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REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #38 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MARANACOOK COMMUNITY MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

March 11, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order:
2. Pledge of Allegiance:
3. Citizens' Comment: (5 min.)
4. Additions/Adjustments to the Agenda by Board and/or Superintendent: (5 min.)
5. Reports: (20 min.)
 - a. Celebrations
 - b. Reports:
 - Student Representatives
 - Student Services Director*
 - Elementary Principals*
 - MS/HS Principals*
 - Finance Director*
 - Health Center Director*
 - Special Education Director*
 - Superintendent*
 - c. Awesome Bear Society Upcoming Meeting- 3/11 & 4/8 @ MCHS Media Center @ 6:30 pm
 - d. Subcommittee Upcoming Meetings/Minutes
 - Budget Committee* – 4/1 @ MCMS Media @ 5:15 pm
 - Communications – 5/6 @ MCMS Media, @ 5:15 pm
 - Curriculum – TBD
 - Facilities & Transportation* – 4/15 @ MCMS Media @ 5:15 pm
 - Personnel – 3/18 @ MCMS Media @ 5:15 pm
 - Policy – 3/25 @ Central Office @ 5:15 pm
6. Action:
 - a. Approval of Minutes from February 4, 2026, School Board Meeting*
 - b. Approval of Minutes from February 25, 2026, School Board Meeting (Budget Workshop)*
 - c. Acceptance of Donations through March 6, 2026*
 - d. Consideration of Overnight Field Trip- MCHS All State Music Festival- Dan Gilbert 5/13-5/16*
 - e. Consideration of Overnight Field Trip- Moose Island Trip to Tanglewood 5/19-5/21*
 - f. Consideration of Overnight Field Trip- Acadia Trip to Tanglewood 5/26-5/28
7. Adjournment:

*Attachments

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**DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES
WINTER 2025/2026 REPORT**

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS



Bear Cave at the Boys Basketball Regional Final

Girls Basketball

Coaches: Karen Magnusson, Rebecca Booker, Scott Despres

The girls finished the regular season ranked #2 in Class C South with a record of 15-3 which qualified them for the MVC championship game which they lost to Spruce Mountain. The team won their quarterfinal playoff game vs. Dirigo but lost to Wells in the semifinals 35-27.

All- Conference selections: 1st Team- Celia Bergdahl, Alice Ferran, 2nd Team- Jackie Clark, Honorable Mention- Cooper Davis, Gracie Farrell

McDonald's All-Star Selection- Celia Bergdahl. MVC Co-Player of the Year- Celia Bergdahl



Boys Basketball

Coaches: Travis Magnusson, Garrett Whitten, Marty Magnusson, Tom Labrie

The boys finished the regular season ranked #3 in Class C South with a record of 14-4. The team defeated Waynflete in the South C quarters, Hall-Dale in the semifinals, and Spruce Mountain on a buzzer beater in the South Regional final. The boys lost in the state final to Fort Kent, 70-63.

All-Conference Selections: 1st Team- Jack Fontaine, Gage Mattson, Honorable Mention- Elijah Freeman, Grady Hreben



Boys Basketball: Class C South Regional Champions!



Nordic Skiing

Coaches: Casey Spencer and Steve DeAngelis

The girls nordic team won the MVC Championship over a two day race format at Black Mountain and Titcomb Mountain. Harper Olmstead was the overall medal winner.

The state championships were held up north in Fort Kent. Harper Olmstead was the top female skier coming in 8th place and RJ Haldane was the top male skier in 20th.

All-Conference Selections- 1st Team- Harper Olmstead (freestyle and classical), Anwen Kane (classical), 2nd Team- Anwen Kane (freestyle), Ella Giles (freestyle), Emily Saunders (freestyle), and Kira Pelletier (classical)



MVC Champions, Girls Nordic

Alpine Skiing

Coaches: Ronn Gifford and John Whitney

The girls and boys teams both won the MVC Alpine Championship at Black Mountain. Phoebe Bell and Emerson Dunlap were medalists in both giant slalom and slalom, while Tristan Riley medalled and won the giant slalom, and Sam Hayes, Wyatt Duca, and Fletcher Morrill also medalled.

The boys and girls teams both finished third at the Class B states. Emerson Dunlap finished 6th in GS and 4th in the slalom; Phoebe Bell finished 8th in the GS and 3rd in the slalom; and Tristan Riley won the slalom and finished 3rd in the GS.

All-Conference Selections: Phoebe Bell (1st team GS, SL), Emerson Dunlap (1st team GS, SL), Evelyn Stevenson (2nd team GS), Lydia Stevenson (2nd team GS, SL), Hali Isaacson (2nd team SL), Tristan Riley (1st team GS), Sam Hayes (2nd team GS), Wyatt Duca (1st team SL, 2nd team GS), Fletcher Morrill (1st team SL)



MVC Champions, Boys and Girls Alpine

The boys and girls teams both won the Class B Alpine MPA Sportsmanship Award!





Tristan Riley wins the Class B State Slalom Championship!



Ice Hockey

Four athletes played with a cooperative team over at Cony this winter finishing the regular season with a record of 13-5. The team entered the playoffs as the #2 seed in Class B North. The team won their first round game over the Black Hawks 12-0 and then lost in the semifinals to Hampden Academy in overtime, 4-3.

Indoor Track

We had some student-athletes join Gardiner HS as part of a cooperative team this winter. Ella Giles won the high jump at the KVAC Championship and qualified for states with a jump of 4 '10". The following qualified and competed at the Class B State Championship at USM: Ella Giles, Evelyn Stevenson, Kai Marcoux, Ayla Cote, Caroline Harper, and Will Watson. Evelyn Stevenson made the podium in the 55m hurdles coming in 8th place.



Ella Giles

Wrestling

There were two wrestlers who trained and competed at Monmouth Academy; Remington Crawford and Jacob Reily.

All-Conference selection- Remi Crawford (2nd team)

Unified Basketball

Coaches: Jill Plourd, Amanda Knowlton, and Tammy Allard

The team is a cooperative team with players from Maranacook and Winthrop. Unified athletics is a division of Special Olympics and includes athletes of varying disabilities and students who play as helpers. The team has a schedule full of games and the showcase game is always the home game during winter carnival week.



Volunteer Referees: Celia Bergdahl and Alice Ferran

HIGH SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR

Math Team

Advisor: Bill Babbitt

The team will be entering championship season as defending champions with three meets. The Central Maine Math League finals will be at Cony HS on 3/4, the Mountain Valley Conference finals will be at Hall-Dale HS on 3/18, and the state finals will be at the Augusta Civic Center on 4/7.

Spring Play

Director: Dan Gilbert

The cast has been practicing hard for the performances of *Elsewhere*.

