

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER MONHEGAN SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Monday, **September 23**, 2024, scheduled to begin at 4:30 pm Monhegan School & via Zoom.

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

Present via Zoom: Business Manager Belinda Waterhouse, Kathie Ianicelli.

Called to Order at 4:50 pm.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: Financial Part 1 as scheduled will be postponed. Still no word from Fred Brewer.

FINANCIAL - Part 1: TABLED

1. Presentation of 2022-23 School Year Audit (if available) by Fred Brewer
2. Vote to accept 2022-23 School Year Audit (if available) as presented by Auditor Fred Brewer

MINUTES: Motion by Jes Stevens to approve the Minutes for 08/26/24 Regular Meeting as amended. Second by Felicia Dunson. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS: none at this time

SUPERINTENDENT'S written REPORT was received.

TEACHER'S written REPORT was received. The Inter-Island event on Cliff Island was a huge success. Also of note, Stephen Cates, who recently tuned the piano at the school, has given the school the book *The Fourth Phase of Water*, by Gerald H. Pollack.

Fire drills and lock down drills are held at the school.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The TLC Memorandum of Understanding has been finalized. Jes Stevens, Terry Wood and Tonya Arnold have all signed it.

On September 9th Axiom broadband service was turned on at the school house. This was done to temporarily provide reliable internet to the school while waiting for Axiom and NetworkMaine to establish a contract and install some special equipment and features for the school. NetworkMaine provides internet to Monhegan School via its service called Maine Schools & Libraries Network (MSLN). The Federal USAC E-Rate program funds the internet services. . CCI has it on "high priority" to address the low hanging lines over the rocks near the school yard.

FINANCIAL - Part 2

1. Business Manager's written Report was received. DOE Quarterly reports are up to date. The Fenris Inc invoice came in under estimate for the repairs completed and new roof on the Teacher's House.

There was discussion regarding coding for line items on the Monhegan Boatline invoice. The Budget Tech line will have reimbursements from MLTI.

Payroll reports were not received from the Plantation in time to be included on the October Warrant. EDU 03 - PR figures will be included in the EDU 04 - PR Warrant.

VOTE ON WARRANTS

Motion by Daphne Pulsifer to approve warrant EDU 03 - AP in the amount of \$20,355.31 with \$4,433.63 of that total to be paid with REAP funds, \$300.00 from the Friends of Monhegan School Account, and \$7,092.38 from the Teacher House Account. Second by Felicia Dunson.

Motion passed unanimously.

POLICY: None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Jes Stevens to appoint Dr. William Stephenson as School Health Advisor per MRSA Title 20-A Sec 6402-A(4). Second by Felicia Dunson. Motion passed unanimously.
2. The Committee acknowledges the Municipal Election of Truant Officer Willard Boynton at the April 6, 2024 Plantation Meeting.
3. The Committee acknowledges Tonya Arnold as Attendance Coordinator for the 2024-2025 school year.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETINGS & STAFF VISIT(S)

1. Next Regular Meeting: Mon., October 28, 2024, 4:30 pm, Schoolhouse & Zoom
2. Logistics: Superintendent and Literacy Consultant will be housed at the Teacher House for upcoming trips. Thank you Terry. Scott Harris will be joining a TLC group of guidance counselors.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

1. Schoolhouse

The Plantation received the report with recommendations from the MMA Risk Assessment. School Committee members have reviewed the report. Resolution of the only urgent concern was already in the process of being resolved and wrap up will be soon. . The Chairman and Superintendent will address the remaining issues with school properties. The Plantation Fire Department is applying for a grant to obtain gas detectors for all municipal buildings, including school properties.

2. Teacher House Property

Roof & Mud Room Project: Fenris Inc. has completed the new roof and repairs to the Teacher House. A new entry door was installed. Jes Stevens will make copies of the new keys.

LTH Tenants have asked about the status of the water test. The Building Manager must collect new water samples. The first samples were damaged and delayed by the mail service; some samples were spilled and others were not received at the test site soon enough for a complete test to be done.

Mia Boynton has agreed to help auction the old Community Chairs and two antique school desks that are stored in the Teacher House basement. There was some discussion as to where proceeds from the auction would go, and how best to promote the auction. Felicia Dunson will work with Mia on this.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: None

Motion by Jes Stevens to adjourn. Second by Felicia Dunson. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 7:06 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Daphne Pulsifer
Secretary

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