

MAINE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 207
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2024

Minutes of the Maine Township High School District 207 Committee of the Whole Meeting held in the District 207 Administration Center Boardroom at 5:00 p.m. on April 15, 2024.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Teri Collins
Linda Coyle
Ed Eicker
Jin Lee
Carla Owen
Dean Patras
Sheila Yousuf-Abramson (Google Meet)

OTHERS PRESENT

Mary Kalou
Katie Di Sanza
Shawn Messmer
Dave Ulm
Tatiana Bonuma
Ginny Edwards
Tom Ahlbeck
Debbie Ittner

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

President Owen called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The Board Secretary called the roll.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

TOWNSHIP TREASURER PRESENTATION

Township Treasurer Mr. Tom Ahlbeck and Assistant Treasurer Ms. Debbie Ittner updated the Board on trends in District investments. The Township Treasurer's Office handles all financial services for District 207 including managing investments, cash flow projections and accounting and reporting for all investment funds.

STAFFING

Assistant Superintendents Dr. Shawn Messmer, Ms. Katie Di Sanza and Ms. Mary Kalou ran through the new staffing and other expenditures for the 2024-2025 school year. The request for additional staffing is supported by the District's educational philosophy of meeting the needs of all students. The plan for next year is to reduce class sizes, increase staffing for multilingual programming, add special education teachers, teacher assistants and a literacy specialist for each school. The District may hire an additional security guard for each school and a choir accompanist for Maine East. The total estimated cost for new staff salary and benefits is \$2,659,147.00.

A. 5.1 Action to Correct the April 1, 2024 Board Resolution Authorizing the Non-renewal of Teachers and Ratification of Notices [EMERGENCY ITEM]

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education approves this Resolution to amend and correct the Resolution adopted by the Board of Education on April 1, 2024, which inadvertently stated that the non-renewal of teachers would be effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. The Board of Education further endorses, authorizes and ratifies the notices sent out to the teachers listed on the April 1, 2024 Resolution.

Motion by Carla Owen, seconded by Linda Coyle

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Collins, Coyle, Eicker, Lee, Owen, Patras, Yousuf-Abramson

Nay: None

TECHNOLOGY BUDGET

The budget for 2024-2025 is \$4,685,740.00 and includes funds for network switches at South and East and replacement of IDF wiring and cable to improve connectivity, reliability and service. Other major components include device replacement, continuing to build cybersecurity and building capacity for new software applications.

INVESTMENT VOLATILITY REPORT

This quarterly report tracks the impact on the market value of the District's investment portfolio based on the rise and fall of interest rates. As of March 31, 2024, the District is tracking for a budgeted loss and would book a paper adjustment if this were year end.

PE TOWEL BID

Two bids were received for a 3-year contract for towel service with current provider Aramark as the lowest responsive bidder in the estimated amount of \$124,224.00.

ROOF REPLACEMENT BID - MAINE SOUTH

Maine South has been experiencing a roof leak in the lobby of the Spectator Gym. This will be a 2-part replacement as a temporary roof will be installed this summer and replacement next summer. Bids will be opened on April 25, 2024 with an estimated budget of \$170,000.00.

GROUNDWATER BID - MAINE WEST

Mitigation of groundwater entering the Maine West crawlspace was identified as part of the 2024 Capital Projects. Bids were opened on April 10, 2024 with the lowest bidder coming in at \$365,000.00. The architect and civil engineer will complete a thorough scope review and a recommendation will be brought to the May 6, 2024 Board meeting.

PAPER BID

Six bids were received for copy paper. Local company Midland Paper, is recommended for a 2-year contract to fulfill the District copy paper needs in the amount of \$277,528.30.

BOARD POLICY REVIEW

There was no review or discussion.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution: That the Board of Education enter into Closed Session at 6:48 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees.

Motion by Ed Eicker, seconded by Linda Coyle

Final Resolution: Motion carries

Aye: Collins, Coyle, Eicker, Lee, Owen, Patras, Yousuf-Abramson

Nay: None

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Resolution: That the Board of Education returns to open session at 7:08 p.m.

Motion by Ed Eicker, seconded by Dean Patras

Final Resolution: Motion carries

Aye: Collins, Coyle, Eicker, Lee, Owen, Patras, Yousuf-Abramson

Nay: None

OTHER ITEMS

A public retirement reception will be held for Dr. Wallace on May 23, 2024 in the District 207 Boardroom.

The Board will hold a Board governance retreat with ISBE in July or August.

The Board is looking to set up staff coffees at the schools.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Dean Patras and seconded by Linda Coyle to adjourn the meeting. With no further business to come before the committee, President Owen adjourned the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Ginny Edwards, Secretary

Carla Owen, President