Performance Dates: March 20, 21, and 22.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Boys Basketball

Coaches: Tom Labrie and Tom Radcliff

The boys basketball team finished the season undefeated (14-0) and beat Hall-Dale in the championship game before a packed crowd in the high school gym. This was the third straight year they made it to the final and the 2nd straight championship.

2026 CAL BOYS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS



Girls Basketball

Coaches: Matt Magnusson and Chloe Allen

The girls team finished the regular season with a 12-2 record, only losing to Gardiner twice. The girls had their revenge in the championship game beating the Tigers 54-53 to win their first ever CAL championship.

2026 CAL GIRLS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS



Nordic Skiing

Coach: Jean-Luc Theriault

Numbers for the nordic program were strong this winter with many young and new skiers. The team was able to get on snow early to start learning before a warm spell took that away but we got blessed with a big amount just before holiday break. 13 skiers competed at the championships and gained a lot of experience.



Alpine Skiing

Coach: Eli Holland

The alpine team had very strong numbers this winter and were able to get in every race they had scheduled. The team was young and inexperienced but the amount of skiing they were able to do will help tremendously.



Spring Sports Dates:

March 23- High school baseball and softball arm conditioning begins.

March 23- High school lacrosse goalie training begins.

March 30- All high school sports begin (baseball, softball, lacrosse, track, tennis)

April 3/4 - Middle school baseball and softball tryouts

April 6- All middle school sports begin (baseball, softball, track, girls club lacrosse)

Athletic Website:

<https://schools.snap.app/maranacookathletics>

Submitted by Brant Remington, Director of Students Services

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Elementary Principals' Report
 March 11, 2026
 Michelle Hood (MTV)
 Abbie Hartford (MES)
 Jeanette Jacobs (WES)
 Jeff Boston (RES)

	Pre-K	K	1	2	3	4	5	Total
MES	10	13	12/11	11/11	13/12	14/13	22	142
RES	9/9 (3 WES students in pm session)	7/7	10/11	14/15	13/14	10/11	17/17	164
MTV	2	11	13	11	12	17	16	82
WES	3 @RES	11	7	13	6	8	12	57

CSI-R Update

MTVES: Mt. Vernon Elementary has had its Tier 3 plan formally accepted and approved by the State of Maine, and implementation of the plan is now underway. As part of this work, three teachers will attend the Innovative Schools Summit in Orlando this March. Their professional learning will include participation in the Science of Reading and Math Symposium, along with access to six additional conferences over a three-day period. Following the summit, these teachers will synthesize their learning into an instructional report to be presented to the full staff in April.

In April, two teachers will also attend additional training with the BARR Center to deepen their understanding of effective BARR implementation. This work will support our ongoing efforts to strengthen systems and practices that raise both math and reading achievement across the building.

Mt. Vernon will also begin math coaching work with Tracy Zager. This coaching will benefit all teachers and students as we closely examine math planning and instructional delivery. In conjunction with this work, staff are participating in a math-focused book study that aligns closely with and reinforces the coaching focus. We look forward to reporting in the future on the impact this Tier 3 work has on teaching and learning at Mt. Vernon Elementary.

CSI-R Update Cont.

WES:

We are pleased to share that our grant application has been submitted and we are currently awaiting approval. We look forward to updating the board as we receive news on that front.

As part of our Continuous School Improvement (CSI) work at Wayne Elementary, we are focused on refining our Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), with particular attention to strengthening our Tier 2 structures and systems. Tier 2 represents the targeted intervention layer of our support framework — designed for students who need more than universal classroom instruction but have not yet required the intensive, individualized supports of Tier 3. It is a critical bridge in the system, allowing us to identify students early, respond proactively, and prevent gaps from widening before they become significantly harder to address.

To deliver this targeted support more effectively, we have organized our staff into grade span teams — one serving grades K–2 and another serving grades 3–5. These collaborative teams meet on a bi-weekly basis to examine student data, monitor progress, and make informed instructional decisions. This structure allows teachers to share students across classrooms and lean into one another's individual strengths, ensuring that every child has access to the right support from the right educator at the right time.

To ground our work in research and best practice, our staff has also begun a book study using *Best Practices at Tier 2*, which is helping us reflect on and refine our approach with a common language and shared understanding. We are proud of the intentional, collaborative work our team is doing and remain committed to continuous improvement on behalf of every student at Wayne Elementary.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

It's hard to believe, but the second trimester is rapidly coming to an end on March 13th! As we approach this midpoint in the school year, parent/teacher conferences present a valuable opportunity to connect with families and discuss each student's progress. Conferences will be held for MtVES, RES, and WES on the following dates: March 19th and March 24th from 3-7pm. MES will be conducting their conferences on March 12th and March 19th from 3-7 pm. During these conferences, we can share insights with parents/guardians about their child's academic performance, behavior, and social-emotional development. This is also a chance to strengthen our partnership with families as we collectively support our students.

Pre-K Screening

RSU 38 is screening Pre-K students for 2026-2027 in March. Students will be screened at RES or MES as those will be the two sights for the Pre-K programs next year. Both RES and MES will be able to hold screenings in the actual Pre-K classroom which is a wonderful opportunity to

have these young children see the classroom and meet the teacher during this day. In addition, with the support of our tech department, we created an intro video that is now on the district web site. This video shows the classrooms, children engaged in learning and provides an overview of the program by our own Pre-k teachers; Erica Coombs and Amy Nutting.

**Maranacook Community Middle School
Board Report
March 5, 2026**

We had a fun-filled Winter Carnival Week right before February Break, It culminated in a series of competitions between students and staff.





MCMS hosted the **Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine** on March 2 for a school-wide assembly on hate speech. As part of our ongoing commitment to fostering a respectful and inclusive school environment, this presentation was aimed at helping students better understand the harm caused by slurs and why respectful language is essential in our community.

