

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 56

Frankfort • Searsport • Stockton Springs

Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

April 25, 2006 – 6:30 P.M.

Central Office - Searsport

Present: Kimberly Ashey Bonnie-Jean Brooks Robert Danks
Harold Grove Michael Housman Veronica Magnan
Twyler Webster

Absent: Nedra Bellows, Tom Calderwood, Christopher Krause (all excused)

Visitors: 16

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairperson Bonnie-Jean Brooks called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.
2. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA.** The following items were added to the agenda: Under New Business, B2. Consideration of approval of a field trip to Boston on May 26-27, 2006 by the Humanities class; C. Consideration of accepting a bid for the Frankfort Elementary School asbestos abatement project; D. Consideration of accepting a bid for the replacement of VCT tile at the Searsport Elementary School. Under Executive session, add: A. Labor contract discussions between the MSAD #56 Education Association (Teaching Staff) and the MSAD #56 Board of Directors pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (D); and B, Discussion of the condition of property pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6) (C).
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** A motion was made by Twyler Webster and seconded by Harold Grove to approve the April 4, 2006 Board minutes.

VOTE: 7-0-0

A motion was made by Twyler Webster and seconded by Bob Danks to approve the April 11, 2006 Board minutes with two corrections: On page 2, change “houses” to “all of the classes will be housed”, and on page 4, change “a maximum of 36 hours” to “27 hours”. These changes will be made in the official minutes kept in the Official Minutes Book at the Central Office.

VOTE: 7-0-0
4. **PRESENTATIONS.**
 - A. Standards. Gregg Palmer, Jeff Shula, Darci Bradstreet, Maura DiPrete, Jean Lawlis, and Marti Stamp presented the Searsport District High School work on standards. Mr. Palmer complimented the high school staff on their work over the last two years and having the best interests of the students in mind. Their proposal will be phased in with the freshman class of 2010. These are not all the standards, but only those for the freshman year. Students will meet these standards in lieu of Carnegie units. A lengthy but very informative discussion with questions followed.
5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** None.

6. **REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT.** The superintendent will report under 7A Region Seven under Committee Reports.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

- A. Region Seven. The superintendent reiterated the need for a quorum of the Board to attend the April 27, 2006 joint Board meeting for the Waldo County Technical Center. She asked who would be at the meeting to see if we had a quorum, and to discuss the potential concerns at the Thursday meeting. The following people confirmed their attendance at Thursday's meeting: Kim Ashe, Harold Grove, Veronica Magnan, Bonnie-Jean Brooks, Tom Calderwood, Twyler Webster (if needed). She reviewed the possible reactions of MSAD #34 as a cost savings with the Cooperative Agreement.
- B. Curriculum Steering Committee. A motion was made by Kim Ashe and seconded by Veronica Magnan to approve the Searsport District High School Standards for the class of 2010 as described in the core areas of ELA, math, science, and social studies during the 2006-07 school year. Meeting these standards would replace earning Carnegie units in the same four core areas. Students would continue, during the 2006-07 school year, to earn Carnegie units in other curricula areas such as physical education, the arts, and foreign languages. These standards will continue to be phased in with each upcoming class until we are totally standards based.

VOTE: 7-0-0

8. **OLD BUSINESS.**

- A. Retreat. The Board decided to hold a retreat on Thursday, June 29, 2006 from 6 – 10 P.M. The superintendent requested that the Admin Team attend as well and be a part of our work. New Board members will be invited as well. Agenda items will include: Standards and academic excellence K-12, a code of ethics for the Board, and the district's vision. The superintendent will provide copies of the existing "Vision".

9. **NEW BUSINESS.**

- A. The signing of the warrants for the June 13, 2006 budget referendum was tabled until after the vote on the Region 7 budget on April 27, 2006. The decision on this will impact our budget so the signing will be done at our next meeting.
- B. A motion was made by Bob Danks and seconded by Harold Grove to approve a field trip to Funtown in Saco, Maine by the Frankfort Elementary School. Discussion followed. Twyler Webster suggested rotating the trip so that students could see other parts of the state.

VOTE: 6-1-0 (Webster)

Tina Boone, principal at the Frankfort Elementary School, thanked the Board.

- B2. A motion was made by Harold Grove and seconded by Twyler Webster to approve a field trip to Boston by the high school Humanities Class on May 26-27, 2006.

VOTE: 7-0-0

- C. A motion was made by Kim Ashe and seconded by Bob Danks to accept the bid of County Abatement for \$11,840 to remove asbestos at the Frankfort Elementary School. The superintendent shared information on the bids.

