

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 56

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Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

February 13, 2007 – 6:30 P.M.

Central Office - Searsport

Present: Nedra Bellows Bonnie-Jean Brooks Tom Calderwood
James Cunningham Harold Grove Christopher Krause
Veronica Magnan Twyler Webster

Absent: Robert Danks (ex.), Michael Hamilton (ex.)

Visitors: 15

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Harold Grove at 5:32 pm.
 - A. A motion was made by Tom Calderwood and seconded by Twyler Webster to enter executive session for labor contract negotiations pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (D).

VOTE: 6-0-0

The Board entered executive session at 5:45 pm and resumed public session at 6:28 pm. The public part of the meeting was then called to order by Vice-Chairperson Harold Grove at 6:33 pm.
2. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA.**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** A motion was made by Bonnie-Jean Brooks and seconded by Veronica Magnan to approve the January 23, 2007 minutes as presented.

VOTE: 4-0-2 (Bellows, Webster)

Chris Krause arrived for the meeting.
4. **PRESENTATIONS.**
 - A. The superintendent introduced Mrs. Tenney Spiegel and Mr. Mark Quigley, teachers at the Frankfort Elementary School. They collaborated together to develop an integrated social studies and English/language arts project. Their students researched a character in history and together created a wax museum where each child gave a biographical sketch about the historical person they portrayed. The teachers shared a CD highlighting each of their students.
5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** None.
6. **REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT.**

The superintendent commended Mrs. Spiegel and Mr. Quigley for integration of subjects which gave meaning to what students were learning. It was an exemplary example of how common planning time allows/supports teachers time to work together on curriculum and effective instructional practices.

 - A. Monthly enrollment numbers. The superintendent also shared that the monthly enrollment numbers were in the Board's packets.
 - B. Administrative reports. These were in the Board's packets. The superintendent asked if there were any questions or comments. It was noted that at the high

school students were encouraged to come to school. The Board was very impressed with the time people put into this. Possibly the Board could have a retreat to discuss this further. At the middle school, it was noted that there has been a reduction in the CSR grant. The superintendent explained that this reduction is because the federal government has stopped the grant funds and that the office has been closed. The monies have been re-directed to assist with the payment of the Iraq war. At Searsport Elementary School, the sprinkler alarm system went off and the entire school was evacuated. Janice Toomey shared that everything went smoothly. The superintendent complimented the SES staff on their handling of the lice situation. Students studied about lice, their habitat, how to prevent and how to treat lice. Teachers took a situation and make a learning experience out of it. Ruth Fitzpatrick recognized a former Frankfort Elementary School student, Holly Gracie, who plays college basketball. It is National Woman's Sports Week.

- C. The superintendent recognized Diane Gilmore, teacher at the Searsport Elementary School, who volunteered to learn, organize, and demonstrate to the K-5 teachers the use of the new Everyday Mathematics CD. She modeled how the software could be successfully implemented to save time for teachers and improve instruction. Diane Gilmore was commended taking a leadership role to assist her colleagues.
- D. Resignation of Brad Jones effective 2/5/07. The superintendent shared that Mr. Jones was enrolled in a nursing program and wished him the best.
- E. Other.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

The Vice-Chairperson said that all materials were in the Board packets and asked if anyone had anything to report or if there were any questions. Veronica Magnan shared that the Region 7 Board and the Curriculum Steering Committee would be meeting on Thursday night.

- A. Finance Committee.
- B. Buildings and Grounds Committee.
- C. Policy Committee.
- D. Region Seven.
- E. Personnel Committee.
- F. Curriculum Steering Committee.
- G. Legislative Report.