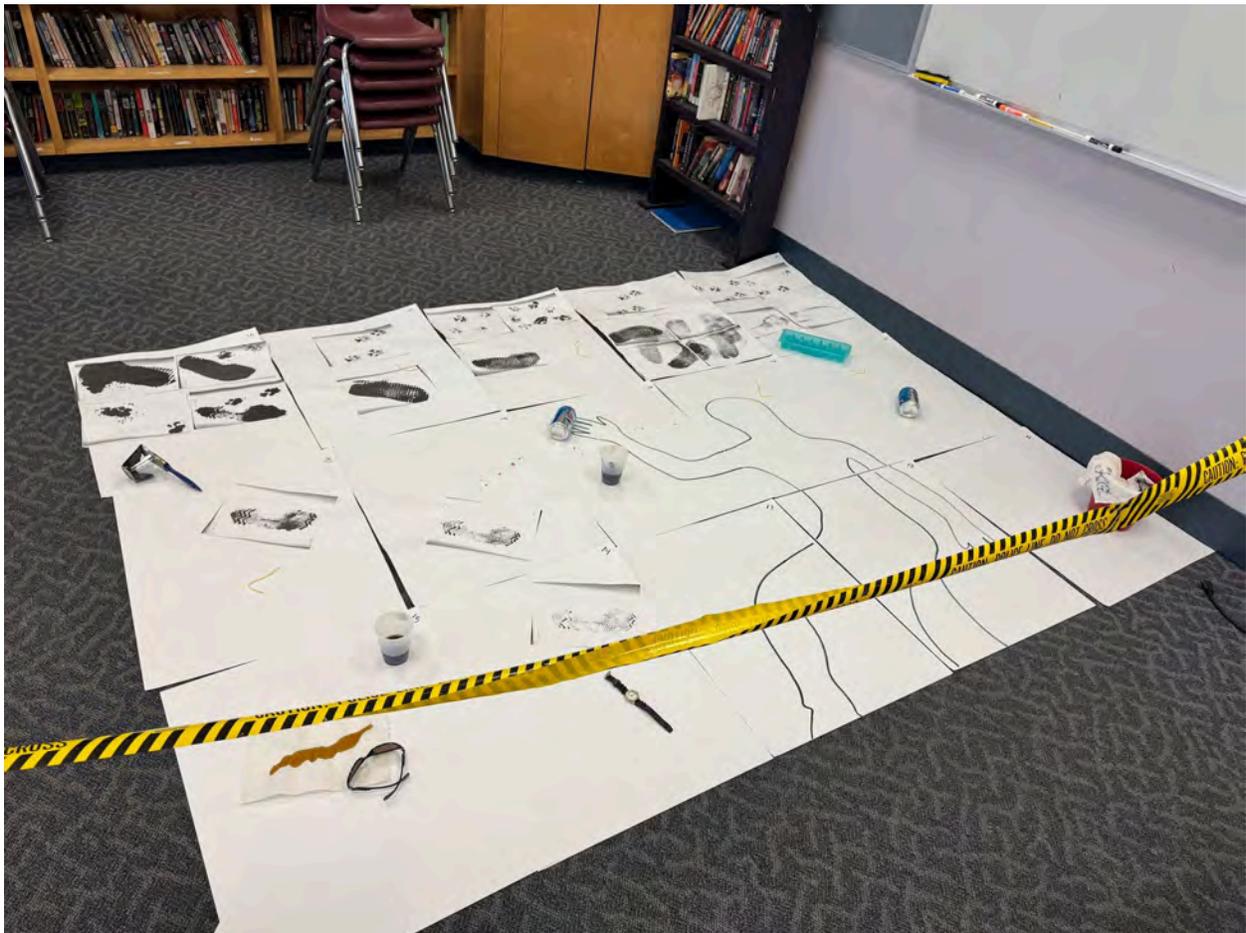
Moose Island is working on two team-wide projects. One is a medieval fair for the end of Trimester 2. The other is a project around Samantha Smith that will culminate in a June ceremony.

Acadia is working on developing executive functioning skills with our students. We've had planners donated from the community, and are supporting students through quiet work time in Tutorial. Students are learning about how wars and conflicts have impacted societies in the past and presently. STEM classes are working on resilience and improving stress management, as well as learning new skills.

Katahdin is studying how spices and other commodities were traded along the Silk Road- they are also learning about the chemistry of foods, chemical reactions and lab safety- In ELA they have been researching ethical issues regarding animal treatment in food production, testing and entertainment.

Royal had students at the community cafe to discuss books that seniors had agreed to read over the last month. It was a fabulous experience for all. Royal students are also in the middle of

a crime scene investigation! Examining a crime scene, collecting evidence and testing is the culmination to their chemistry/STEM unit.



MCMS Enrollment

6th - 107

7th - 92

8th - 110

Total - 309



Michele LaForge, Principal
Brant Remington, Director of Student Services
Sarah Morrill, Health Center Director

Cal Dorman, Assistant Principal
Sara Chisholm, Guidance Chair
Jennifer Russell, Office Coordinator

March 3, 2026

Dear Maranacook School Board,

Thank you for all the work, effort, and caring you do for all our students, families and staff. Here are a few great opportunities to see some of our students in action.

MCHS Student Art Show Open Exhibit at Readfield Gallery

While Opening Night is on March 6 from 4-6 pm, the Exhibit is available for viewing on Saturday March 14 from 1-2 PM and Saturday, March 28 from 10 -11 am.

FLOODING COLORS
A Creative Explosion of Work
by Maranacook Community High School Students
Jeremy Smith's Honors students are proud to share their recent work with the Maranacook community this March for Youth Art Month. Our gallery show has the name Flooding Colors assigned to it. The title describes the colorful outlook that the students have taken with their artwork during this school year and their attitude that color is so important to cheer us up through these long, bleak winters.
Opening night is on March 6, from 4-6 PM.
Guests and the public can also view the exhibit on Saturday, March 14 from 1-2 PM and Saturday, March 28 from 10-11 AM. A special thank you to gallery owner, Camee Davidson, for the invitation to show student work!
Location:
1138 Main St, Readfield, ME (The Gallery Camee Davidson, next to the Readfield Post Office)
Please contact Jeremy Smith for more information:
jeremy.smith@maranacook.com

GALLERY CAMEE DAVIDSON & MARANACOOK COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL PROUDLY PRESENT:
FLOODING COLORS
A Creative Explosion of Work by Maranacook Community High School Students
MARCH 2026

Unified Basketball - the rest of the Season's schedule

Watching a Unified Basketball game is one of the best ways to boost your spirits and know the students that you support with such dedication. The rest of the season's matches are not at home, but they are nearby!

- 3/3- Home (Maranacook) vs Gardiner, 1:05pm (Winter Carnival)
 - 3/9- at Winthrop (Winthrop v Maranacook) 10:15am (Bus 9:30am)
 - 3/10- at Oak Hill 1:00pm (Maranacook Bus 11:45am)
 - 3/12- at Hall-Dale (Maranacook Bus 11:55pm)
- Games: 12:40pm vs Cony
1:20pm vs Gardiner

Some key congratulations

You will get to celebrate many students in person in upcoming months, but I wanted to take a moment to share our Class of 2026 Top Ten Students and the names of the students who placed in the prestigious Skills USA competition through their CATC programs.

