

NORTHERN PENOBSCOT TECH REGION III

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NORTHERN PENOBSCOT TECH REGION III COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING Thursday, January 4, 2024

MINUTES

- A. Chairperson Patsy Saba called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Patsy Saba, Kevin Libby, Kevin Gregory, Warren Steward, Diana Lambert, Crystal Willette, Jasmine Folster, Loree Libby, Ryan Whitehouse, Wayne Danforth, Dianne Buck, Patricia Nobel

Members Absent Excused: Priscilla Clark, Nancy Burgoyne, Donald Raymond, Julie Hewke

Members Absent Unexcused:

- B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. Steward moved and Ms. Folster seconded approving the minutes of the November 20, 2023 Cooperative Board Meeting.

DISCUSSION: NONE

VOTE: Unanimous

- C. **AUDIENCES & COMMUNICATIONS:** Mrs. Saba read correspondence from Frank Roy, Maureen Bean, on behalf of the Burlington Food Pantry and Mary Hawkes. Mrs. Saba also introduced Dr. Patricia Nobel who is a new board member representing RSU #67.

- D. **AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:** NONE

- E. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee met on January 4, 2024. **The Accounts Payable Warrant** and bills were reviewed and signed for Region III totaling **\$69,427.61** Larger items (\$2,000.00 or more): Anthem BCBS, Bangor Savings Bank, Dead River, Lincoln Electric Co., Motorbrain, S.W. Collins, School Nutrition Program, Versant Power, Also reviewed and signed were **Payroll Warrants** for **12/05/2023** in the amount of **\$73,574.29** and for **12/19/2023** in the amount of **\$58,366.34**.

A **Student Activity Warrant** in the amount of **\$4,888.63** was reviewed and signed. A **School Nutrition Warrant** in the amount of **\$1,852.00** was reviewed and signed.

F. Old Business: NONE

G. New Business

1. Election of Chairperson

Mr. Whitehouse nominated and Mrs. Libby seconded Patsy Saba for Chairperson. Mr. Steward moved and Mrs. Libby seconded ceasing nominations.

DISCUSSION: NONE

VOTE: Unanimous

2. Election of Vice-Chairperson

Mr. Whitehouse nominated and Mrs. Libby seconded Kevin Gregory for Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Steward moved and Mr. Whitehouse seconded ceasing nominations.

DISCUSSION: NONE

VOTE: Unanimous

3. Discussion and Possible Action to approve the second reading of policy JIH-Questions and Searches of Students

Mr. Steward moved and Mrs. Lambert seconded approving the second reading of policy JIH-Questions and Searches of Students.

DISCUSSION: NONE

VOTE: Unanimous

4. Discussion and Possible Action to approve the second reading of policy JIH-R – Questioning and Searches of Students Administrative Procedure

Mr. Steward moved and Mrs. Lambert seconded approving the second reading of policy JIH-R-Questioning and Searches of Students Administrative Procedure

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Unanimous

H. Report of the Director:

1. On November 28, 2023, Governor Mills came to Region III to cut the ribbon for our new Welding shop expansion. As you know, we received almost \$570,000 in funds from the Maine Jobs and Recovery Plan to add more space, welding booths, welders and ventilators to our shop. After the ribbon cutting, Governor Mills toured the school, visiting every program along the way. She talked to students and teachers about their programs and the students' future plans. In all, she spent nearly two hours at our school.
2. On Tuesday, December 11, I spoke to a representative from the State about providing Behavioral Threat Assessment training to regional school staff. This is the first step in what I believe is much-needed training in what to do in the event we have another bomb threat or other threatening behavior in our school.

3. On December 12, Danielle Despina from the DOE came to Region III to discuss the upcoming Comprehensive School Review that will take place in March. The teachers were given the opportunity to ask questions about the process, their program self-studies, and the seven school standards that will be evaluated when the DOE comes to review us. A piece of good news is that we were told we are far ahead of any other school in our preparations for the process. That gives us a little breathing room as March approaches.
4. During the week of 12/11/23, 8th graders from MJHS came to Region III to tour our school and see the programs in person. Mrs. Cole from MJHS is a great supporter of Region III and sets these visits up every year. This is a great way to make a strong first impression on 8th graders from one of our sending school units early in the school year.
5. I have been informed by the DOE that there is some MJRP funding available for equipment. As usual, it is a competitive bidding process. I will be talking to instructors about this in the upcoming weeks to gauge their interest in new equipment purchases.

Mr. Ring informed the Board that an updated version of the Emergency Plan would be presented to them in January.

H1. Report of the Dean of Students

MELMAC Funded System Innovations/College/Career Aspirations Activities:

- November 30th we hosted a FAFSA Night for students and parents to sign up for their FSA ID, 23 attended
- 11/29 & 12/6 Culinary and Business programs visited NEOC for a tour of operations and lunch! A day 20 students, B Day 11 students
- Mrs. McFalls attended the MELMAC Peer Learning and Education Symposium in Portland
- December 5th CTE Exploratory visited UMaine Composites, 4 students

MELMAC Non-Funded System Innovations/College/Career Aspirations Activities

- November 20th and 21st UMFK visited 7 students attended each day from RMA, Business, and Law Enforcement programs
- November 28th the Governor was here for the official ribbon cutting of the Welding expansion
- November 29th Darlings visited with new trucks/technology Auto Program 15 students participated
- 11/30 & 12/7 UMaine PPF was here discussing Consider Engineering and Scholarship options, 16 students B Day, 17 students A Day
- December 13th Kelli Bard with ReMax came in to discuss Real Estate careers with Business, 5 students
- December 11th-14th, MJHS Eighth graders visited Region 3 and had a tour.
- December 5th Army National Guard conducted Trauma Training for 24 students
- December 1st and 2nd, Mrs. Manzo and Mrs. McFalls attended the Millinocket Marathon Craft Fair selling Mooseopoly games and promoting NPT Region III

Upcoming Events

- December 18th and 19th Ogden Mechanical will be in to discuss their path to a successful HVAC career and to offer a scholarship opportunity
- January plan to have another School guidance counselor luncheon to discuss recruiting in Feb/March
- January Army National Guard will be back to conduct the B Day Trauma Training canceled 12/04 due to snow
- Will start recruiting for the Maine Construction Academy in February

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Announcements were read.

J. ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Nobel moved and Ms. Libby seconded the motion to adjourn.

DISCUSSION: NONE

VOTE: Unanimous

Adjournment at: 7:06 pm