

**R.S.U. No. 67**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Mattanawcook Academy Library**

Mission: R.S.U. No. 67 strives to provide a safe, caring, supportive educational environment which empowers all individuals to fulfill their unique potential as lifelong learners and responsible, contributing citizens in an ever-changing global society.

**Board of Directors:** Sarah Crockett, Board Secretary; David Edwards, Board Chair; Darla Lichtenberg, Judy McComb, Carolyn Smith, Debra Tardy, Jackie Thurlow, Board Vice-Chair; John Trask, Jessica Worster, Sean Sibley, Student Representative

**Members excused:**

**Members absent:** Jeff Schick, Reginal Adams

**R.S.U. No. 67 Staff:** Superintendent Michael F. Marcinkus, Principals: Mike Bisson, Larry Malone, Henry Pietras; Director of Curriculum and Academic Achievement, Donna Vigue; Administrative Assistant, Lisa Morin

**Guests present:** William Chubbuck, Chris DeBeck, Andrea Smith, Jessica Butler

- A. **Call to order:** Chair Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- B. **Adjustment to the agenda:** addition of 1a – coaches for the 2009-2010 school year.
- C. **Consideration of the minutes of Tuesday, October 20, 2009 School Board meeting:**

Motion by Director Crockett, seconded by Director Thurlow to accept the motion as read.

Vote: Unanimous

- D. **Communications:** Resignation, Welcome Caitlin Brinkman as our new board member.
- E. **Public Participation:** None
- F. **Personnel:** None
- G. **Reports from Staff:**
  - 1. Curriculum Coordinator (D. Vigue) – no report
  - 2. Special Education (C. Morin) - absent

3. Mattanawcook Academy (H. Pietras) – Mr. Pietras reported that the high school has just finished parent-teacher conferences and that they have revived a school newspaper. The school newspaper's 1<sup>st</sup> edition is out at this time.
4. Mattanawcook Junior High (L. Malone) – Mr. Malone reported that NECAP testing has ended. Administration is looking at adjusting the time frame of the testing. Currently it is a long time for students to sit down and test for 90 minutes at a time. We have met to discuss the standard grading method. The meeting with parents was not as well attended as hoped. Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for December. They have just finished the Thoughtful Ed training with Susan Morris. There were 3 cohorts with about 10 people going through the training at the same time.
5. Ella P. Burr (M. Bisson) – Mr. Bisson reported that Parent –teacher conferences will take place the week of Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. NECAP testing is complete. They tested one grade a day. The nurses finished the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of seasonal flu shots today for those who were younger and needed the second dose.
6. Tobacco Grant (D. Hainer) – absent – e-mailed report
7. Facilities Director (B. Morin) – Written report

#### **H. Committee Reports:**

1. Region III – Written report
2. Operations Committee – Working on various projects. On agenda
3. Policy Committee – need to set up meeting
4. Personnel Committee – The policy committee is looking at merit based pay. Director Worster asked those who have not turned in Mr. Marcinkus' evaluation to please do so.
5. Gifted and Talented – have not met
6. Student Representative – The MASH clinic fair went very well even though it was not well attended. PSAT's were taken and students are awaiting scores. Seniors are applying to colleges and meeting deadlines. The new hall pass system is not well received (although unavoidable). School newspaper has started up. NHS inductees were inducted last week.

#### **I. Superintendent's Report**

1. H1N1 Flu Virus – Mr. Marcinkus reported that a letter and information page was sent out to parents regarding the confirmed cases of Swine flu. We will be getting daily updates from the CDC and DOE. Mr. Marcinkus met with the administration team and nurses and compiled a list on how to react and respond to concerns of parents. They also discussed how to get information out to parents and schools (see list – pink paper). We are currently ordering a new solution that sanitizes the area and stays active for 24 hours. Students should be cautious bringing generic sanitizers in due to allergic reactions and any other chemicals that we do not have MSDS sheets on. Germ-X should not be used unsupervised by any child under 6 yrs. old. We are willing to

work with students. Parents of children who do not show symptoms but have concerns can keep their child at home. If any students have had the virus, the student must be fever free for over 24 hours without any fever reducer (Tylenol, ibuprofen), before returning to school. If a child is kept home, the absence will not be held against them (symptoms or no symptoms). If a student is out, work will be sent home on Tuesdays and Fridays. The parents must notify the school to determine the time the work will be provided.