MCHS 2026 Top Ten Scholars



Skills USA Competition placements

Crime Scene Investigation	Abbey Sirois	Team A	1st place
Heating	Grant Bonnefond		3rd place
Culinary Arts	Katie Tims		3rd place
Culinary Arts	Lane Tilton		1st place
Plumbing	Nicholas Ciampa		3rd place
Courtesy Corp	Taylor McBumey		1st place
Job Interview	Taylor McBumey		2nd place
Automotive MLR	Tristen Wurth		2nd place
Automotive Tool Identification	Tristen Wurth		1st place

Enrollment (3/3/26):

Grade 9	91
Grade 10	94
Grade 11	93
<u>Grade 12</u>	<u>85</u>
Total	363

Best Regards,



Michele LaForge, Principal, MCHS

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REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO 38

WARRANT ARTICLE RECONCILIATION

2025-2026

March 11, 2026

Account Number / Description	Approved Budget 7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026	Revised Budget 7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026	Expended 7/1/2025 - 2/28/2026	Encumbered 7/1/2025 - 2/28/2026	Amount Remaining 7/1/2025 - 2/28/2026	Percent Remaining 7/1/2025 - 2/28/2026
ARTICLE 2 REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$9,636,541.83	\$9,636,541.83	\$5,817,421.52	\$29,223.34	\$3,789,896.97	39.33%
ARTICLE 3 SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$3,530,789.31	\$3,530,789.31	\$1,972,645.98	\$95.00	\$1,558,048.33	44.13%
ARTICLE 4 CTE INSTRUCTION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	---
ARTICLE 5 OTHER INSTRUCTION	\$646,272.00	\$646,272.00	\$388,313.66	\$1,678.58	\$256,279.76	39.66%
ARTICLE 6 STUDENT & STAFF SUPP	\$2,418,942.76	\$2,418,942.76	\$1,458,969.78	\$12,144.34	\$947,828.64	39.18%
ARTICLE 7 SYSTEM ADMIN	\$841,864.99	\$841,864.99	\$498,800.19	\$5,260.84	\$337,803.96	40.13%
ARTICLE 8 SCHOOL ADMIN	\$1,524,261.63	\$1,524,261.63	\$940,550.00	\$2,071.26	\$581,640.37	38.16%
ARTICLE 9 TRANSPORTATION	\$1,284,104.84	\$1,284,104.84	\$791,920.07	\$19,299.26	\$472,885.51	36.83%
ARTICLE 10 OPER/MAINT OF PLANT	\$3,681,750.19	\$3,681,750.19	\$2,249,962.59	\$270,328.10	\$1,161,459.50	31.55%
ARTICLE 11 DEBT SERVICE PYMNTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	---
ARTICLE 12 ALL OTHER EXP	\$114,337.20	\$114,337.20	\$8,084.16	\$0.00	\$106,253.04	92.93%
GRAND TOTAL	\$23,678,864.75	\$23,678,864.75	\$14,126,667.95	\$340,100.72	\$9,212,096.08	38.90%

As of today's date we are optimistic that the overall budget for Regional School Unit No. 38 remains sound as budgeted for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments or suggestions through email at mandy_fitzgerald@maranacook.com or telephone 207-685-3336 x.1210

SBHC Board report - 3/11/26

Submitted by Sarah Morrill, RN BSN, Health Center Director

School Based Health Center Overview

The Maranacook School Based Health Center (SBHC) was founded in the 1990s through the efforts of school staff and with broad community support. Our mission is to make quality health care services accessible to all students in the Middle and High School by bringing healthcare providers to the school during the school day, and minimizing financial barriers to care. The SBHC reduces the burden on parents, and decreases time away from school for medical and mental health appointments. Parents can opt-in their students to SBHC expanded services, in addition to the school nurse services available to everyone. We have a medical provider through MaineGeneral, behavioral health counselors through Kennebec Behavioral Health, and a partnership with Maine Family Planning for provider services, supplies and training. Providers are employed by the partner organizations, and operate under the Medical Directorship of Carol Mansfield, MD. The Maranacook SBHC is partially funded through a grant from the State, with additional funding provided by RSU 38 and a small grant from Maine Family Planning.

Data review

- **55 medical provider visits**
- **37 additional family planning visits**
- **Approx 45 students in KBH counseling**

Medical Services (MaineGeneral Partnership)

The partnership with MaineGeneral Health remains strong. Mary Wright, NP, provides onsite services each Friday. Dr. Carol Mansfield is at school every Wednesday morning to see her patients, and cover acute care as needed. Jenna Smith, NP, offers telehealth appointments as well. Medical appointments continue to be available for staff and for elementary students when parents bring them in.

Dr. Mansfield recently returned from a medical mission trip to Guatemala and shared these pictures:



Behavioral Health (Kennebec Behavioral Health Partnership)

We are staffed with 2 full time counselors who serve the district. There is an open 0.5FTE position for additional coverage at the elementary schools.

Reproductive Health (Maine Family Planning Partnership)

The partnership with Maine Family Planning (MFP) continues for SY '25-'26.

Dental Health

Simply Smiles mobile dental clinic will return to the district in April/May for the semi-annual hygiene and fluoride clinic.

Thank you again for your time and dedication to the success of the Maranacook schools!
Please reach out with any questions to sarah_morrill@maranacook.com or x1019 at the High School.



MARANACOOK AREA SCHOOLS

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March Board Report

Dear RSU #38 School Board:

The general Maine state assessments are given to about 98% of students in our district and throughout the state. This is for the area of English Language Arts, Math and Science in grades 5, 8 and 11. In cases where students are not able to meaningfully participate in the general state assessment, there is an alternative assessment option, though restrictions apply to who may be eligible for the state Maine State Alternate Assessment (MSAA).

For those students, their individualized education program (IEP) teams must first review the criteria for such an alternative assessment option and then must make annual determinations as to whether it is appropriate for them to take part in the Maine State Alternative Assessment (MSAA). Student participation in these alternative assessments is **not** based on:

1. A disability category or label
2. Poor attendance or extended absences
3. Native language/social/cultural or economic difference
4. Expected poor performance on the general education assessment
5. Academic and other services student receives
6. Educational environment or instructional setting

However, participation is based on students meeting **all** of the below three criteria:

1. The student has a significant cognitive disability.
2. The student is learning content standards linked to the Maine Learning Results.
3. The student requires extensive direct individualized instruction and substantial supports to achieve measurable gains.

Over the last few months, the Maine Department of Education (DOE) has been asking district to confirm which students will take the MSAA. The DOE's goal, based on federal guidance, is to have no more than 1% of the students statewide participate in this. If districts are above the 1% participation mark, then they would be asked to provide justification for such a participation rate, as well as submit an action plan for how to address the rate. I thought it would be important to share these details of the Maine assessment process given that DOE will be making these determinations soon and providing feedback to districts.

In most cases, the teachers who administer these alternative assessments are also administering multiple general Maine assessments to other students they case manage and instruct. I wanted to extend my gratitude to those staff who help support these students and their individualized assessment needs.

Sincerely,

Ryan Meserve

RSU 38 Maranacook Area Schools Superintendent's Report



To: Members of the RSU 38 Board of Directors
From: Dr. Karen G. Smith

March 2026

17 Attendance (As of March 1, 2026)

District attendance data reflects continued progress in moving students out of the at-risk category and into good standing. The percentage of students with **good attendance** (fewer than 5% absences) has increased to **54.8%**, up from 53.0% at this same point last year — a gain of 1.8 percentage points.

