

@Opening comments

Recognition of the girls and boys sports teams (wildcats) for a strong undefeated season. Congratulations to the coaches as well.

@ Rob Westerwood (a teacher) to receive a distinguished award around Music.

@Approved minutes of last meeting

@Introduction and (looking for approval) presented by two teachers for a new Sociology class at the HS. Apparently this subject/course has only been offered 1 semester, proposal was to add another ....so Sociology 2. Students can now register and complete a full year. Media Studies will now be dropped/replaced as a course offering. There was no discussion of the new course content. All members approved.

@Looking for a new Superintendent.... Thru the application process they have narrowed down and come away with 14 applicants/applications. The vetting process is now about to happen. Estimate mentioned...need at least 2 weeks to determine a decision on the final candidate.

@ Teachers union leader presented a proposal for 7 or 8 days of delayed school openings. On those days school would start at 10:30am. Third Thursday of every month.

Teachers are looking for more professional time, and based on the fact they have no time thru out the day. (After much discussion it was assumed the teachers are not looking for more professional time...they have 8 days a year, they are looking for more admin time to catch up, plan, organize the day, week etc). Pros were: provides teachers with more time in the morning for planning, organization.

Cons were: the impact on parents, child care and bus schedules.

Suggestion was made to add two more professional days, but children would have to go to school longer (and with years that have many snow days) not desirable. Also not advantageous to teachers that have other or summer jobs.

Decision to go back to teachers union for other suggestions....all agreed.

@Introduction of a newly developed website where parents can go and see updates and learn about school happenings. A memo went out to parents on how to use.

@A discussion on the budget process and what the voters know/understand of this process. A recommendation was made around "is it time to educate folks again".

A lengthy conversation around budget then happened while the group was updated on the cost of buses for the new calendar school year. Apparently they will be \$100K shy of needed funds. The contracted 7 buses this year did not cover the needs to support children enrolled in York schools...proposal is 10 buses for the new school year.

Bids are already out and opening bids for the Special ED needs are 49% higher than 2022/2023 calendar school year. FYI the 49% was the lowest bid higher than LY.

Issue is mostly with Spec ED...but overall the budget doesn't meet needs.

Apparently other conversations happening outside of these SB meetings are to reduce/cut school counselors to help with the budget. Most SB members mentioned the need to keep counselors with the issues students face today...IE: bullying, family situations. So overall BIG transportation concerns and SB is frustrated.

@A lot of time spent on policy updates. Looks like many of the written policies are outdated and needed updates.

I'm not really sure what was updated because you can't see what they are reviewing...but they pretty much said "minor" updates to verbiage.

The following were those updated.

Affirmative action and equity plan...updated to "reflect the new Maine policy/language on what race is".

IHBG..home schooling plan...alternate language????

IHBGC private school children involved in extra curricular activities...they mentioned no changes??

IJOC school volunteers...apparently now applicants are directed thru community director and not the principals of every school.

IJOA children on field trips....again no discussion so not sure what changes.

ACAAA (new plan code) transgender, bringing the verbiage up to date with students and parents rights in accordance with the MSMA. Again no discussion on what the change is.