

Our Mission is to prepare and support all students within a culture of excellence to do their best and to be their best, so that each can be a successful contributing citizen, able to adapt to change and to successfully respond to the future.

RSU 16

Mechanic Falls * Minot * Poland
The 9th Regular School Board Meeting
for 2023-2024 will be held
Monday, April 8, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.
PRHS LIBRARY

Use the link below to join the webinar:

<https://meet.google.com/rye-pjvd-aha>

Or watch the livestream on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@PolandKnights/streams> (LIVE tab)

AGENDA

1.0 CALL TO ORDER: Mary Martin, Chair

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Mission Statement

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT: (15 minutes)

3.0 RECOGNITIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

1. **Congratulations** to PRHS science teacher *Michelle Smith* for being selected to receive the University of Maine Pulp and Paper Foundation's Teacher of the Year Award! This award recognizes excellence in math and science teaching, PRHS Class of '23 graduate *Joseph Elliott* nominated Michelle for this honor.
2. **Congratulations** to *Thea Thornton* for winning the Butler Award for WMC Girl's Basketball. There is one male and female recognized from the whole conference. This is a senior award and takes into account basketball skill, team importance, leadership and character.
3. **Congratulations** *Alicia Starbird* and *Alyssa Mason* who represented Whittier Middle School at Girls' Day at the State House.
4. **Congratulations** PRHS chorus members: *Max Benton, Jack Desrosiers, Ayla Dyer, Audrey Fryda, Kayla Massey, Brady Milton, Irelyn Smith, Olivia Snowman, Cheyenne Toth, and Sienna Toth* joined high school singers from across the state of Maine to participate in the first annual UMaine Secondary Choral Outreach Experience (S.C.O.R.E.) event hosted by University's School of Performing Arts.
5. **Congratulations** Optimist Club Student of the Month -Adult Education student, *Josiah Childers*.
6. April 1 - April 5 was National Assistant Principal Appreciation Week, and we are lucky to have FIVE of the absolute best: PRHS *Kat Meader*, ESS *Amy Jenkins*, PCS *Denelle Gendron*, Deans of Students WMS *Kelly Adams* and MCS *Kayla Wielk*.
7. **Congratulations** to WMS *Angela Gilbert* for being named a Finalist for the Claudette and John Brassil Distinguished Educator Award through the Maine Council for English Language Arts.
8. **Congratulations** *Talen Langevin* - Western Maine Conference Citizenship Award **Congratulations** *Emma-D Martin* - Western Maine Conference Citizenship Award
9. **Congratulations** to LRTC medal winners from PRHS: **Gold** - *Hope Lemont, Elise Gagnon, Asian Blake;* **Silver** - *Johnny Bnullak;* **Bronze:** *Isaah Sewell, Regan Cohen, Rudy Kyllonen.*

4.0 AGENDA ADJUSTMENT:

5.0 PRESENTATION:

1. National Speech & Debate Team, Chicago - D'Arcy Robinson
2. Approve out of-state trip to Chicago - National Speech & Debate Tournament 5/23/24 - 5/27/24
3. Boston Aquarium trip for Grades 10th & 11th - Emma MacMahon

4. Approve out-of-state Boston Aquarium trip
5. French class trip over a May weekend to Montreal - Chuck Cantone
6. Approve French Class Trip to Montreal
7. Kaitlynn Brown- Principal, MCS

6.0 CONSENT AGENDA INTRODUCTION:

1. Approve Meeting Minutes
 - a. Approve 8th Regular Meeting Minutes of 3/11/2024
2. Notification of Support Staff New Hire:
 - a. Ronda Gaffney, Bus Driver - District
 - b. Juanelle Benson, Ed Tech II - PCS
 - c. Jerry Whalen, Coach Boys Baseball - WMS
 - d. Jason Donovan, Custodian - PCS
 - e. Stephanie Scott - Literacy Tutor - Adult Ed
 - f. Elizabeth Nelson, Ed Tech III - PCS
3. Notification of Retirements:
4. Notification of Resignations:
 - a. Brian Whittier, Custodian - MCS
 - b. Chris O'Donnell - Food Service - MCS
 - c. Rose Walker, 4th Grade Teacher - PCS
5. Sub Committee Minutes - March 2024
 - a. Operations
 - b. Personnel & Finance
 - c. Education Policy (no meeting was held)
6. Friends of RSU 16 Minutes - March
 - a. Next meeting at ESS on April 12, 2024 in the ESS Conference Room

7.0 ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL SUMMARIES:

1. Stacie Field
 - a. Approve Financials as recommended by the Personnel & Finance Subcommittee at their meeting on 3/25/2024.
 - b. Discussion and approval - Expanded Maine Paid Family and Medical Leave Act, employer and employee share as recommended by the Personnel & Finance Subcommittee at their meeting on 3/25/24.
 - c. Signing of Warrant for Revolving Renovation Fund

8.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. Budget Slide Presentation
2. Budget Presentations: Poland Selectboard and Parent Group
3. District Events
 - a. Elm Street School - "Beneath the Sea"
 - b. Elm Street School Open House
 - c. WMS/PRHS Chorus & Band Concerts
 - d. School Visits
 - e. Breakfast Meeting with Town Managers
4. Enrollment as of 4-1-24
 - a. Elm Street School - 235 (up 1) ^(4th grade)
 - b. Minot Consolidated School - 218 (up 2) ^(1st grade; K grade)
 - c. Poland Community School - 423 (up 3) ^(1 4th; 1 K; 1 PreK grade)
 - d. Bruce M. Whittier Middle School 283 - (up 1) ^(8th grade)
 - e. Poland Regional High School - 493 (down 1) ^(10th grade)

Total Enrollment 1,652 (up 6 from 2-29-24)

9.0 ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

10.0 NEW BUSINESS:

11.0 OLD BUSINESS:

12.0 POLICIES:

13.0 REPORTS TO THE SCHOOL BOARD:

1. Student Representatives
2. Report of the School Board Chair
 - a. Steve Turner - Report on "School Board Day" at the State House
 - b. Budget Committee Update
3. Attendance

14.0 ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION:

1. ATeam Reports

15.0 COMMUNICATIONS:

16.0 HANDOUTS:

17.0 EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

1. To enter into Executive Session regarding personnel issue pursuant under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A)
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18.0 REMINDERS:

19.0 ADJOURNMENT: