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MSAD #17 Board Appoints Shelia Caldwell Interim Superintendent

Assistant Superintendent Marx named acting superintendent through December 1

South Paris, Maine – The Oxford Hills School Board voted at its November 12 special meeting to appoint Sheila Caldwell as interim superintendent of MSAD #17, effective December 1, 2026. The appointment is expected to extend through June 2027 completion of the current school year.

Caldwell succeeds Interim Superintendent Jonathan Ross, whose resignation is effective November 19.

The Board also appointed Assistant Superintendent Amy Marx the district's acting superintendent through December 1 as part of its November 12 special meeting proceedings.

Caldwell currently serves as superintendent of RSU 63, which includes Holden, Eddington and Clifton. Her experience includes district leadership, curriculum and instruction, assessment, literacy, and programs supporting multilingual learners. Before becoming superintendent of RSU 63 in 2025, she served as English Learner Director at Collegiate Charter School of Lowell, Massachusetts, and held instructional leadership positions in Maine and other New England schools.

Caldwell was also the founder and operator of Ananda Yoga and Wellness in Belfast, Maine, a successful wellness center and retail establishment operating in Waldo County.

"Sheila brings valuable experience as a superintendent and a strong background in teaching and learning," said Oxford Hills School Board Chair Troy Ripley. "We look forward to working with her and our administrative team to provide steady leadership for students, staff and families as we plan for the district's future."

"I look forward to getting to know the Oxford Hills school community and working with the Board, educators and staff to support students and keep the district moving forward," Caldwell said.

Please follow this link for a photo provided by Sheila Caldwell.

The Board is continuing its process to identify a permanent superintendent, including seeking input from district stakeholders. That work will proceed alongside a review of central-office leadership and organizational needs being led by former Assistant and Acting Oxford Hills Superintendent Steve Ciembroniewicz.

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