8. **OLD BUSINESS.**

A. Governor's Proposal:

- 1. Student input on the proposal. As requested by the Board of Directors, the superintendent met with high school students; this information is in the Board packets. The Board also had the superintendent's script tape from the January 30 meeting in Bangor with the Governor and the Commissioner of Education. Tina Boone, Gregg Palmer, and Harold Grove attended with the Superintendent. Also, Gregg Palmer, Jim Cunningham, and the superintendent attended the hearings in Augusta on February 5, 2007. Information on other proposed bills was also given to the Board.
- 2. Draft "Letter to the Editor" and our legislators. The Board reviewed the letter and made one revision. A motion was made by Bonnie-Jean Brooks and seconded by Tom Calderwood to approve this letter with the revision and to

send it to the local newspapers.

VOTE: 7-0-1 (Webster)

3. Consideration of adopting a resolution. The Board reviewed the draft resolution from MSMA. They added one item: #7, "The Governor's proposal has not put a value on the voice of the students by asking for their input on a decision that will ultimately affect them more than any other group." A motion was made by Bonnie-Jean Brooks and seconded by Nedra Bellows to adopt this resolution as amended and to send it to MSMA, and our local senators and representative.

VOTE: 8-0-0

9. **NEW BUSINESS.**

- A. The superintendent publicly thanked the M.H. Jacobs Gallery in Belfast for their donation of art supplies. The superintendent sent them a "Thank You" and shared that the art teachers were very grateful for the supplies.
- B. A motion was made by Bonnie-Jean Brooks and seconded by Tom Calderwood to approve a trip to Bangor by the National Honor Society students on March 15/16, 2007 for a convention and banquet.

VOTE: 6-2-0 (Calderwood, Webster)

Discussion followed regarding the time frame. The superintendent asked if the Board wanted to change the current policy. Twyler Webster would like to see the policy changed. The superintendent said that even if we were to change the time frame to one month, some requests would still come in late. The Policy Committee will examine these policies to see if they need to be revised.

- C. A motion was made by Bonnie-Jean Brooks and seconded by Nedra Bellows to approve a field trip to Portland on April 25, 2007 by the 7th grade students and to congratulate Lorraine Nolet on her promptness in getting this approved in advance.

VOTE: 8-0-0

- D. A motion was made by Bonnie-Jean Brooks and seconded by Twyler Webster to authorize the superintendent to enter into a three year lease/purchase agreement with TD Banknorth at a fixed rate of 4.85% with an annual payment of \$21,417.77 for a school bus.

VOTE: 8-0-0

- E. First readings of the following policies:
 1. A motion was made by Bonnie-Jean Brooks and seconded by Veronica Magnan to approve JJIB, Sponsorship and Evaluation of Athletic/Co-Curricular Programs, for a first reading with minor revisions. The superintendent reviewed the policy and there was a question about the definition of "booster groups." That specific policy will be discussed at the February 27 Policy Committee meeting and will go to the full Board of Directors in March.

VOTE: 8-0-0

2. A motion was made by Bonnie-Jean Brooks and seconded by Chris Krause to approve JJIC, Interscholastic Athletic/Co-Curricular Activities Eligibility, for a first reading with minor revisions.

VOTE: 8-0-0

- F. Consideration of approval of the following revised job descriptions:
 1. Adult Education Director
 2. Adult Education Program Assistant
 3. Community Library Assistant
 4. Business Manager
 5. Administrative Assistant

6. Accounting Clerk
7. Curriculum Secretary

A motion was made by Twyler Webster and seconded by Veronica Magnan to take all the job descriptions at once.

VOTE: 8-0-0

A motion was made by Twyler Webster and seconded by Bonnie-Jean Brooks to approve the seven job descriptions with minor revisions.

VOTE: 8-0-0

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

- B. A motion was made by Twyler Webster and seconded by Chris Krause to enter executive session for labor contract negotiations pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (D).

VOTE: 8-0-0

The Board entered executive session at 7:38 pm and resumed public session at 7:48 pm.

- C. A motion was made by Bonnie-Jean Brooks and seconded by Chris Krause to enter executive session for the evaluations of official and an employee pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A).

VOTE: 8-0-0

The Board entered executive session at 7:50 pm and resumed public session at 7:55 pm.

11. **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,