Most notably, the **at-risk population** (5–14% absent) declined from 28.2% to **26.2%**, a reduction of 2.0 percentage points. This suggests that early-intervention supports help students before absenteeism becomes chronic.

Total chronic absenteeism (combining chronically absent and severely chronically absent students) remains essentially flat year-over-year at **18.9%**, compared to 18.8% in 2025. Within that figure, the **chronically absent rate** (15–19% absent) improved slightly from 15.2% to **14.8%**. However, the **severely chronically absent rate** (greater than 20% absent) increased modestly from 3.6% to **4.1%**, representing our highest-need students. Administration is monitoring this population closely and will continue to deploy targeted, tiered supports to address attendance barriers for these students.

Overall, the trend of students moving from at-risk to good attendance is an encouraging sign. Addressing the slight uptick in severe chronic absenteeism remains a priority.

District-Wide Attendance Summary

Category	Mar. 1, 2025	Mar. 1, 2026	Change
Good Attendance (<5% absent)	53.0%	54.8%	+1.8%
At Risk (5–14% absent)	28.2%	26.2%	-2.0%
Chronically Absent (15–19% absent)	15.2%	14.8%	-0.4%
Severely Chronically Absent (>20% absent)	3.6%	4.1%	+0.5%
Total Chronic Absenteeism	18.8%	18.9%	+0.1%

Truancy Status – The district currently has one student at the middle school who meets the statutory definition of truant under Maine law.

💰 Budget Update – March 2026

The district is currently in the second draft phase of the FY2027 budget development process. The Budget Committee has continued its review of the proposed budget in light of significant shifts in state funding under the ED 279 formula, which has reduced the state's share of education costs and increased the local tax burden across our four member towns. The second draft budget presentation addressed these changes in detail, providing town-by-town impact analyses to help community members and committee members understand how the funding shift affects each municipality. Staff have been informed of the fiscal pressures facing the district, and the administration remains committed to transparent communication throughout this process.

At the March 11 Board meeting, the administration will outline an action plan that addresses the converging fiscal and demographic pressures facing the district — including declining enrollment, aging facilities, and the structural shift in state funding. The presentation will also introduce a strategic planning framework that will engage all four communities in shaping the district's long-term direction. The Board will have the opportunity to review, ask questions, and discuss next steps. The administration looks forward to that conversation and to working with the Board to position RSU 38 for a strong and sustainable future.

BOARD CHAIR
SHAWN RODERICK

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Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2026
5:15-6:15 pm at MCMS Media Center

Board Members: Wendy Brotherlin, Leslie Marco, Brian Tarbuck, David Twitchell

Administrators: Superintendent Karen Smith, Finance Director Mandy Fitzgerald, Diane MacGregor, Jason Sirois, Steve Vose, Ryan Meserve, Michele LaForge, Mike Muir, Jeff Boston, Michelle Hood, Jeanette Jacobs

1. Review of the ED 279 from the State

The Superintendent presented the FY27 ED 279 state funding allocation, which was received from the Maine Department of Education on January 29. The total allocation is essentially flat year over year, decreasing only \$6,769. However, the composition shifted dramatically: the state's share declined \$678,636, an 11 percent reduction from \$6.14 million to \$5.47 million, while the required local contribution increased \$665,241, or 7.7 percent, from \$8.66 million to \$9.33 million. The overall message is that the funding pie is the same size, but the four towns must now pay for a much bigger slice of it.

The shift is driven by rising property valuations. The district's combined 3-year average valuation increased 16.3 percent, from \$1.42 billion to \$1.65 billion, with all four towns seeing double-digit increases. Mount Vernon had the steepest jump at 21.5 percent, while Manchester, Readfield, and Wayne came in around 14.7 to 14.9 percent. Under Maine's funding formula, higher property values signal that communities can afford to contribute more, which reduces the state's share. The mill expectation actually decreased from 6.10 to 5.645, a 7.5 percent drop, but rising valuations more than offset the lower rate, meaning towns still pay more in actual dollars. The local-to-state funding split shifted from 58.7 percent local and 41.3 percent state in FY26 to 63.2 percent local and 36.8 percent state in FY27.

At the municipal level, the required local contribution increases are uneven. Manchester is at 6.1 percent, Readfield and Wayne are both at 6.3 percent, but Mount Vernon faces a 12.4 percent increase of \$250,501, driven by its 21.5 percent valuation jump. On the state contribution side, Mount Vernon and Wayne see the steepest declines at roughly 29 to 30 percent, while Manchester is down about 3 percent and Readfield about 10 percent. The reduction in state funding also creates a cash flow impact of approximately \$56,500 less per month in state subsidy payments.

The presentation also addressed enrollment trends and EPS rates. The district lost 38 attending students year over year, a 3.2 percent decline concentrated in the elementary grades, with the PreK–K pipeline showing a 23 percent two-year average decline. EPS rates increased by approximately 3.7 percent at both the elementary and secondary levels, and the multilingual learner allocation rose significantly from \$28,000 to \$65,000. However, enrollment is declining faster than EPS rates are rising, meaning the district needs 3 percent or more in annual rate increases just to hold flat. The special education EPS allocation decreased \$56,000, from \$2.82 million to \$2.77 million, which may require additional local funding since actual special education costs are not expected to decrease. Economically disadvantaged enrollment declined approximately 10 percent, though the state's two-year averaging softens the immediate budget impact.



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2. 1st Draft Revenue Review

The Superintendent and Finance Director presented the First Draft revenue picture alongside the expenditure budget. The FY27 First Draft expenditure budget is \$24,974,865, an increase of \$1,296,000 or 5.47 percent over the FY26 budget of \$23,678,865. This falls at the top of the Budget Committee’s previously established range of 4.5 percent floor to 5.5 percent ceiling. The administrative team had already identified \$417,220 in reductions that are built into the First Draft. Approximately 80 percent of the budget is personnel costs, with key cost drivers including a 10 percent increase in health insurance and a 7 percent increase in dental insurance.

On the revenue side, state funding totals approximately \$5.47 million, including the EPS subsidy of \$5,429,377, the Educational Service Center adjustment of \$36,107, and National Board teacher funding of \$6,000. Other revenue brings in approximately \$1.87 million, anchored by Fayette tuition at \$940,000, the balance forward of \$784,189, and miscellaneous revenue of \$148,000, including transportation revenue, gate receipts, and state agency reimbursements. Property tax revenue totals \$17.63 million, consisting of the required local match of \$9,327,139 and additional local dollars of \$8,304,052 needed to fund the budget after all other revenue is accounted for.