What happens if we close the schools? We are taking it a day at a time. Closing the school will be on a school by school basis. If there are a lot of staff members out and they are lacking substitutes, we may have to close the school. If we have 15-20% of teachers out, it will be difficult to continue with classes. If the percentage gets to 30-40% of students out, we will have to close the school. This all varies from day to day, and school to school. We will post updated information as soon as we get updated information.

How do we get info out? There is a new method, AlertNow, that can put out mass communication. We are looking into this as an option.

2. Carleton Project – see handout. Over the last few years we have had some concerns of students who do not fit in the NORM for schooling. The Carleton project started in Presque Isle. We are currently trying to have the project go through Region III. These are students that cannot fit into the mainstream population. They would be moved to a different space to enhance the way that they learn. It is the only privately accredited school in the state of Maine. The students have to apply to get in and help develop their own program. It will fill a gap that we have and will continue to have. They do provide individualized education plans. A student may complete a credit in as little as 6-8 weeks. It is all on their own schedule. 70-80% of the students who have attended the Carleton Project have gone on to higher education. We are looking further into this and looking for input.
3. Curtailment Funds – handout on funds for all schools.
4. Stimulus funds – See handouts – These funds cannot supplant things in our budget that we normally run.

**J. Old Business:**

None

**K. New Business:**

1. **Motion to accept or not accept the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint the following coaches for the 2009-2010 school year.**

**MJHS**

- **Curt Ring – Girls A Basketball**

**MA**

- **Alan Stockley – Indoor Assistant Track Coach**

Motion by Director Crockett, seconded by Director Smith to accept the motion as read.

Vote: Unanimous

**1a. Motion to accept or not accept the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint the following coaches for the 2009-2010 school year.**

- **Heather Pinet – MJHS Cheering Coach**
- **Mallory Malone – Volunteer Girls' Basketball Coach**

Motion by Director Crockett, seconded by Director Smith to accept the motion as read.

Vote: Unanimous

**2. Motion to accept or not accept the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint the following teachers for the 2009-2010 school year.**

- **Joyce Swearingen – Grade 7/8 ELA – One year teaching position**
- **Vanessa Florencio – Tech Ed. – One year teaching position**
- **Marie Arnold – Grade 4 Teacher – One year teaching position**
- **Jessica Butler – MA Guidance – One year probationary contract**

Discussion: Brief backgrounds were given on all.

Motion by Director Smith, seconded by Director Thurlow to accept the motion as read.

Vote: Unanimous

**3. Motion to accept or not accept the Operation Team's recommendation to have Siemen's Building Technologies to perform a detailed energy audit of R.S.U. No. 67 facilities at a cost of \$25,000.**

Discussion: The cost will be taken out of the stimulus funds. This audit will identify our futuristic energy needs. \$25,000 covers engineer costs and will become a reimbursement if Siemens does the work.

Motion by Director Crockett, seconded by Director Trask to accept the motion as read.

Vote: Unanimous

- L. Announcement: Next board meeting November 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00p.m.  
Common meeting with the Towns November 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00p.m.  
Policy meeting – November 18<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.**

**M. Items requested by Board Members, Community and staff to be included in the next agenda:** James Wadman will be here to give an audit report.

**N. Adjournment:**

Motion by Director Crockett, seconded by Director Worster to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Unanimous  
Time: 8:23

***NOTE: No new business will be undertaken after 10:00 p.m. unless the Board votes unanimously to extend the meeting beyond 10:00 p.m.***