

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

Jonesport, Maine
January 6, 2021

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 January 6, 2021 with members present as follows: Ernest Kelley Jr., Julie Farris, Velton Alley, Suzen Polk-Hoffses (On Zoom), Mariner Bunker (On Zoom), Morgan Merchant (On Zoom), Debbie Kelley (On Zoom) and Loren Faulkingham (five minutes late). Also present were Principal Michael Kelley and Superintendent of Schools Lewis Collins.

Ernest Kelley Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Attendees in-person and on Zoom

1. Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2020

The School Committee voted (8-0) (Loren not yet present) to approve the minutes of December 9, 2020. Zoom attendees roll called as “aye”.

2. Consideration of Policy JE:

Superintendent brought this item to the Board after hearing from three parents that they wanted their children to be marked as “present” and not as “excused absent” if their children did not physically attend school but did access Google Classroom remotely. The Maine DOE had informed Superintendent Collins that this would be considered a local policy choice. Superintendent Collins asked if there was anyone in the audience or on Zoom who would like to request that the Board make this change to Policy JE but no one responded. The Board did not entertain any changes to Policy JE having heard no requests to do so.

3. Consideration of Cheerleading team:

Michele Libby, last year’s cheerleading coach, made a presentation to the Board concerning her request to allow a cheerleading team to participate this winter. The Athletic Director, Mr. Campbell reviewed the Maine Principals Association position and rules on cheerleading during COVID. After discussion among Board members and Ms. Libby and Mr. Campbell, the following motion was made and seconded:

“To approve a sideline cheerleading team for the 2021 winter basketball season, with no more than 5 members, for home games only, and coached by Michelle Libby”.

Motion carried (9-0) with all Zoom attendees roll called as “aye”.

4. Principal Update:

Principal Kelley provided a written report and a proposed plan for alternate education access for students not in physical attendance, but participating through Google Classroom during COVID. A motion was made and seconded to approve this plan as presented by Principal Kelley. Motion carried (9-0) with all Zoom attendees roll called as “aye”.

Principal Kelley also presented a request by Ms. Willard, the senior adviser, to hold graduation on Sunday, June 6 at 11:00 am with activities after the ceremony. This request was motioned and seconded and carried (9-0) with all Zoom attendees roll called as “aye”.

5. Other:

Superintendent Collins noted that the paychecks for Board members should be coming this Friday, January 8, 2021. He also mentioned that the basketball team had been quarantined this week due to a direct contact with a volunteer coach who had tested positive for COVID-19.

6. Motion made and seconded to adjourn.

The Board voted (9-0) to adjourn at 5:51 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis Collins
Superintendent of Schools

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