The Local Dollar Calculation based on the First Draft budget shows a total local contribution of \$17,671,191, an increase of \$1,877,102 or 11.88 percent over FY26, with a district average cost per student of \$16,766 based on 1,054 enrolled students. Town-by-town, Manchester’s total local share is \$5,406,851 (up 10.8 percent), Readfield is \$4,945,231 (up 10.9 percent), Wayne is \$3,199,154 (up 10.6 percent), and Mount Vernon is \$4,119,955, with the highest percentage increase at 15.7 percent. The 11.88 percent local increase reflects both the 5.47 percent budget increase and the ED 279 formula shift. It was emphasized that these are First Draft numbers and represent the starting point for the Committee’s work, not the final figures.

3. Guidance/Suggestions for the Feb. 11 Meeting (2nd Draft Budget)

The Committee discussed four guiding questions framed by the administration. First, how to deliver the strongest possible education while being respectful of what taxpayers can reasonably afford. Second, how to communicate the forces driving local costs, including rising valuations and reduced state support, so families and taxpayers feel informed and included in the process. Third, how to protect the programs, facilities, and staff that make Maranacook special while navigating the funding formula shift. Fourth, what long-range strategies should the district be developing, given enrollment trends and state funding dynamics, to ensure the district remains a place where students thrive, employees are valued, and taxpayers see a strong return on their investment.

The Committee directed the administration to significantly reduce the budget for the Second Draft presentation on February 11, with the goal of reducing the local dollar impact while preserving core services and instructional programs.

4. Next Steps and Action Planning

- February 25, 2026 @ Central Office
- April 1, 2026 @ MS Media Center



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1. Second Draft Feedback Discussion

The Superintendent presented the FY27 Second Draft Budget to the Budget Committee. The Second Draft totals \$24,363,273, representing a net reduction of \$611,591 from the First Draft of \$24,974,865. Compared to the current FY26 budget of \$23,678,865, the Second Draft is an increase of \$684,408, or 2.89 percent. This is down significantly from the 5.47 percent increase reflected in the First Draft.

ED 279 and Revenue Analysis

The ED 279 delivered a significant shift in the funding formula. State EPS funding decreased \$678,636, an 11 percent reduction, dropping from \$6.14 million to \$5.47 million. This was driven by a 16.36 percent increase in the district's 3-year average property valuation, from \$1.42 billion to \$1.65 billion. Under Maine's funding formula, when property values rise, the state contributes less and communities are expected to contribute more. The Required Local Dollar Match increased \$665,241, or 7.68 percent, moving from \$8,661,898 to \$9,327,139. This increase is entirely formula-driven. While the mill expectation actually decreased from 6.10 to 5.645, the higher valuations more than offset that reduction, resulting in higher dollar amounts from each town. The total local impact across all four towns is an increase of \$1,065,510, or 6.75 percent. The key message presented was that this is not a spending problem but a shift in state funding affecting districts across Maine, particularly those with rising property values.

Budget Reconciliation

The presentation walked through every adjustment from the First Draft to the Second Draft. On the reduction side, five positions were eliminated through attrition and unfilled vacancies for a combined savings of \$435,766: an Elementary Principal (\$102,598), a HS Math Teacher (\$95,443), an Elementary Counselor (\$91,730), an unfilled HS Special Education Teacher (\$75,062), and an unfilled MS World Language Teacher (\$70,933). The maintenance garage was removed entirely, saving \$140,000. The number of buses was reduced from two to one, saving \$30,000. The CATC cost-sharing was reduced by \$23,873, and one MS Floating Teacher was eliminated through a Reduction-in-Force, saving \$90,257.

On the additions side, the health insurance projection was increased from 10 percent to 15 percent, adding \$133,201 as a prudent measure to avoid a mid-year shortfall. Summer school programming,



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which had been eliminated in the First Draft, was restored at a reduced level of \$51,818, focused on elementary intervention, middle school math, and high school credit recovery. The SRO cost increased \$5,000 to \$115,000 based on an updated salary schedule from the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office, and CATC was added back at a reduced level of \$2,481.

Warrant Article Highlights

The three largest reductions from the First to Second Draft were in Regular Instruction (\$279,253), Operations and Maintenance (\$123,214), and School Administration (\$94,046). Year-over-year, Regular Instruction is actually down 1.02 percent, and School Administration is down 4.86 percent, reflecting the staffing reductions. The two largest year-over-year increases are Special Education, up 8.99 percent (\$317,258), driven by legally required student needs, and Operations and Maintenance, up 10.00 percent (\$368,134), driven by utility costs and deferred maintenance.

Revenue Summary

State funding is down across the board. On the positive side, Fayette's tuition revenue increased \$65,000 to \$940,000, with approximately 67 Fayette students currently enrolled in grades 6 through 12. Miscellaneous revenue is up \$56,000, largely from state agency reimbursements for foster children in special education. The carryforward increased from \$200,000 to \$900,000, and every dollar of carryforward directly reduces what towns need to raise through property taxes. Total property tax revenue must increase \$1,065,511, consisting of \$665,241 in required local match driven by the state formula and \$400,269 in additional local dollars driven by the expenditure budget increase.

Local Dollar Impact by Town

Manchester sees a 5.62 percent increase of \$274,095, bringing its total contribution to \$5,155,473, with 342 students and a per-student cost of \$15,074. Mount Vernon has the largest percentage increase at 10.63 percent, or \$378,604, driven by a 21.45 percent rise in its 3-year average property valuation, the highest of the four towns. Its total is \$3,940,186 with 215 students at \$18,326 per student. Readfield has the most moderate increase at 5.37 percent, from \$239,253 to \$4,698,671, with 352 students and the lowest per-student cost at \$13,349. Wayne increases 6.00 percent, or \$173,558, to \$3,065,270 with 145 students and the highest per-student cost at \$21,140. The district-wide total is \$16,859,599, an increase of \$1,065,510 (6.75 percent), serving 1,054 students at \$15,996 per student. For context, last year's district-wide increase was 2.91 percent.

Fund Balance and Carry Forward

The FY25 Fund Balance stands at \$2,961,614. Of this amount, \$2,251,845 or 76 percent is assigned to specific board-approved purposes, including the FY26 carry forward (\$792,656), the proposed FY27 carry forward (\$984,189), the Capital Reserve (\$400,000), and the Special Education Reserve (\$75,000). The unassigned balance is \$709,769, or 3 percent of the proposed budget, well below the 9 percent statutory threshold under Maine law. The FY27 carry forward of \$984,189 reduces local taxes dollar-for-dollar. Without the carry-forward, the local impact would be nearly \$1 million higher.

Staffing Changes

Of 13 positions evaluated, 5 were eliminated through attrition for savings of \$435,766, and 3 were eliminated through a formal Reduction in Force for additional savings of \$174,452. The RIF positions



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include one MS Floating Teacher, reducing that team from 13 to 12, and two Elementary Teachers, reducing elementary classroom teachers from 36 to 34. The district emphasized its commitment to placing affected employees into available open positions that match their certification, skills, and experience. The Board is scheduled to vote on the RIF on February 25 in full compliance with Title 20-A and collective bargaining agreements. The remaining positions, including the MS Team Teacher, MS Literacy Specialist, support staff roles, MS Assistant Principal, and Assistant Superintendent, are recommended to be filled to maintain instructional programs and operations.

