

**MAINE SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Meeting Minutes  
September 29, 2018  
MSSM  
Limestone, Maine

Board members present were: M. Albert, T. Bolen, D. Ferguson, Chair; D. Haines, Honorary Trustee;, D. King, C. McCulloh, J. McGreevy, D. Melega, L. Renick-Butera, R. Rice, Vice-Chair and D. Pearson, Clerk.

Also present were: Joshua Chalmers, James Havu, Joel Pike, Marian Reagan,

Absent were: J. Allen, M. Anderson, D. Coit, C, deLutio, J. Herweh, J. Judd, J. Patterson, and J. Pieh.

Administrators and Staff present were: M. Beckum, C. Berube, D. Eustis-Grandy, A. Gardestig, M. Grillo, R. McDonald, D. McGann, Millie Rhodes and A. Whittemore.

Others present: K. Beaulieu, C. Durepo, L. Havu, K. Pike, S. Taddeo, A. Thompson, M. Thron, and K. Wells..

- I. The meeting was called to order at 1:40 pm by Chair, D. Ferguson.

Introductions of Board Members and guests.

- II. Public Comment

- a. Kathie Beaulieu, Chairperson of the Limestone Withdrawal Committee and Limestone School Committee read a statement regarding their petition to withdraw from RSU39 in the hope to become the Limestone Community School once again. (see attached).
- b. Sara Taddeo expressed her thanks to everyone who cares about MSSM. She's excited to see improvements being made to upgrade the facilities we rent through RSU39.
- c. Art Thompson had questions about the Steering Committee, when it was created, who is on the committee, what is the budget and he suggested that Kathie Beaulieu be added to the Steering Committee.
- d. Alan Whittemore asked if it was agreeable with everyone to take photos during the meeting (no objections).

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III. Consent Agenda

- a. The management report was reviewed. D. Melega asked if 530 is the number of summer campers. R. McDonald confirmed that it was the number of billed camp weeks, not the number of individuals

D. King moved, to accept the management report as presented, seconded by J. McGreevy; voted unanimously.

- b. K. Wells distributed a copy of the Foundation Report.
- c. M. Albert moved to approve the minutes of the May 25 meeting as presented, seconded by R. Rice; voted unanimously.

IV. Action Agenda

a. Advancement – D. Ferguson

- i. D. Ferguson reported on the information session held at the University of Southern Maine/Gorham campus on September 16 – 20 new families attended. He also mentioned that the first open house of the school year will be held at MSSM on October 8; registration is at capacity. He also stated that the Public Relations/Media is going well.
- ii. J. McGreevy offered assistance in the future for an information session in western Maine.
- iii. D. Pearson talked about the positive experience of the information session.

b. Governance – D. Pearson

- i. D. Pearson spoke about the culture, climate, and history of MSSM shared with him by D. Haines. D. Pearson thanked D. Haines for taking the time to share his knowledge about MSSM.
- ii. D. Haines shared his concern about historic focus or (lack of) from the Governance Committee in identifying and cultivating new trustees.
- iii. New slate of Board of Trustees members are scheduled to be pushed forward in January 2019. Governor LePage assured D. Pearson that his pulling the nominations earlier in September was not personal.

c. Finance and Facilities – D. King

- i. D. King distributed a copy of the July 2018 financials; timeliness was due to impending annual audit. Should you have any questions, please contact M. Beckum.
- ii. M. Rhodes asked about the cost savings of not filling the Residential Life Instructor position.

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iii. D. King reported on the fully functional eyewash system and many other renovations throughout the academic building.

d. Program – L. Renick-Butera

i. L. Renick-Butera shared the format of the new Program Team made up of members of the faculty and staff; conversation about preparations of proficiency-based education and a further and deeper look into what the program committee focus will or should be moving forward.

V. Action Agenda:

- i. Second Reading of policy: ADC – Tobacco Use and Possession; ADC-R – Tobacco Use and Possession Administrative Procedure.
- ii. D. King asked at MSSM who is considered Principal?
- iii. D. King moved to approve the policy ADC-Tobacco Use and Possession with the following updates: change ‘a’ school to ‘the’ school and replace Principal with Dean of Students in Enforcement; seconded by R. Rice and voted unanimously.
- iv. Second Reading of policy: J. McGreevy moved to approve Policy ADC-R- Tobacco Use and Possession Administrative Procedure with the above mentioned changes, seconded by D. King and voted unanimously.
- v. R. Rice moved to approve Policy – GCSA- Social Media and GCSA-R Social Media Procedure as presented, seconded by L. Renick-Butera and voted unanimously.

VI. Strategic Plan Update – D. Ferguson

- i. D. Ferguson gave a brief update on the Strategic Plan. He also shared the Steering Committee members: D. Ferguson, D. Coit, D. Pearson, C. deLutio, D. Melega, S. Hunter, and J. Pieh.  
This steering committee was formed as an attempt to focus attention on the Strategic Planning process. Much discussion took place on the process of creating a Steering Committee.
- ii. R. Rice made this motion: Be it moved that the Executive Committee of the Board develop a charge and recommended membership of a Steering Committee to oversee the process, development, and communication to the Board, its constituents, and stakeholders, of a Strategic Plan for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics to be delivered at the December Board Meeting, seconded by T. Bolen and voted unanimously.
- iii. D. Ferguson shared the names of the new committee chairs: Program Committee – L. Renick-Butera; Advancement – J. McGreevy.
- iv. D. Ferguson thanked A. Thompson for bringing bags of potatoes for everyone.

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VII. Adjourn

D. Ferguson thanked everyone for their participation. J. McGreevy moved that the Board of Trustees adjourn the September 29 meeting, seconded by M. Albert and voted unanimously. The meeting was adjourned 4:09 pm.

The next Board meeting will be December 1, 2018 location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

David Pearson, Clerk  
Board of Trustees

APPROVED: Saturday, December 1, 2018