

5:30-7:30 at the Bath YMCA. The exchange is currently taking place during the summer; however, the board would like to discuss the timing of the program and is open to consider moving it back to the school year in order to integrate the program with the schools. The exchange is a student focused program that works with students in the Bath area including Brunswick and Topsham.

KENNEBEC ESTUARY LAND TRUST

Kennebec Estuary Land Trust (KELT) Program Director Becky Kolak supplied the Board with an outline of the different programs that the Land Trust has provided to RSU 1 teachers and students over the years. The majority of the programs have been designed for PreK-8 students although the high school's AP environmental science classes have also participated in some of the programs. The outline also included the programs that have been scheduled to take place from this fall into spring of next year. Ms. Kolak invited the Board to come and observe one of our programs in action. The Land Trust is a great resource to the educators in the district and provides an educational opportunity for the community.

MORSE HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

Superintendent Manuel reported that we have an option to purchase the Wing Farm property and the City of Bath is scheduled to vote and, hopefully, sign the document on October 5th. We will then sign another contract to further study the Wing Farm property which will take place over the next few weeks. Representatives for the Department of Education were in the district last week to look over the site. Our goal is to have a public meeting to conduct a straw poll vote by the end of October or mid-November. During this meeting we will explain the Wing Farm property and have visuals to show how the building will be situated on the site. After the site is approved we would begin to work on the concept design of the building. Dr. Manuel reported that the Department of Education has recommended that we visit Mt. Blue High School to see a vocational center that has been integrated into a high school. A visit has been scheduled this week to see the Wells High School renovation project. Principal Jay Pinkerton and Director Julie Kenny have been working with staff and meeting with the Department of Education to talk about how many classrooms we need, cafeteria space and other programming needs. The Sustainability and Design Committee meetings will begin soon and Dr. Manuel encouraged anyone that would want to join these committees to please contact the Superintendent's office. We will also be forming a small committee to address fundraising for this project. This is a primarily state funded project; however, there will be a local component.

PROFICIENCY-BASED LEARNING UPDATE

Assistant Superintendent Judy Harvey reported that work continued to be done on the proficiency-based initiative over the summer with a focus on educating the community. Morse High School staff made a video that described proficiency-based learning, advantages of the initiative and examples of how it is good for our students. The video is available on the RSU 1 homepage and the PBL Section page located under the Curriculum link. Links to other resources are also available on PBL Section page. The middle and high school leadership teams met with Great Schools Partnership coach Katie Thompson over the summer to plan the year. Ms. Harvey stated that a workshop will be scheduled for the Board prior to the October or November Board meeting to talk about grading and answer questions from the Board. Teachers will also be invited to attend the workshop to offer their input.

Chairperson Harkins felt that parents would benefit by having a graphic to show when a student achieves the standards as they move along through each unit in the individual classes.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Manuel reported on the following:

- Dr. Manuel welcomed Sarah Gray to the Board and will look forward to having her join the Board at the October meeting.
- This has been a busy and smooth start to the school year with athletic events, activities and open houses.
- RSU 1 is currently 60 on the current state construction list for our two elementary schools in Bath. The state issued a press release that stated that the Department of Education will be revising the list and the window for submitting an application will begin around mid-October. Dr. Manuel felt that it would be a good discussion as a Board and community to see what direction we want to go with this application.
- RSU 1 staff and Chewonki staff reported that the first week of the FLOW program was a success. The Board will receive a comprehensive report after all of our groups have completed the program.
- Code Day was last Friday at Morse High School. Students focused on topics such as stress reduction, coping skills, diversity, leadership, substance abuse and goals setting. Student Representative Sreden reported that this was the brainchild of MHS Guidance Counselor Amanda Nalls. We wanted to approach the idea that we go to school to not only learn the curriculum but other life skills as well. Ms. Sreden participated in the nature journaling and nature walks to see how to connect with your environment and how it transfers into your academic life. Students were able to choose which program they wanted to attend. Ms. Sreden felt that Code Day gave more of a community sense to Morse and an opportunity to see students and teachers that we don't necessarily see every day.
- Congratulations to Woolwich band/chorus teacher Cynthia Streznewski for being chosen to be one of the new teacher leaders for the Maine Arts Leadership Initiative. Ms. Streznewski will be representing RSU 1 for the 2016-17 school year.
- Last Friday the administrative team spent a whole day with a representative from Northwest Evaluation Association to talk about standardized testing and how to use the student data. The administrative team will be meeting two more times this year with the representative to continue this work.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Business Manager Debra Clark presented the financial report for the month ending August 31, 2016. At this point we have spent 5.55% of the budget which is similar to where we were last year at this time. Revenue is at 20% with the majority of it coming from two months of local funding from towns and state subsidy.

FUNDRAISER REQUESTS

The Board received a list of fundraisers that have been scheduled for the first half of the school year. Another update will be presented to the Board at the January meeting.

APPROVAL OF 2016-2017 BOARD GOALS

Chairperson Harkins read the proposed 2016-2017 Board goals which was the result of a goals workshop that took place earlier this month.

MOTION: Walton

SECOND: Perkins

VOTE: Board (7-0)
Students (1-0)

TO: Accept the 2016-2017 Board goals as written.

SECOND READING OF POLICY JRA – STUDENT EDUCATION RECORDS AND INFORMATION

The Board discussed the topic of publishing a student's social security number as stated in Section C and asked whether there would ever be a time that we would publish this information. The Board asked that the Policy Committee to revisit this policy to continue this discussion.

MOTION: August

SECOND: Perkins

VOTE: Board (3-3)
Students (0-1)

TO: Approve the second reading of Policy JRA – Student Education Records and Information. The motion did not pass.

SECOND READING OF POLICY JICA – STUDENT DRESS

Superintendent Manuel received feedback from the administrators and as a result the following language was added to address their concerns.

- E. Clothing that is overly revealing is not permitted.

MOTION: Perkins

SECOND: Fuller

VOTE: Board (7-0)
Students (1-0)

TO: Approve Policy JICA – Student Dress as written.

PERSONNEL ITEMS - Report

The Board received a list of the Schedule B appointments for the 2016-2017 school year.

FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICIES

The Board reviewed following policies:

- Policy JICK Bullying and Cyberbullying in Schools – Superintendent Manuel reported that this policy has been updated by the Department of Education. The policy also includes some sample forms for reporting; however, it has not been decided whether we will use them or not. The policy will be sent to our administrators for their feedback before the next Board meeting.

AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES BETWEEN DR. HANNA AT MIDCOAST HOSPITAL AND RSU 1

MOTION: Ensel

SECOND: Perkins

VOTE: Board (7-0)
Students (1-0)

TO: Approve the Agreement for Services between Dr. Hanna at Midcoast Hospital and RSU 1 as presented.

VOTE TO AUTHORIZE OFFICAL SEAL FOR RSU 1

Superintendent Manuel reported that according to our attorney RSU 1 would need an official seal in order to complete any official bond documents.

MOTION: Ensel

SECOND: Ritch-Smith

VOTE: Board (7-0)
Students (1-0)

TO: That the Secretary of Regional School Unit No. 1: Lower Kennebec Region School Unit (the "RSU") be authorized to procure a seal bearing the words "Regional School Unit No. 1:" and "MAINE" around the outer circumference, "Lower Kennebec Region School Unit" around the inner

