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Greenbush School Committee-Regular Meeting
October 6, 2021 @ 7:00 PM
Helen S. Dunn School

- I. Opening @ 7:09 PM (We were unable to connect with the Auditor electronically.)
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Declaration of Quorum:
 - 1. Mike Williams, Chr. , Audrey Wood, Vice-Chr. , Kim McCrum ,
Matt Speed , Jen Nevells
 - 2. Others Present: Gwen Smith, Supt.; Jamie & Robbie Fisk, Kayla & Mike Bouchard, Connor Bouchard, Jeremy Tucker, Tessa Tucker, Sarah Thibeault
 - C. Flag Salute
- II. A. Approval of Minutes – September 15, 2021
 - Moved: MS Second: AW Vote: 5/0/0
- III. Recognition
- IV. Spotlight on Learning
- V. Public Participation – The public was given the opportunity to speak and ask questions about COVID protocols. The Superintendent will remind teachers to place assignments in Google Classroom for Grades 3-8 students and send home quarantine packets in Grade PreK to Grade 2 when students are in quarantine.
- VI. Educational Reports
 - A. Finance - A monthly finance report was distributed for board review.
 - B. Principal – The Principal’s Report was distributed which contained PreK-12 enrollment figures.
 - C. Special Education – Special Education enrollment was included on the Principal’s Report.
- VII. Committee Reports
- VIII. Items that may require Board Action
 - A. Superintendent’s Add-ons:

COVID Update – A weekly COVID-19 Update is sent by robo call and posted on Facebook for every week when Pooled Testing is conducted. There will be no Pooled Testing on Monday, Oct. 11th due to the holiday. If we have 3 weeks with

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no new infections, we will return to allow students to remove masks when they are seated and behind plexiglass.

IX. Policy Approval

Motion to accept Second Reading of BED - REMOTE PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Moved: MS Second: JN Vote: 5/0/0

X. Superintendent's Report (s)

- A. Resignations – Kathleen Pelkey, Ed Tech III
- B. Retirements -none
- C. Meetings – numerous meetings for the Superintendent and the Special Ed Director
- D. New Hires - none
- E. Other - none

XI. Chairman's Report: Review of Resolutions

The board voted unanimously to support the resolutions on Addressing Absenteeism, Trainings for School Boards, Equity, Curriculum, Services for Students with Disabilities, Multiple Pathways for Graduation, Teacher Evaluations with Feedback, Measures to Address Superintendent/Principal shortages, Dropout Prevention Measures, and maintaining Labor Laws that ban Arbitration on salaries and ban the Right to Strike.

The board Supports the following resolution in concept but has questions about what assessment tools might be imposed. The Superintendent will seek clarification.

A. Learning Support

Efforts should be made to support learning opportunities affected by summer vacation, prolonged student absence or the disruption caused by the pandemic. The Maine School Boards Association believes a student-centered approach, which looks at individual academic achievement and informs what support systems are needed and for whom, is a more effective approach. Strategies should replicate those utilized within Multiple Tiers of Student Support (MTSS) utilized within school units. The Department of Education needs to be involved in this work by identifying existing resources, developing additional appropriate measurement tools

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and sharing effective interventions developed by their curriculum experts. Consideration of appropriate funding provided by the Maine Department of Education also is recommended.

Rationale

Providing learning support for individual students is not a new concept, but we need to continue to support individual student growth in critical subject areas and identify and address individual student needs as a result of interrupted learning opportunities. This work also needs to be supported by the Department of Education.

XII. Workshop Discussion

Recommended Action: That the Board enter into an executive session to discuss a personnel matter as provided for in 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A). In: 8:34 PM, Out: 9:02 PM

Moved: MS Second: JN Vote: 5/0/0

XIII. Other: MSMA Virtual Conference - Oct 28 to Oct 29, 2021

XIV. Next monthly meeting date: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

XV. Adjournment

Moved: MS Time: 9:33 PM

Respectfully Submitted, *Jwen Smith*, Superintendent

Pursuant to Title 26 M.R.S.A. ss965C, the Greenbush School Board hereby specifically requests of bargaining agents within the Greenbush School Department Education System that said agents meet and consult on educational policies which are part or may become part of this agenda.