Key Considerations

The Second Draft represents a significant reduction from the First Draft while preserving core services. The shift in state funding formula of \$665,241 is the single biggest driver of local impact. Finalized insurance rates are expected in late March or early April, which may enable further adjustments. The budget will continue to be refined through the spring toward a final recommendation for Board approval on April 15 and community validation at the June 9 referendum.

Determination

The Budget Committee agreed to present the Second Draft Budget to the full Board at the February 25 Board Workshop.

2. Upcoming Meetings

- February 25, 2026 @MS Media Center (Cancelled)
- April 1, 2026 @ MS Media Center



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Facilities & Transportation Committee
MCMS Media Center
February 11, 2026, at 5:15-6:15 p.m.
Meeting Agenda

Board Members: David Guillemette, Brian Tarbuck, Chad Wight

Administrators: Superintendent Dr. Karen G. Smith, Facilities Director Shaun Drinkwater (absent), Transportation Director Jason Sirois, Finance Director Mandy Fitzgerald

1. Transportation Update Director (Jason Sirois)

- *About the Maine DOE School Bus Purchase Program.* The program is designed to equitably distribute limited state funds to help districts maintain a safe, modern fleet and respond to emergency bus needs. Districts apply annually between November 1 and November 25, with state approvals issued by mid-January. Emergency requests are accepted year-round. To be eligible for state subsidy, districts must purchase through the State School Bus Bid or conduct their own competitive bid process in accordance with 20-A M.R.S. § 5402. Approvals are valid for one fiscal year and do not carry forward. State subsidy flows through the ED 279 beginning the fiscal year after the district takes possession of the bus and makes its first payment. Late reporting can result in a subsidy being withheld.
- *Propane Bus Purchase – Status Update.* The Transportation Director reported that the Mount Vernon, Readfield, and Wayne Fire Departments have been notified of the propane bus purchase and have expressed no concerns. Confirmation from the Manchester Fire Department is still pending. The committee also discussed a summer training opportunity through Roush in Windham at no cost, which would provide local fire departments with hands-on familiarization with propane bus systems. The estimated cost of the new propane bus is \$160,000. The district is awaiting confirmation of approximately \$50,000 in Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) grant funding; that confirmation remains outstanding.
- *Lease Term.* The committee discussed the financing term for the propane bus, comparing a four-year versus a five-year lease structure. Discussion centered on the impact each term would have on annual payments and the district’s budget. No final decision was reached; the transportation director will continue to evaluate both options in the context of the FY27 budget.
- *Propane Fueling – Vendor Bid and Staff Training.* The committee discussed the need to establish a propane fueling arrangement for the new bus and agreed that the district should solicit competitive bids for fueling services. Dead River and Downeast Fueling



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were identified as prospective vendors to be included in the bid process. The committee also discussed the importance of training for staff who will be responsible for managing and operating the fueling system, and noted that appropriate training should be arranged prior to the bus entering service.

- *Safety Harness Seat Systems.* The committee discussed seat safety harness systems for the new bus and agreed to specify installed (permanently mounted) harness systems rather than removable units. Installed systems were preferred for their durability, ease of consistent use, and reduced risk of improper removal or misuse.
- *Action Items.* The Finance Director will monitor the status of the DERA grant confirmation, advise the committee upon receipt, and provide a further analysis of the four-year versus five-year lease options. The Transportation Director will follow up with the Manchester Fire Department to complete all required propane bus notifications and will coordinate the Roush summer training opportunity for local fire departments. The district will issue a competitive bid for propane fueling services, with Dead River and Downeast Fueling identified as prospective vendors; staff training on fueling system operation will be arranged prior to the bus entering service. Bus specifications will reflect installed safety harness seat systems.

2. Facilities Director Update

No facilities report was presented due to the Facilities Director’s absence. The committee held a brief discussion regarding the FY27 facilities plan and the district’s five-year capital plan. The Facilities Director will provide an update on the FY27 and five-year facilities plans at the next available committee meeting.

3. Meeting Schedule: Wednesdays at 5:15-6:15 pm in the MS Media Center

- April 15, 2026
- June 3, 2026



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**REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #38 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MARANACOOK COMMUNITY MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

FEBRUARY 4, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

Minutes of Meeting

Board Members: Chair, Shawn Roderick, Vice Chair, Leslie Marco

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Kate Parker Luke Tinckham

Administrators/Directors Present: Superintendent Karen Smith, Finance Director Mandy Fitzgerald, Special Education Director Ryan Meserve, Principals Michele LaForge, Mike Muir, Jeff Boston, Abbie Hartford, Michelle Hood, Jeanette Jacobs, Adult Ed Director Steve Vose, Technology Director Diane MacGregor, Transportation Director Jason Sirois

1. Call to order: 6:33 pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

3. Citizens’ Comment (non-budget related): None

4. Additions/Adjustments to the Agenda by Board and/or Superintendent:

a. Board Chair Roderick Added:

- Budget Update
- Moving the February 11, 2026, meeting to February 25, 2026

b. Superintendent Smith Added:

- Consider the proposal to add 2 remote days

5. Reports:

6. Budget Update: Board Chair Roderick stated that, based on the ED 279 information, we will be moving the originally scheduled Budget Workshop Board Meeting from February 11, 2026, to February 25, 2026

7. Action:

a. Approval of Minutes from 1/14/2026

- Motion: PC Second: NE; Yes: 11 No: 0 Abstain: 0; Passes

b. Approval of Minutes from 1/21/2026

- Motion: NE Second: KD; Yes: 11 No: 0 Abstain: 0; Passes

c. Acceptance of Donations through 1/26/2026

- Motion: NE Second: LM; Yes: 11 No: 0 Abstain: 0; Passe

d. Second Reading, Policy BED, Remote Participation in School Board Meetings

- Motion: NE Second: PC; Yes: 11 No: 0 Abstain: 0; Passes

e. Second Reading, Policy BEDH, Public Participation at Board Meetings

- Motion: DT Second: LM; Yes: 11 No: 0 Abstain: 0; Passes

f. Second Reading, Policy KF, Use of School Facilities

- Motion: NE Second: LM; Yes: 11 No: 0 Abstain: 0; Passes

g. Approval for the addition of up to two (2) remote learning days for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year, to be used at the discretion of the Superintendent when weather conditions allow for appropriate advance planning, teacher preparation, and family notification.

