

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

Jonesport, Maine  
October 11, 2023

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 October 11, 2023 with members present as follows: Mariner Bunker, Adam Merchant, Bethanie Beal (5:18 p.m.), Morgan Monroe, Renee Chandler, Marie Johnson and Rebecca Stanwood. Also present were members of the public, Principal Joseph Swain and Superintendent of Schools Lewis Collins.

1. Call to Order and Pledge

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of August 22, 2023

The School Committee voted (6-0-0) to approve the minutes of August 22, 2023.

3. Public Comment (Limited to 20 minutes)

The Sophomore class presented a proposal for a Haunted Trail fundraiser.

The School Committee voted (6-0-0) to approve the request.

A community member discussed Policy JICI concerning students having to attend school the day after or before to participate the day of a sport.

4. 2023-2024 School Calendar Amendments

The School Committee voted (6-0-0) to approve the amended 2023-2024 School Calendar moving early release days from Fridays to Thursdays.

5. Teacher Leader

The Superintendent recommended Anthony Beal Jr. as teacher leader for the 2023+-2024 year.

The School Committee voted (6-0-0) to approve the recommendation.

6. Volunteer Assistant Golf Coach

The Superintendent recommended Seth Milliken as volunteer assistant golf coach for the 2023-2024 year.

The School Committee voted (6-0-0) to approve the recommendation.

## 7. Policy Review

### A. JICI – Extra-curricular/Co-Curricular Activities Code of Conduct

There was discussion about students being out sick the day before or day after a game. A change to the language in #2 Paragraph 3 for a second reading would read: “Individual exceptions to this rule may be made at the discretion of the administrative/athletic team. Unexcused absences will not be considered for an exception.”

### B. IJOA – Field Trips and Other Student Travel

First Reading but strike the underlined section on Page #4 about senior trips.

### C. KFB – Facility Use

Renee discussed the proposed policy changes for this policy. Members discussed changing language “to include only Jonesport/Beals residents and no language about million-dollar limits. Proof of homeowners or liability insurance will be required. Rental fee will be only the cost of a staff member to attend.”

### D. BEDH – Public Participation at Board Meetings

Discussion occurred concerning public comment at Board meetings. Edit change in last line should read “but will be referred” NOT “by will be referred”.

## 8. Substitute Pay Discussion

The School Committee voted (7-0-0) to increase the substitute pay to \$113 per day effective immediately.

## 9. Principal’s Report

Principal Swain discussed graduation date. The Board expressed their preference to continue to hold graduation on Sunday.

## 10. Miscellaneous

### A. Cross-country stipend

The School Committee voted (7-0-0) that the payment of \$1,500 for cross country participation approved earlier this year will go directly to Coach Cindy Rossi.

### B. Teacher Nomination

The Superintendent nominated Cody Phipps for a first year probationary contract as part-time (40%) music teacher for the remainder of the 2023-2024 year pending certification.

The School Committee voted (7-0-0) to approve the nomination.

10. Miscellaneous, Continued

C. School Lunch Prices for 2023-2024

The School Committee voted (7-0-0) to set the following school nutrition prices:

Lunch      \$8.00  
Breakfast   \$3.50

Lunch/Breakfast continues to remain free to all students.

The School Committee voted (7-0-0) to enter into a contract with Jonesport School Department to provide breakfasts at \$3.50 per meal and lunches at \$8.00 per meal.

There was discussion regarding the Fresh Food Initiative. First date is October 20<sup>th</sup> with a lobster roll lunch.

11. Adjournment

The School Committee adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis Collins  
Superintendent of Schools