

REVISED MINUTES PER THE JUNE 26, 2007 BOARD MEETING

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 56

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Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

June 13, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.

Point Lookout, Northport

Present: Joseph Altilio Nedra Bellows Bonnie-Jean Brooks
Tom Calderwood James Cunningham Robert Danks
Michael Hamilton Veronica Magnan Twyler Webster

Absent: Harold Grove (ex.), Christopher Krause (ex.)

Visitors: 4

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bob Danks at 7:00 pm.
2. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA.** The following adjustments were made to the agenda under New Business:
 - E: Consideration of approval of the nomination of Kristin Trip to a first year probationary contract as a half-time Health/Physical Education teacher at the Searsport District Middle School.
 - F: Consideration of approval of the nomination of Amanda Pullen to a first year probationary contract as a 6th grade math teacher at the Searsport District Middle School.
 - G: Resignation of Suanne Larrabee, Curriculum Secretary, effective June 15, 2007.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** A motion was made by Twyler Webster and seconded by Veronica Magnan to approve the May 22, 2007 Board minutes as presented.

VOTE: 8 -0-1 (Brooks)
4. **PRESENTATIONS.** None.
5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** None.
6. **REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT.**
 - The superintendent shared that the final legislation passed by the legislature on consolidation is in the Board packets. We will discuss this in depth at the next Board of Directors meeting.
 - We have two teacher nominations and a letter of resignation later on the agenda.
 - The superintendent gave a brief update on the consolidation meetings with MSAD 3, 34, and 56 with Region 7 and we agreed to have an independent cost analysis of each district done separately as well as in combinations. This data will give a true picture of what is needed, actual costs to run a district/region, and savings, if any. We can use the information no matter whom we merge with. The cost of this independent analysis is \$1,500.

- There will be a regional consolidation meeting on Thursday, June 28 at 7 pm at the Waldo County Technical Center. This will be a time when Selectpeople, Board members, etc. can obtain more information. The superintendent will forward information once she obtains it.
- The 2007-08 paper bids are in the Board's packets. Lindenmeyer Munroe was awarded the white paper at \$25.75/case less a 2% discount if paid in thirty days equals \$25.23/case. Staples was awarded the pastel paper bid at \$32.90/case and \$47.10/case for brite/fluorescent paper.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

8. **OLD BUSINESS.**

9. **NEW BUSINESS.**

- A. A motion was made by Nedra Bellows and seconded by Bonnie-Jean Brooks that the Computation and Declaration of Votes dated June 13, 2007 and attached hereto be and it is hereby approved.

VOTE: 9-0-0

A motion was made by Nedra Bellows and seconded by Bonnie-Jean Brooks that the Computation and Declaration of Votes be entered upon the records of the District.

VOTE: 9-0-0

A motion was made by Nedra Bellows and seconded by Bonnie-Jean Brooks that a certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes be sent to each of the town clerks within the District.

VOTE: 9-0-0

The superintendent reviewed Article II and what that covered. She shared the facts and figures on:

- Class sizes and having three elementary schools
- Co-curricular and extra-curricular costs.
- Transportation costs.

She has not yet done special education costs. Examples were shared.

The Board discussed the difference between a budget meeting and a referendum - advantages, disadvantages, and costs. The budget meeting gives an opportunity for explanations of the article and to clarify any concerns/questions. A referendum follows the same procedure as the budget process, and there is a cost for the ballots, etc. A motion was made by Mike Hamilton and seconded by Twyler Webster to proceed with a district meeting at the Searsport District High School/Middle School Cafetorium.

VOTE: 9-0-0

The superintendent will prepare the warrant. The Board then discussed the amount of money to present to the voters. A motion was made by Veronica Magnan and seconded by Tom Calderwood to submit the same amount of money at the district meeting.

VOTE: 9-0-0

The Board of Directors requested that the superintendent discuss what that means (Article II) and the alternatives. The Board of Directors will make a commitment to identify people to come and vote, and to educate people on Article II. Discussion followed on the time and date. Because the Board had other obligations, an outline

of future dates was finalized. The Board will meet on Wednesday, June 27 at 5:30 pm, with interviews scheduled to begin at 6 pm. There will be one-half hour per interview.

A motion was made by Twyler Webster and seconded by Mike Hamilton to hold the district budget meeting on Friday, June 29 at 6:30 pm.

VOTE: 9-0-0

- B. Approval of town assessments for 2007-08 pending approval of the June 12, 2007 referendum. Not done.
- C. A motion was made by Twyler Webster and seconded by Mike Hamilton to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to apply for and accept grants from “No Child Left Behind” and other federal, state, and local sources.

VOTE: 9-0-0

- D. A motion was made by Twyler Webster and seconded by Jim Cunningham to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to offer contracts to new teachers and support staff.

VOTE: 9-0-0

- E. A motion was made by Twyler Webster and seconded by Tom Calderwood to approve the nomination of Kristin Tripp to a first year probationary contract as a half-time health/PE teacher at the Searsport District Middle School.

VOTE: 9-0-0

- F. A motion was made by Twyler Webster and seconded by Bonnie-Jean Brooks to approve the nomination of Amanda Pullen to a first year probationary contract as a 6th grade math teacher at the Searsport District Middle School.

VOTE: 9-0-0

- G. The superintendent has accepted the resignation of Sue Larrabee as the Curriculum Secretary with regrets. Sue has done an exemplary job in this position. Bob Danks, the Board Chairperson, commented on her work and the impact this now has on the superintendent.

The Board also thanked the superintendent on the wonderful reception honoring all staff. It impacted the Board that we need to do this more. (Please note that towards the end of the meeting, the most magnificent view of the islands lit by the sun was enjoyed by all present.)

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

11. **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,