

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT No. 52

Greene, Leeds, and Turner, Maine

Minutes of the First Special Meeting of the Board of Directors for 2017-2018 (Board Retreat)

August 24, 2017

Central Office Conference Room

Members present: Elizabeth Bullard, Chairperson; Robert Allen; JoAnn Nickerson; Yuri Kowalski; Jon Woodard; Carlos Gnipp; Pamela Sirois

Members absent: Richard Gross; Peter Ricker

Others Present: Kimberly Brandt, Superintendent of Schools

1. Chairperson Elizabeth Bullard called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
2. Board Work Session:
 - 2.1 Board members discussed the superintendent's proposed process, timeline and goals for the strategic planning work. Board feedback included:
 - a. Take the time needed to do this work thoughtfully and well.
 - b. The Board agrees with involving all stakeholder groups:
 - i. MSAD 52 Employees
 - ii. Board members
 - iii. Parents
 - iv. Community members
 - v. Students
 - c. Work will begin with a study of our current Mission & Vision, which was adopted in 2006.
 - d. The Board agrees that a Frequently Asked Questions document will support understanding the work.
 - e. Small work groups will be formed this fall to begin looking at focus areas.
 - f. A Strategic Planning Committee including members from all stakeholder groups will be formed by January.
 - g. We will monitor progress this year and review the strategic plan annually.
 - 2.2 Board members recognize that very good work is happening in the District and they discussed opportunities to clarify and refine the work we are doing through the strategic planning process.
 - 2.3 What does an MSAD 52 diploma mean in terms of the knowledge and skills students will have?
 - 2.4 Are we challenging and supporting all students for success?

- 2.4.1 Multiple pathways: Whether planning on college, vocational/trade and career planning for work after high school
- 2.4.2 Student needs: Whether regular education, special education or gifted and talented education
- 2.4.3 Opportunities for hands-on learning and real world application
- 2.4.4 Getting students to proficiency in all 8 content areas and support systems when students don't meet standards

3. The superintendent will share the status of the strategic planning work at Board meetings.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberly Brandt". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Kimberly Brandt, Secretary