

**EAST SCHOOL BOARD**  
**MINUTES**  
**Thursday, October 19, 2017**  
**SCHENCK HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

**East Members:**

Ryan Whitehouse – Chairperson  
Angel Danforth – Vice Chairperson  
Dan Byron - Absent  
Mark Wallace - Absent  
John MacLeod

**East:**

**1. Call to order:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm by Ryan Whitehouse.

**2. Public Comment:** None

**3. Good News & Student Recognition:**

The board recognized Payton Spearin on her accomplishment of becoming a Jr. Maine Guide as a freshman in High School. Congratulations Payton!

**4. Adjustments to the Agenda:** The board tabled #10

**5. Approval of the minutes of the September 14, 2017 School Board Meeting:**

A motion was made by Angel Danforth and seconded by John McLeod to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2017 school board meeting barring any errors or omissions.

Discussion: None

Vote: 3 In favor      0 Opposed      0 Abstain

**6. Financial Report:** See Luci's attached report

**7. Administration Report:** See attached reports

Mr. Montgomery added to his report:

On October 30<sup>th</sup> there will be a Student Leadership Conference. He will be taking 9 student athletes with him.

Play offs for the girls and boys soccer teams will be held on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Good luck to everyone!

The school received a grant from a family that wanted to help relieve the students of their debt to attend other schools sports and activities. Their portion will be reimbursed from this grant.

**8. Region III Report:** See attached report

**9. Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Steeves attended the Regional Meeting. They are looking to the State for grant money to help support Regional Teams with other schools.

Mr. Steeves has contacted D&D Paving asking them to put in a sidewalk in front of the new parking lot. He's hoping to get it paved before Thanksgiving. The Selectmen will need to agree on this. The board agreed on this at the meeting.

Nick Powers submitted a letter to the board from the Senior Class Officers on a proposal for Senior Privileges. The board agreed on the following proposal.

To: The East Millinocket School Board

Submitted by the Senior Class of 2018 Officers

### Proposals

I. Allowing Seniors to gain the privilege of modified

II. Use modified for study halls (maximum: 2)

I. As in years past, we are requesting that all seniors who have a GPA of 85 and above be granted the privilege of modified. This comes with a stipulation that students cannot be failing any classes. We feel that GPA of a student is a better indicator of how they are doing in school. National Honor Society eligibility, determining honor status, and determining the class rank all use GPA's rather than specific grades in each individual class. The classes before us have been granted this privilege and it did not create many issues.

II. In addition, we would like to propose the use of modified for all of our study halls; however, the maximum of study halls that a student can use modified for is two, so that this privilege would not be abused. We would also like to have the opportunity to leave for lunch. If the students come into their block late, the privilege of modified will be taken away from them until an administrator allows them to have modified again.

We feel strongly about this proposal for a few reasons. As seniors, we are overwhelmed with a variety of tasks, including tasks that involve outside resources, that need our attention. With all of the college applications, essays, and scholarship deadlines coming up, we feel that we could work more efficiently with the resources available to us at our home.

We thank you for your time and consideration in these matters and look forward to answering any questions you may have.

10. **MEA Scores – Mr. Ring:** Tabled until the next meeting as Mr. Ring could not be with us.

**11. Policy Amendment: JJ: Co And Extra-Curricular Activities**

Outside of District Extracurricular Activity

A motion was made by Angel Danforth and seconded by John McLeod to amend the JJ: Co and Extra-Curricular Activities policy.

Discussion: Mr. Montgomery discussed the amendment to the policy with the board members. They decided to vote on it at this time. See attachment for amendment to policy.

Vote: 3 In Favor      0 Opposed      0 Abstain

**12. Approval of the creation of an Ed Tech II position Schenck High School:**

A motion was made by John McLeod and seconded by Angel Danforth to approve the creation of an Ed Tech II position at Schenck High School.

Discussion: We tried to manage with just one Ed.Tech but there are too many students with IEP's.

Vote: 3 In Favor      0 Opposed      0 Abstain

**13. Approval of hiring Carl Cousins as Ed Tech II for Schenck High School:**

A motion was made by Angel Danforth and seconded by John McLeod to approve Carl Cousins as the new Ed Tech II at Schenck High School.

Discussion: The job was posted in house for 10 days.

Vote: 3 In Favor                      0 Opposed                      0 Abstain

**14. Approval of Sarah Jo Manzo as Elementary Grade Four Teacher:**

A motion was made by Angel Danforth and seconded by John McLeod to approve Sarah Jo Manzo as the Elementary Grade Four teacher.

Discussion: Sara served as a long term substitute for 2 weeks. She will start as a full time teacher on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Vote: 3 In Favor                      0 Opposed                      0 Abstain

**15. Request for Winter Carnival Date Change: Schenck Student Council**

A motion was made by Angel Danforth and seconded by John McLeod to change the date for the Schenck Winter Carnival.

Discussion: The Winter Carnival is now scheduled for March 10th the same date as One Act. Nick Powers came to the board asking if they could change the date to March 17<sup>th</sup>. Nick checked with all students to see if this date had a conflict with them. No one came forward to say it did. There is no half day on March 16<sup>th</sup> so they would have to work with a full day of classes the day before the Winter Carnival. Spirit week will have to be moved to the next week also. Nick did his homework on this and Mr. Steeves didn't see a problem with the new date.

Vote: 3 In Favor      0 Opposed      0 Abstain

**16. Approval of pay raise for Substitute Teachers:**

A motion was made by John McLeod and seconded by Angel Danforth to approve the pay raise of Substitute Teachers.

Discussion: Mr. Steeves stated that we are losing subs to Ed Tech positions and we need an incentive to get more people to sign up for substituting. The list is very small as of right now. The increase will begin on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Vote: 3 In Favor      0 Opposed      0 Abstain

**17. Electricity Contract Proposals – Luci**

A motion was made by Angel Danforth and seconded by John McLeod to accept the electricity contract proposals presented by Luci.

Discussion: Luci presented a 3 or 4 year option with Maine Power. The board agreed on the 4 year option.

Vote: 3 In Favor      0 Opposed      0 Abstain

**18. Executive Session: Pursuant to 2181 MRSA S 405 (6) (F) Student Confidential Matter**

Student Representative to the Board Interviews

Time In: 6:31 pm

A motion was made by Angel Danforth and seconded by John McLeod to enter into executive session.

Vote: 3 In Favor      0 Opposed      0 Abstain

Time Out: 7:35 pm

Action Taken: There was a motion to approve Austin Fox and Gwen Perkins as Student Board Representatives for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

**19. Adjourn:**

A motion was made by Angel Danforth and seconded by John McLeod to adjourn.

Vote: 3 In Favor      0 Opposed 0 Abstain

Time Adjourned 7:36 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Eric W. Steeves

Superintendent