

REVISED PER THE OCTOBER 24, 2006 BOARD MEETING

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 56

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Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

October 10, 2006 – 5:30 P.M.

Stockton Springs Elementary School

Present: Nedra Bellows Bonnie-Jean Brooks
James Cunningham Robert Danks Harold Grove
Michael Hamilton Bradley Jones Christopher Krause
Veronica Magnan Twyler Webster

Absent: Tom Calderwood (ex.)

Visitors:

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairperson Bob Danks called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm for Board training on Boardsmanship with Dale Douglas and Ron Barker from the Maine School Management Association. The regular Board of Directors meeting began at 6:30 pm.

2. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA.**

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** A motion was made by Mike Hamilton and seconded by Twyler Webster to approve the September 26, 2006 minutes with corrections as follows: Under 6, Report from the Superintendent, A, add “within the district” in line 3, and on page 4, D, second to the last line, make it MSAD #56, not MSAD #5. A revised copy of the minutes will be placed in the Official Minutes Book at the Central Office, and on the district’s website.

VOTE: 9-0-1 (Grove)

A motion was made by Twyler Webster and seconded by Bonnie-Jean Brooks to approve the October 2, 2006 minutes as presented.

VOTE: 8-0-2 (Grove, Krause)

4. **PRESENTATIONS.**

A. Richard Graves, Charles Earley, and Adam Gillespie from WBRC gave a presentation on the Stockton Springs Elementary School roof project. They covered the Revolving Renovation Grant Project, the existing condition of the school, the structural analysis of the building, and various options for the roof design. They gave details for each option with concerns expressed about the columns being overstressed and meeting new codes. There was discussion and questions. The Board asked for a survey to see if all areas will drain away from the building. There was a question about the condensation of water in the walls – this is not seen. They also asked about codes for schools in earthquake areas. What capacity earthquake can this building handle? Are the doors to the playground used daily? If so, do we need crickets (water deflectors) over each door? The total cost of the project is \$870,431, of which the state will forgive \$517,384, leaving a balance of \$353,047 to be repaid.

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** None.

6. **REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT.**

- A. October enrollments. These numbers were mailed to the Board.
- B. Administrative reports. These were mailed to the Board.
- C. Laptop insurances 2006-07. The superintendent reported that the handouts from the four parent-student trainings will update the Board on the progress we've made with laptops. Page 11 of 11 shows the various insurance offerings. Parents can refuse laptop insurance, but it will mean parents will be responsible for the complete cost of \$1500. Insurance is for one year, has a \$100 deductible, and has a sliding scale for free/reduced lunch families, and the size of families. Page 13 of 14 is the "Equipment Lending Agreement" which lists the prices and is a signed contract. Questions and discussion followed. In response to a question from the Board, the superintendent stated that parents will be immediately notified of any incident(s) with the laptops, and the incidents will be investigated immediately with all proper documentation.
- D. Fine Arts Calendar. As promised, the superintendent pointed out the calendar of fine arts programs which have been scheduled, avoiding conflicts with Board of Directors meetings. In addition, student art work from the various schools will be displayed in the Board room and at the Central Office each month. The superintendent is hoping to display the art work at each of the town offices and perhaps in some of our restaurants.
- E. Other. The superintendent attended an Honors Assembly at the Searsport District Middle School and was so impressed with the behavior of the students and their support for their fellow classmates and teachers. Teachers have worked hard on having a caring atmosphere at the same time they raised the bar. A letter was sent for both students and teachers. Also, the Searsport District Middle School which is involved in the CSR (Comprehensive School Reform) grant published its first comprehensive newsletter informing parents about its expectations, content, and activities.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

- A. Finance Committee. Nedra Bellows reported that we have 65% of the budget remaining. Usually after ¼ of the year we would have 75% remaining. Nedra said the Central Office has a good system of checks and balances, and checks over every purchase order against the budget.
- B. Transportation Committee. Twyler Webster reported that the committee will be meeting next week.
- C. Buildings and Grounds Committee. In Tom Calderwood's absence, the superintendent shared that the members met with WBRC and discussed each of the options shared tonight.
- D. Policy Committee. Harold Grove shared that the committee did not meet.
- E. Region Seven. Veronica Magnan shared that Region 7 will meet next week.
- F. Personnel Committee. Nedra Bellows shared that the committee reviewed job descriptions which will be on the agenda at the next meeting. The committee also reviewed stipends for people doing parts of the job of the Director of Transportation/Maintenance. A motion was made by Nedra Bellows and seconded by Mike Hamilton to approve one time stipends of \$300 for Larry McKinney for coordinating field/bus trips, \$225 for Alan Kenney for coordinating work orders, and

\$200 each for Diane Libby and Sue Larrabee for working on transportation and other issues.

VOTE: 10-0-0

- G. Curriculum Steering Committee. Did not meet. District committees are still completing curriculums.
- H. Legislative Report. The superintendent pointed out that people need to listen to all sides of the TABOR issue. Chris Krause commented on the lights at the Stockton Springs Elementary School; they are beautiful and add a great deal to the school.

8. **OLD BUSINESS.** None.

9. **NEW BUSINESS.**

- A. Resignation of Alan Kenney, maintenance worker, effective October 11, 2006
- B. A motion was made by Harold Grove and seconded by Twyler Webster to approve a first year probationary contract for Trent Emery, substitute art teacher, retroactive to September 1, 2006.

VOTE: 10-0-0

- C. Long term substitute kindergarten teacher at the Stockton Springs Elementary School - Ashley Bryant. A motion was made by Veronica Magnan and seconded by Bonnie-Jean Brooks to enter executive session for the purpose of the employment of officials/appointees/employees pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A).

VOTE: 9-1-0 (Grove)

The Board entered executive session at 7:30 pm and resumed public session at 7:40 pm. No action was taken.

- D. A motion was made by Bonnie-Jean Brooks and seconded by Harold Grove to approve the nomination of Michael Vasiliauskas as the Middle School Division II Girls Basketball Coach.

VOTE: 10-0-0

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

- A. Evaluations of official and an employee pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A). Not done.

11. **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,