- **Motion: DT Second: PC; Yes: 11 No: 0 Abstain: 0; Passes**

8. Adjournment: 7:00 pm; Motion: BT

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Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Karen G. Smith, Superintendent
Mandy Fitzgerald, Finance Director, Recorder

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**REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #38 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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FEBRUARY 25, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

Minutes of Meeting

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1. Call to order: 6:35 pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

3. Citizens’ Comment (non-budget related): None

4. Additions/Adjustments to the Agenda by Board and/or Superintendent:

a. Superintendent Smith Added:

- Acceptance of Retirement of Principal Abbie Hartford, effective June 30, 2026.
- Acceptance of Resignation of HS Math Teacher Tanya Hunt, effective June 15, 2026

5. Budget Workshop:

- a. Presentation of the second draft of the budget**
- b. Deliberations/Board Discussion,**
- c. Citizens’ Comments (related to budget only):** Emily Watson, Wayne Resident

6. Action following Budget Workshop (if needed):

Budget related: None. **Additions as follows:**

- **Acceptance of Retirement of Principal Abbie Hartford effective June 30, 2026.**
 - **Motion: PC Second: LM; Yes: 13 No: 0 Abstain: 0; Passes**
- **Acceptance of Resignation of HS Math Teacher Tanya Hunt effective June 15, 2026**
 - **Motion: NE Second: KD; Yes: 13 No: 0 Abstain: 0; Passes**

7. Executive Session to consider negotiations between the RSU 38 Board of Directors and the Maranacook Area Schools Support Staff Association pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(D)

a. Motion (7:54 pm): NE Second: LM; Yes: 13 No: 0 Abstain: 0; Passes

8. Action following Executive Session (if needed): None (8:29 pm)

9. Adjournment: 8:29 pm; **Motion: BT**

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DONATIONS

(RECEIVED THROUGH MARCH 6, 2026)

DONOR NAME	AMOUNT	RECIPIENT
Deborah Staples	\$50.00	Maranacook Food Pantry
Maranacook Education Foundation	\$700.00	Maranacook Food Pantry



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Maranacook Area Schools – Field Trip Request Form

Please submit request to office at least 3 weeks prior to field trip

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Select One: (for full definitions, please refer to Policy IJOA)

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School: MCHS Date of trip: 5/13 - 5/16 Destination: UMaine Orono

Departure time (from school): 5:00PM Return time (to school): 5:00 PM 5/16/26

Bag lunches will be needed (please confirm with Food Service 2 weeks before trip)

Teacher: Gilbert Grade level(s): 10-12

Number of students: 4 Number of chaperones: 1 Cost of activity: 0

Cost of transportation*: 0 Transportation paid by: _____
(if not paid by school, please include billing information including mailing address)

Paid By: Music Budget
(School, Parent Association, specific student activity account, other)

Educational objectives: (Include description of activities, pre-trip activities, correlation with curriculum, concepts/skills learned, follow-up lessons.)
(Use back side or attach sheet for objectives if needed.)

Maine Music Education Association All-State Music Festival:
annual event + music conference

Planned Stop(s): UMaine Orono

Sites(s) have been notified: Yes No (Including food establishments)

Notification of transportation needs made to Transportation Director: (Date) N/A
(Final approval of transportation arrangements dependent upon availability of bus & driver)

Other Transportation arrangements have been made - please specify: Driving Students to Festival

Storm Date: _____

Michelle LaForge
Principal's Signature

Recommended Not Recommended

2/10/26
Date

*Cost of transportation based upon cost per mile as determined through budget process (driver, bus, gas, depreciation)

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School: MOMS Date of trip: 5/19-5/21 Destination: Tanglewood 4-H, Lincolnville

Departure time (from school): 8:30 AM Return time (to school): 4 pm

Bag lunches will be needed (please confirm with Food Service 2 weeks before trip)

Teacher: Moose Island Tucker Dupont Gagnon Grade level(s): 6-8

Number of students: 75 Number of chaperones: 6 Cost of activity: \$200

Cost of transportation*: 0 Transportation paid by: (Parent drivers)
(if not paid by school, please include billing information including mailing address)

Paid By: _____
(School, Parent Association, specific student activity account, other)

Educational objectives: (Include description of activities, pre-trip activities, correlation with curriculum, concepts/skills learned, follow-up lessons.)
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Team building, Survival theme

Planned Stop(s): N/A

Sites(s) have been notified: Yes No (Including food establishments)

Notification of transportation needs made to Transportation Director: (Date) _____
(Final approval of transportation arrangements dependent upon availability of bus & driver)

Other Transportation arrangements have been made - please specify: Parent drivers

Storm Date: _____

[Signature]
Principal's Signature

Recommended Not Recommended

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Date

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Out-of-State and/or Overnight Trips must be sent directly to the Superintendent for Board approval

Select One: (for full definitions, please refer to Policy IJOA)

Field Trip – takes place during the school day and is organized and conducted by one or more RSU 38 employees as a means of accomplishing particular curricular objectives.

Competition Trip – related to an academic, artistic, athletic, or other student competition or performance that involves individual students or teams.

Other School-sponsored Trip – organized and conducted by one or more employees as a supplement to the curriculum, as a class social activity, or as an activity planned by a student club or organization.

Non-school-sponsored Travel – organized by employees, parents or others that is not an extension of the instructional program or school-sponsored activities and has not been approved as a school-sponsored trip.

School: MCMS Date of trip: 5/26 - 5/28 Destination: Tanglewood 4-H Camp

Departure time (from school): 8¹⁰ AM Return time (to school): 2:15 pm

Bag lunches will be needed (please confirm with Food Service 2 weeks before trip)

Teacher: Roesner, Garretson, Radcliff Grade level(s): 6, 7, 8

Number of students: 78 Number of chaperones: ~10 Cost of activity: \$250/student

Cost of transportation: Approx. \$1000.00 Transportation paid by: Acadia Field Trip Acct (~\$125 to families)
(if not paid by school, please include billing information including mailing address)

Paid By: Scholarship Asst, Tanglewood, Acadia fundraising, parents
(School, Parent Association, specific student activity account, other)

Educational objectives: (Include description of activities, pre-trip activities, correlation with curriculum, concepts/skills learned, follow-up lessons.)
(Use back side or attach sheet for objectives if needed.)

Please see attached flyer, map, schedule. We continue to build team community while exploring ecosystems in hands-on →

Planned Stop(s): None

Sites(s) have been notified: Yes No (Including food establishments)

Notification of transportation needs made to Transportation Director: (Date) 2/10/26
(Final approval of transportation arrangements dependent upon availability of bus & driver)

Other Transportation arrangements have been made - please specify: _____

Storm Date: N/A

Principal's Signature: [Signature] Recommended Not Recommended _____ Date: 3/5/26

*Cost of transportation based upon cost per mile as determined through budget process (driver, bus, gas, depreciation)

Copies: send electronically ONLY
1 copy to Transportation Director
1 copy to Food Service Director (if during lunch)
1 copy to Health Services/Nurse

engaging activities. Students ~~will~~ ^{will} explore ponds, nighttime adaptations.