

Minutes of the Madawaska School Committee **Regular** Meeting held **October 7, 2019** at **4:00 p.m.** at the Superintendent's Conference Room, **Meeting NO. 4**

PRESENT: Beverly Madore, Benjamin Sirois, Superintendent
Tammy Cote, Gisèle Dionne, Assist. Superintendent
Tom Kent, Wayne Anderson
Robert Poiesz, Diane Castonguay
Louis Dugal, Stacey Cyr
Jenna Guillemette, Lise Pelletier
Lucie Tabor
Vincent Vanier, arrived at 4:30 p.m.

ABSENT: Elizabeth Dufresne, student representative

GUESTS PRESENT: Connie and Jillian Vanier, WOWL TV Molly Cote.

I. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.
Moment of Silence.

II. Adjustment to the Agenda.

New Business: ITEM D - Home Donation

III. Period of Public Participation about Items on this Agenda.

None

IV. Approval of September 9, 2019 Minutes, Regular Meeting.

Amendment: co-curricular appointment: Matthew Rossignol is varsity boys' basketball coach, not girls' basketball coach.

Motion by Robert Poiesz and second by Tammy Cote to accept the minutes as amended, 5-0-0

V. Approval of August 2019 Financials.

Motion by Tom Kent and second by Tammy Cote to approve August 2019 Financial Report, 5-0-0

VI. Superintendent's Report.

A) VUESC - Tues Sep 24th meeting in Fort Kent. Site selection Committee as well. First responders were present. VUESC Board asked to have a weekly Op Ed/Editorial to local papers disseminating factual information on the Consolidated Regional High School and Site

selection process. (See attached first two editorials by Superintendent Sirois).

Next Site selection committee meeting on October 8 at Dr. Levesque Elementary School in Frenchville beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Tom Kent spoke about his disappointment with WBRC and their work concerning Site Selection. Tom would also like all members of the Site Selection Committee to visit the currently identified sites. Bev Madore agreed with Mr. Kent's assessment.

B) Correspondence and Announcements:

- From attorney Jeff Ashby of Presque Isle, on behalf of two individuals that broke into MMHS last summer, in lieu of conviction and fines of \$500 each to the State, two donations made to MMHS. (\$500 donation to WOWL and \$500 donation to Safety Dept.)
- Thank you note from Susan Blanchette for the gift in memory of her father.
- A harvest break extension was approved for all students who are working for a farmer if approved by their parent, the farmer, and the student signs. Max. of 5 days.

C) Madawaska School Department – October 1 Enrollment:

Each year, the Maine Department of Education asks districts to submit their October 1 Enrollment data in order to begin the ED279 funding cycle. The October 1 enrollment is currently averaged over a 2 year period when determining subsidy. Please see the attached October 1 enrollment for Madawaska Schools. All three SAUs in VUESC have increased in enrollment numbers from prior year. (See attached handout.)

D) Education Redesign – Part 2: Proficiency Based Education:

Part 2 of a 3 part Education Redesign series regarding the changes being implemented in our schools. Part 2 is on Proficiency Based Education and why the shift to PBE is essential in today's education redesign. (See attached slides.)

E) Administrator Reports: attached
(Presented by: Vince, Wayne, Lise, Diane, Stacey)

Lucie: Updated the School Committee about the new protocol for electronic timecards and requests for leaves.

Gisele: Updated the board about preparations for negotiations. Madawaska will be first (teachers and ed techs).

VII. Committee Reports

None

VIII. Items of Business:

Old Business:

- A) Bus #11, Raymond Morin amended and increased his original bid of \$650 to \$1000. Bus #11 was sold to Mr. Morin.
- B) New (gas motor) Bus#7 has arrived. Waiting for cameras/radio to be installed.

New Business:

a. Items for Information:

- i. Retirements-none
- ii. Resignations-none
- iii. Transfers-none
- iv. New Hires **ACTION:**

- Part Time Ed Tech II – Madawaska Elementary

Motion by Louis Dugal and seconded by Robert Poiesz to hire Jillian Vanier for a part time Ed Tech II position in the Pre-K program at Madawaska Elementary School. This position will be funded by Child Development Services and is a one-year position only, 5-0-0.

- v. Current Openings

- Bus Driver / Custodian

b. Teacher Negotiations: Lead Negotiator for the School Committee

Motion by Tammy Cote and second by Robert Poiesz to assign Beverly Madore as the lead negotiator for the Madawaska School Committee, 5-0-0.

Note: Tentative first date to begin negotiations is Nov. 20, 4:00 p.m.

c. Travel Club: 2021 Europe Trip Approval

Motion by Tammy Cote and second by Louis Dugal to approve the April 2021 Travel Club to Europe: London (England), Berlin (Germany), Prague (Czech Republic), Krakow (Poland), and Budapest (Hungary), 5-0-0. (Tentative Trip Dates: April 15, 2021 to April 26, 2021)

d. Donation

Donation of Home in Madawaska by a homeowner. Home was inspected for electricity, plumbing and is good. Foundation needs work. Homeowner's financial advisor recommended he donate the home to a non-profit. School Committee says thank you to the donor, but they are not interested in owning a home.

IX. Adjournment.

Motion by Louis Dugal and second by Robert Poiesz to adjourn the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

Next School Committee meeting will be held on November 4, 2019 @ 4:00 p.m.