

MINUTES

FEBRUARY MONHEGAN SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Monday, **FEBRUARY 26**, 2024. Scheduled to begin at 4:30 pm, via Zoom.

Present via Zoom: Chairman Jes Stevens, Treasurer Felicia Dunson, Secretary Daphne Pulsifer, Superintendent Tonya Arnold, Lead Teacher Terry Wood.

Called to Order at 4:34 pm.

Motion by Jes Stevens to accept the MINUTES of 01/29/24, 02/09/24, 02/11/24, as read. Second by Felicia Dunson. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

SUPERINTENDENT'S written REPORT was received.

TEACHER'S written REPORT was received.

Terry Wood reports that the phone in the school was working today.

The school Amazon account will show a credit for the white board that was ordered. A white board was first sent without proper supports. Amazon sent another white board. The second white board also did not have proper supports. Rather than put any further effort into correcting the problem, Amazon credited the school for this purchase. The Teacher has managed to support one of the boards and is glad to have it. She has ideas for using the extra board that was sent.

Terry is hoping to plan a dinner and movie night for the students and the community. Discussion followed. It was decided to schedule the event for March 23, at 5:00 at the school.

Terry and the students had a wonderful time on the February ski trip!

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

This month Jes Stevens communicated with Tonya Arnold as needed. Considerable time and energy was focused on preparing the proposed 2024-2025 Budget and warrant articles, and on the Teacher House Properties.

FINANCIAL

1. Business Manager's written Report was received.
 - a. Status of 22-23 Audit: Tonya Arnold applied for an extension which was approved through March 31.
 - b. Warrants, Accounts and Financial Spreadsheets were reviewed.

An itemized bill was received from the Monhegan Store. However, payments to the Monhegan Store were removed from the AP Warrant until that bill can be clarified.

\$111.00 was donated to the school at the February 2nd BINGO night. The donations will go to the Friends of Monhegan School Account. Thank you Terry for planning such a fun night!

2. VOTE ON WARRANTS

a. Motion by Daphne Pulsifer to approve Warrant EDU 08 - PR- Revised in the amount of \$10,887.96. Second by Felicia Dunson. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

b. Motion by Daphne Pulsifer to approve Warrant EDU 08 - AP - Revised in the amount of \$14, 181.02, with \$2,116.75 of that total paid from the REAP account, \$140.00 paid from the Teacher House Account and \$31.25 transferred to the Teacher House Account. Second by Felicia Dunson. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Recess from 5:56 pm to 6:08 pm.

POLICY

Motion by Jes Stevens to approve second reading of policy GCBA Teacher Contracts/ Compensation as revised. Second by Felicia Dunson. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS

1. Invitation to Partner with Friends of Monhegan Volunteer Fire Dept:
Jes Stevens briefly explained a proposal by Friends of Monhegan Vol. Fire Dept. (FOMVFD) to build a small apartment and possibly facilities for assisted telehealth medicine at the North Barn. FOMVFD has an opportunity to apply for a grant that could provide funding for this kind of development. The School Committee members all agreed the idea sounded positive for the community and that the school might have real benefits from such a project as well. No specific commitment or financial support was asked of the School or School Committee.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

1. Schoolhouse

a. Phone Service: Jes reports that the Consolidated “trunk line” has been failing. Phones all over the island have not been working for weeks, even months in some cases. The school phone has not been working properly recently. This is a concern if there is an emergency and there is no phone service. Consolidated Communications and the Assessors are working on easements that are needed to repair the “trunk line”. Efforts will be made to avoid having a pole set in the school yard.

b. Internet Service: It is not clear what problem there may be with the current internet service at the school. The service is apparently working properly, but indicator lights are not as they should be. Brain Barrows has been asked to look into this.

Axiom’s new broadband service is scheduled to be turned on March 15th.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETINGS & STAFF VISIT(S)

A. Next Regular Meeting: Mon., March 25, 2024, 4:30 pm, Schoolhouse & Zoom

B. Logistics: Upcoming consultant visits are scheduled to be virtual. Tonya Arnold tentatively plans to come to the island for the regular April School Committee meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION(S)

1. Motion by Jes Stevens to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion of Employee Compensation pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A). Second by Felicia Dunson.

Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Enter executive session at 6:55 pm.

Leave executive session at 7:38 pm.

2. Motion by Jes Stevens to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion of Use of the Teacher House Property pursuant to M.R.S.A. §405(6)(c). Second by Felicia Dunson.

Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Enter executive session at 7:39 pm.

Leave executive session at 8:22 pm.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

2. Teacher House Property

a. Teacher House: Terry Wood is painting interior window trim at the Teacher House. Thank you Terry!

Jes will ask the Teacher House caretaker about estimates and planning for improvements to the house.

b. Little Teacher House Lease: Jes is continuing to work out the lease agreement with the approved applicants.

Motion by Jes Stevens to approve the request for a cat to be kept by the Little Teacher House tenants, effective the date of their move in. Second Felicia Dunson. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

c. Teacher House Property Management: This item is tabled for a future meeting.

Motion by Jes Stevens to adjourn. Second by Daphne Pulsifer. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Daphne Pulsifer

Secretary

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