out of the District for daycare. This discussion will continue at the next Curriculum/Policy meeting.

5.4 Student Representative's Report: Greene Central School student, Dominic Moore, reported that Mrs. Flick's sixth grade class has completed science projects on the ocean. The class is currently studying space. Megan Goddard, who is also a sixth grade student, shared how she loves learning about other galaxies that exist in the universe.

5.5 Administrator's Report: Superintendent Aliberti reported out on Adult Education due to the Adult Education Director not being able to attend the meeting. He distributed to the Board a handout, which included facts about the most recent graduation: 35 students completed their GED and there were 14 Certified Nurse's Aide graduates. Six graduates were ELL students, with English being their second language. Eleven graduates were inducted into the National Honor Society. Graduate ages ranged from 18 to 60. Two graduates are going on to college. One student was recently hired for a custodial vacancy in the District. A copy of the speech by Yohanan Svitavsky was distributed to Board members.

5.6 Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Aliberti Dr. Aliberti reminded the Board that there would be a technology presentation later in the evening. High school graduation will be Sunday, June 8, 2014 at 3:00 P.M. at the Colisee in Lewiston. The three communities have been in contact with how they want the additional money distributed to them. The next Board meeting will be June 19<sup>th</sup> and the schools' report cards will be discussed.

## 6. Public Comment:

6.1 Ryan Cloutier requested that his twin daughters be allowed to attend Turner Primary School due to where his daycare provider is located. Dr. Aliberti said the family resides in Leeds, and is requesting that the daughters go to Turner Primary. Dr. Aliberti has denied the request to be consistent with previous decisions surrounding requests for going to an alternative school for daycare reasons. Board member JoAnn Nickerson said that daycare is becoming a huge issue and that this warrants a discussion among the Board. Dr. Aliberti noted that he is receiving more requests such as this one. The Board decided to have a discussion at a future board meeting about daycare.

## 7. Old Business – None.

## 8. Consent Agenda – None.

## 9. New Business:

9.1 A motion was made by Peter Ricker, seconded by Robert Allen and voted unanimously by those present to approve Second Reading and Adoption of

revised Policy JJJ: Extra/Co-Curricular Academic Eligibility and Regulations JJJ-R.

9.2 Technology Education Coordinator Karen Potvin, along with several staff members, gave a technology presentation showing how technology is being utilized in the classroom. Greene Central School sixth grade teacher Nancy Flick, along with students Megan Goddard and Dominic Moore, assisted with the presentation. The students shared their recently made slide shows. Dominic's project focused on comets and Megan did her report on the sun. Greene Central School second grade teacher Tim Thompson shared how the document camera is enhancing his writing instruction. He teaches writing for 51second graders. He can post his teaching points, share and revise his own writing in real time, and have other students share their writing. Greene Central School fourth grade teacher Marie Fowler shared how technology integrates with her reading instruction, elevating the level of comprehension, and how she is able to integrate with social studies and science. A video by Mary Learned was shared, highlighting CNN News, and E-backpack. Tripp Middle School technology teacher Connie Maloney showed how the Apple TV works. She also shared the following apps and how they work: Tellagami, Storyboard, Thinglink, iMotion, Aurasma, ColarMix, IXL, and Word it Out. A video by Leavitt Area High School technology teacher Suzanne Boutot provided the Board with a sense of how she is utilizing technology. A handout was provided to the Board to access her website. Adult Education instructor Brian Brito shared how Schoology is being utilized. He also showed the benefit of using electronic files and other ways to provide formative feedback to students.

10. Other Business:

10.1 Superintendent Aliberti was asked a question about a recent letter that was sent to the Board. Superintendent Aliberti noted that the student is being allowed to wear the military sash during the graduation ceremony.

11. A motion was made by Diana Morgan, seconded by Peter Ricker and voted unanimously by those present to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Henry Aliberti, Secretary