VOTE: 7-0-0

- D. A motion was made by Kim Ashe and seconded by Harold Grove to accept the bid of Sherwin-Williams for \$13,769 to replace VCT tile at the Searsport Elementary School. The superintendent shared that the carpets are pushing up in the hallways, which are the areas to be done.

VOTE: 7-0-0

- E. A motion was made by Kim Ashley and seconded by Bob Danks to appoint Veronica Magnan as the Board member to serve as the MSAD #56 representative to the Waldo County Technical Center Region 7 Board until the July 11, 2006 MSAD #56 organizational meeting.

VOTE: 7-0-0

- F. Nominations of teachers to continuing contracts for 2006-07. The superintendent reminded the Board that they may deal with these as a group or individually. If there are any concerns, that needs to be done in executive session and the individual must be in attendance with representation. If the Board had any questions regarding the process used and evaluation techniques, then the principals can explain and answer questions in executive session. A motion was made by Kim Ashley and seconded by Twyler Webster to take each individual separately and not as a group.

VOTE: 5-2-0 (Danks, Grove)

Discussion followed.

1. A motion was made by Bob Danks and seconded by Harold Grove to approve the nomination of Tracy Armentrout, grade 3 teacher at Stockton Springs Elementary School, to a continuing contract.

VOTE: 5-0-2 (Housman, Magnan)

2. A motion was made by Bob Danks and seconded by Kim Ashley to approve the nomination of Maura DiPrete, science teacher at the Searsport District High School, to a continuing contract.

VOTE: 6-0-1 (Magnan)

3. A motion was made by Bob Danks and seconded by Harold Grove to approve the nomination of Eunice Loreda, Spanish teacher at the Searsport District High School, to a continuing contract. A motion was made by Kim Ashley and seconded by Michael Housman to enter executive session for the appointment of employees pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6)(A).

VOTE: 3-2-2 (Danks, Grove) (Brooks, Magnan)

The motion was defeated since it did not have 3/5ths of those present and voting in favor of it. A motion was made by Bob Danks and seconded by Kim Ashley to table this item until after discussion on E11.

VOTE: 7-0-0

4. A motion was made by Harold Grove and seconded by Michael Housman to approve the nomination of Michelle Wakeman, math teacher at the Searsport District Middle School, to a continuing contract.

VOTE: 6-0-1 (Magnan)

- G. Nominations of teachers to second year probationary contracts for 2006-07. The superintendent shared that Tera Kennedy has submitted a written resignation and that Christy Knights has verbally resigned. A motion was made by Veronica Magnan and seconded by Kim Ashley to take 1-5 and 8-11 as a group, rather than individually.

VOTE: 7-0-0

1. Kimberly Birke, elementary guidance counselor.
2. Kimberly Carey, multiage teacher at the Searsport Elementary School
3. Julie Della Mattered, gifted and talented teacher
4. Carol Fuller, high school guidance counselor
5. Kelly Gatcomb, grade 1 teacher at Frankfort Elementary School
6. Tera Kennedy, part-time special education teacher. Resigned.
7. Christy Knights, middle school art teacher. Verbally resigned.
8. Jean Lawlis, high school math teacher

9. Carolyn Mardosa, grade 5 teacher at Frankfort Elementary School

10. Barbara Rehmeyer, elementary Technology Integration Specialist

11. Laurie Rule, Technology Integration Specialist

A motion was made by Harold Grove and seconded by Michael Housman to approve the nominations of Kimberly Birke, Kimberly Carey, Julie Della Mattera, Carol Fuller, Kelly Gatcomb, Jean Lawlis, Carolyn Mardosa, Barbara Rehmeyer, and Laurie Rule to second year probationary contracts for 2006-07.

VOTE: 7-0-0

A motion was made by Twyler Webster and seconded by Bob Danks to enter executive session to discuss the appointment of an employee pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6)(A).

VOTE: 7-0-0

The Board entered executive session at 8:05 P.M and resumed public session at 8:43 P.M. A motion was made by Bob Danks and seconded by Harold Grove (the original motion under F, 3) to approve the nomination of Eunice Loreda to a continuing contract for 2006-07.

VOTE: 5-1-1 (Ashey)(Webster)

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

A. A motion was made by Harold Grove and seconded by Twyler Webster to enter executive session for labor contract discussions between the MSAD #56 Education Association (Teaching Staff) and the MSAD #56 Board of Directors pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (D); and the discussion of the condition of property pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6) (C).

VOTE: 7-0-0

The Board entered executive session at 8:45 P.M. and resumed public session at 9:29 P.M.

B. Evaluations of official and an employee pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A). This item was not done.

11. **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,