

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

Jonesport, Maine
August 12, 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 August, 2020 with members present as follows: Ernest Kelley Jr., Julie Farris, Velton Alley, Suzen Polk-Hoffses, Mariner Bunker, Debbie Kelley (late), 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 5:01p.m. The Pledge was held.

1. Approval of Minutes of May 13 and June 10, 2020.

The School Committee voted (8-0) to approve the minutes of May 13 and June 10, 2020 with a correction to the May 13th minutes to reflect that Ernest Kelley was Not Present.

2. Vote to reopen the school: Motion to reopen the school for in-classroom instruction was made and seconded. Discussion included a presentation by the Superintendent to the Board and audience on the reopening plan. There was much discussion from the Board members and audience concerning the various concerns and aspects of health and safety as well as remote instruction. The Board discussed several options including all remote instruction to start, a return to in-classroom instruction exclusively and what other “hybrid” models may be available. Board members also expressed some frustration with the State requirements seemingly changing weekly and the difficulty in predicting what would change next. The Board also discussed a later return date for students to better prepare the schools and staff for in-classroom instruction.

The School Committee voted 9-0 to reopen the school to in-classroom instruction.

3. 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 28, 2020 and to see waiver from the DOE to the 175 student-day requirement.

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

4. Vote on hiring Career and Technical Education (CTE) Director.

The Superintendent provided a handout to the Board members regarding this request. He noted that the three school districts in the CTE, RSU #37, AOS #96 in Machias and Moosabec CSD have been asked to split the cost of this position. Our share would be 1/9, AOS #96 share is 2/9 and RSU #37 share is 6/9. Machias serves as the fiscal agent for the CTE and our share of this cost would be reimbursed by Machias when they receive the State funding. The Superintendent also notified the Board that the full share of our budgeted cost for the Aqua-Culture program will be reimbursed by the State, through Machias, in this school year not the next as originally anticipated.

The Board voted (9-0) to approve hiring of this position and to assume the costs not to exceed \$10,000.

5. Vote to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Kate Whitney as the new first year probationary Aquaculture teacher for the 2020-21 school year.

The School Committee voted (9-0) to accept the Superintendent's nomination.

6. Vote to approve the Superintendent's hiring of Misty Kelley as the new part-time (25 hours week) secretary at the High School.

The School Committee voted (9-0) to approve the Superintendent's hiring of Misty Kelley for this position.

7. Vote to approve the School Reopening Plan:

The School Committee voted (9-0) to approve the School Reopening Plan as presented by the Superintendent.

8. Authorization for Superintendent to apply for and accept \$104,196.20 in CFR Reopening funds.

The School Committee voted (9-0) to authorize the Superintendent to apply for and accept \$104,196.20 in CFR reopening funds.

9. Adjournment:

The Board adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis Collins
Superintendent of Schools

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