

VII. Superintendent's Report.

- A) The Girls' Volleyball team defeated Presque Isle which is a first and won the County Championship. The Boys' Volleyball team was not as fortunate but they did have some close games. Dean Gendreau helped coach the Boys' Volleyball team since the Boys' were playing in Caribou and the Girls' were with Coach Tom Gerard playing in Presque Isle.
- B) The Cross Country Girls' Ski team were the runner up for the county among 7 teams and place 3rd at the State level. The Boys' Cross Country team had skiers who came in 3rd & 4th place for the county and they placed 10th for the State. The Middle School skiers also did very well, 5th grade and up the future is looking good.
- C) We have a bus monitor, Allen Branscombe, who volunteers for us at times for behavioral issues or when we need another set of eyes. Mr. Branscombe has also helped us when we were doing work with the new bus stops.
- D) At the end of the month we should be hearing what the maximum amount will be for Health Insurance rates for 2017-18 and shortly after that we should be getting the rate for Madawaska. There is a potential that the maximum rate could be as high as 12%.
- E) Superintendent Dionne attended a meeting with the Town Selectmen to ask them to put a request for a bus on the town warrant which they agreed to. The June Town Meeting Warrant will include an article to support the purchase of a school bus using the additional \$110,000 raised for the school budget which was collected for tax purposes and thereafter the school budget was cut by \$110,000 at the March Town Meeting.
- F) Early Childhood registration will be held on Monday, March 27th.

VIII. Administrator Reports:

A) Wayne Anderson

- a. Parent conference was held last week and that went well.
- b. SHMOOP – This is a Positive Behavior Intervention System to work with the students having some behavioral issues to learn such things as but not limited to respect, responsibility etc.... This is an online course that the students will take and will be monitored by Mr. Anderson.
- c. The Girls' Basketball team, when they made it to Bangor for the tournament game were observed along with their coach by 5 key individuals placed around the court to observe how athletes performed and interacted with other athletes, coaches, referees etc....The max score is 45 and the coach and the girls' received a 44.2, awesome.
- d. Growth plans are about 98% complete. SLO's are due at the end of next week. PPEG, Observations, etc. are in place.

- e. Evacuation that we had a couple of weeks ago went really well, whatever was supposed to happen did happen.

B) Stacey Cyr

- a. Currently have 8 students working toward their diploma with 6 who have a very good possibility of finishing this year.
- b. AEFLA Grant is a Federal grant that we have. Stacey will be completing a continuation for the AEFLA grant which helps to cover costs such as instruction and text books.
- c. Consortium of Adult Educators of Aroostook County presented to the Superintendents' of the county to explain what Adult Ed means to people.

C) Vincent Vanier

- a. They have been working on getting out the progress reports, trimester grades as well as other reports.
- b. Empower Me will be a new State mandated testing for grades 3-8. This is the 3rd year in a row the State changes the testing.

D) Lise Pelletier

- a. The 2nd trimester ended, report cards were printed and ready. There was over 85% of parents showed up for the parent/teacher conference which does not included others who had to meet on another day.
- b. Report card included Master Connect for some of the subjects.
- c. EC registration will take place on Monday, so far we have nine appointments scheduled.
- d. This month we have 2 new Kindergarten students registered.
- e. We will be looking at the State "Empower Me" testing in the next few weeks.

IX. Committee Reports

- A) The Strategic Committee is working on setting up dates to meet in towns. Report will hopefully be ready by the end of May-June 2017. The Madawaska meeting will be held on April 5, 2017.

X. Items of Business:
Old Business

- A) Enrollment Update as of today is at 445. Last month we were at 446. (see handout)
- B) Transportation Update.

There is \$99,000 in our ED279, if we don't get two buses we will not get this money from the State.

When our bus drivers are dropping young students off at home the bus driver has to visually see an adult at the home. Bus drivers have been instructed to take the

student back to the school if no adult is present to receive the child. Once at school staff will contact the responsibility party to go get the student at the school. Likewise in the morning students need to be ready to take the bus. The bus driver can't have the bus stopped in the road for 2-3 minutes waiting for a student. We have been working to inform parents of the importance of having students ready in the morning and having someone available at home in the afternoon.

Bus stops have been working well in general. There are some behavioral issues on the bus at times and when necessary we have asked our volunteer to assist.

New Business:

A) Worker's Compensation Update. The 2016-17 Worker's Comp mod rate was estimated at 1.92 but it will actually be upwards of 2.57. This will result in an increase of several thousand for 2016-17.

B) 2017-18 Calendar.

Drafts of the 2017-18 School Calendars were presented for approval. There will be 176 student days and 182 teacher days, (1 day is a floater). This school calendar mirrors Fort Kent and St. Agatha.

Tammy Cote moved to accept the school calendars for 2017-18. Seconded by Keith Theriault and so passed 5-0-0.

C) Employee Resignation.

LeeAnne Ouellette has submitted her letter of resignation effective March 22, 2017 which was shared publically. Tammy Cote moved to accept LeeAnne's resignation. Seconded by Keith Theriault and so passed 5-0-0.

Employee retirement.

Lorette Albert will retire after 46 years of service. David Morneault moved to accept Ms. Albert's letter of resignation. Seconded by Robert Poiesz and so passed 5-0-0. Ms. Albert will be recognized and celebrated.

D) Report on Special Education

See report by Diane Castonguay.

Although general enrollment is down, the SPED enrollment is up as shown on report. This year we are at 21% of students who fall under the Special Education program at the middle/high school. The percentage of special education students is higher at the elementary school, (25%).

State level has also been increasing due to better identifying special needs, physicians are referring more. The degree of need is much greater. Autism more present. We have excellent providers: SP, OT PT and excellent teachers.

On April 26th the State will be in to do an in-house audit or to finish an on-going audit.

E) ED 279 highlights

The ED 279 is a 20 year system to ensure that all students across the state have at least the minimum requirement. 48 aspects of formula changed this year. Part B staffing - ratios have changed. \$89,600 not in formula, this helps on page 4 section 4 part B, they use a lot of calculations provided by local communities, they do this for 3 years. Page 2 Section 2 Part C is limited English proficiency/disadvantaged students; they are weighted heavier than the average students.

F) Next regular meeting is April 24, 2017 @ 4:00 pm

XI. Executive Session

Time In: 5:08 p.m.

Tammy Cote moved to enter into executive session for discussion of evaluation of employee pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(A). Seconded by Keith Theriault and so passed 5-0-0. - **Gisele, was Dave still here when you guys went into Ex. Session?**

Time Out: 5:37 p.m.

Keith Theriault moved to exit executive session for discussion of evaluation of employee pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(A). Seconded by Tammy Cote and so passed 4-0-0.

Findings/Motion:

Robert Poiesz moved to make an adjustment to Paul Chasse's wages to \$23.00 per hour. Seconded by Tammy Cote and so passed 3-1-0 with Keith Theriault opposed.

XII. Adjournment.

Keith Theriault moved to adjourn meeting at 5:40 p.m. Seconded by Tammy Cote and so passed 4-0-0.