

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

Jonesport, Maine
December 9, 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 December 9, 2020 with members present as follows: Ernest Kelley Jr., Julie Farris (at 5:43), Velton Alley, Suzen Polk-Hoffses, Calvin Beal, Mariner Bunker (on Zoom), Morgan Merchant (On Zoom), Debbie Kelley (On Zoom) and Loren Faulkingham. Also present was Superintendent of Schools Lewis Collins and numerous community members in the audience and on Zoom.

Ernest Kelley Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Attendees in-person and on Zoom. The pledge followed.

1. Approval of Minutes of November 10, 2020

The School Committee voted (8-0) to approve the minutes of November 10, 2020.

2. Special Education Teacher Job Description:

After motion and second, the Board voted (9-0) to approve the new job description as presented.

3. Facilities Assessment: Superintendent Collins reviewed the details of a proposed assessment of the High School building and its systems by Mechanical Services, Inc. He reviewed the timetable for this proposal and said that the Boards would individually review these building assessments sometime in January. The following motion was made and seconded:

“Having followed the process of advertising and interviewing qualified organizations as outlined in Maine Statute 15915, pursuant to Maine State Law 20-A M.R.S.A., the Board of Moosabec Community School District hereby authorizes the Superintendent to enter into a non-binding letter-of-intent with Mechanical Services for the purposes of obtaining a cost savings and investment proposal from Mechanical Services. Specifically, the Board understands that a Board Workshop will be held in January to review the project savings and investment options and will vote shortly thereafter on a set of infrastructure projects that best fit the financial and educational needs of Moosabec Community School District.”

Motion passed (8-1)

4. Winter Sports: Superintendent Collins and Athletic Director Dan Campbell informed the Board that they are proposing to allow Varsity Boys and Girls basketball to proceed within the updated guidelines of the MSPA. These are the only winter sports being proposed and Board members were in agreement to proceed with just basketball.

Superintendent Collins nominated Skip Alley as Boys Basketball coach and Natalie Beal as Girls Basketball Coach.

The Board voted (9-0) to approve those nominations.

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5. Other: Several audience members in the audience and on Zoom commented on the re-opening of schools following remote learning due to COVID cases in-district. These community members expressed the following concerns and suggestions:

- *Not all High School teachers are posting assignments on Google Classroom.*
- *Some teachers at the High School are making kids feel bad or that they were doing something wrong because their parents chose to keep them home due to COVID.*
- *Teachers at Beals, and maybe all schools, need more prep time due to the extra work serving students who have remained at home.*
- *One community member on Zoom read an e-mail from a High School teacher to his daughter who had asked to be able to do labs and quizzes/tests on Google Classroom or some method on Zoom. The teacher purportedly said that the administration will not permit that kind of extra assistance.*
- *A community member read an email from Principal Kelly to all parents regarding reopening for in-classroom instruction.*
- *There was a motion and a second to allow a non-resident to speak at this meeting.*

The Board voted (9-0) to allow a non-resident to speak.

- *A community member asked if the High School staff could be available after school, from 2:30-3:00 so that students who remained at home could take quizzes, tests, do labs, or simply touch base with their teachers.*
- *There were questions from community members about whether or not students who were at home but doing assignments on Google Classroom could be counted as present instead of excused absent. Superintendent Collins stated he asked the Maine DOE for clarification on this issue.*

6. Motion made and seconded to adjourn.

The Board voted (9-0) to adjourn at 6:53 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lewis Collins
Superintendent of Schools

