

**MOOSABEC COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Jonesport, Maine  
September 2, 2020

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MINUTES ARE NOT FINAL UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING.

A meeting of the Moosabec CSD School Committee was held at Jonesport-Beals High School on September 2, 2020 with members present as follows: Ernest Kelley Jr., Julie Farris, Velton Alley, Suzen Polk-Hoffses, Mariner Bunker, Debbie Kelley, Morgan Merchant, Calvin Beal and Loren Faulkingham. Also present were Principal Michael Kelley and Superintendent of Schools Lewis Collins.

Ernest Kelley Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m. The Pledge was held.

1. Approval of Minutes of August 12, 2020

The School Committee voted (9-0) to approve the minutes of August 12, 2020.

2. Hiring recommendations:

Superintendent Collins recommended the hiring of John Church as the Maintenance and Transportation Director. A motion was made and seconded to approve the hiring on a unanimous (9-0) vote.

3. Presentation of Recent (Sept 1) State Guidelines for Sports:

Superintendent Collins reviewed the new state guidelines for sports during the pandemic. He reviewed the Levels of Activity that are permitted and the Risk Categories for each sport. One parent asked if her son could participate in cross-country with the Machias team and Superintendent Collins noted that they could possibly consider it if both Machias and the JBHS agreed. It was also noted that our school district only has one bus driver and she cannot drive for sports this year because she is needed for COVID-19 custodial work after school.

4. Vote on revised 2020-21 School Calendar.

Motion made and seconded to revise the 2020-21 calendar to reflect the first student instruction day as September 14, 2020 and to continue to seek waiver from the DOE to the 175 student-day requirement.

There was much audience discussion about our reopening plans. One audience member stated that the school where she worked had a "hybrid" model where they also served students remotely who did not attend classroom instruction. She wanted to know why we were not doing that and Superintendent Collins noted that our schools are open for in-classroom instruction for all students five days per week. He also mentioned that every grade has a single teacher and it would not be feasible to do both in-classroom and live streaming of class simultaneously. Staff are being thoroughly trained on the Google Classroom platform in case we need to go full remote due to another closure. Training on the Google Classroom has also been provided to several parents who have requested it.

Another audience member stated that her children could not wear a mask all day. It was noted that students would be getting frequent mask breaks throughout the day. Another audience member asked if we were concerned about losing subsidy for all the students who were going to be homeschooled because they didn't want to attend in-classroom instruction. Superintendent Collins stated that he had received 7 homeschool certifications from the Maine DOE so far. With 220 students, that number of 7

is small and perhaps it won't be as large as some may fear. He did say that the administrative staff and Board would, of course, review any significant changes to our enrollment and act accordingly. The school principals are willing to hear from parents of homeschooled students to see if they can offer any support or assistance.

The Board voted (9-0) to approve these school calendar changes.

5. Adjournment:

The Board voted (9-0) to adjourn at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis Collins  
Superintendent of Schools

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