

REVISED PER THE JULY 10, 2007 BOARD MEETING

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 56

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Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

June 26, 2007 – 6:30 P.M.

Central Office - Searsport

Present: Joseph Altilio Nedra Bellows Bonnie-Jean Brooks (7:02)
Tom Calderwood James Cunningham Robert Danks
Harold Grove Veronica Magnan (6:33) Twyler Webster

Absent: Michael Hamilton, Christopher Krause

Visitors:

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairperson Robert Danks called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA.** None.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** A motion was made by Twyler Webster and seconded by Joseph Altilio to approve the June 13, 2007 minutes with one revision: The Board would like a comma added after the word “process” in the fifth paragraph under 9.A A revised copy of these minutes will be placed in the Official Minutes Book and on the district’s website.

VOTE: 6-0-1 (Grove)

4. **PRESENTATIONS.** None.
5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** None.
6. **REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT.**
 - A. June 1 enrollments. The superintendent asked for questions on the enrollment numbers. There were no questions.
 - B. Administrative Reports. The superintendent asked if there were any questions regarding the reports and passed around the supplemental materials shared in Tina Boone’s report.
 - C. Student Accident Insurance with Cross Insurance. Someone asked who checks to see that all students involved in co-curricular activities, i.e. drama, etc. have insurance, as required by policy? A motion was made by Tom Calderwood and seconded by Harold Grove to approve the Student Accident Insurance with Cross Insurance.

VOTE: 8-0-0

- D. Other.
 - The superintendent reminded the Board of the special Board meeting on Wednesday, June 27, 2007, to interview finalists for the two administrative positions now open in MSAD #56. This will be in executive session.

- The superintendent attended the Special Education Directors Academy on Monday where Sharon Goguen received her award as Special Education Director of the year. The superintendent presented Sharon with a dozen roses. The superintendent passed around the announcement of the awards. Also, Jessica Hall, a Searsport Elementary School parent, received the Parent of the Year award at the same ceremony. Congratulations to them both!
- The superintendent reminded the Board of the reorganization informational meeting on Thursday, June 28, 2007 at the Waldo County Technical Center at 7 pm.
- The superintendent reminded the Board about the Budget Meeting on Friday, June 29, 2007 at 6:30 pm at the High/Middle School Cafetorium in Searsport.
- The superintendent shared that districts were notified that the high school staff will each receive a Mac laptop from the MLTI (Maine Laptop Technology Initiative) program at no cost to the district. The superintendent proposed sending the current laptops to the elementary schools.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

- A. Finance Committee. The minutes are in the Board packets.
- B. Buildings and Grounds Committee. The minutes are in the Board packets.
- C. Policy Committee. Harold Grove shared that the committee will send two more policies to the Board. He then said that, in the midst of reorganization, should we continue to develop policies? The superintendent shared that once we reorganize, we will have to develop new policies. A motion was made by Harold Grove and seconded by Jim Cunningham that the Policy Committee will not meet except in emergency situations where the district must act.

VOTE: 8-0-0

Who determines policy? The superintendent was charged with this if either the Federal government or the State requires a policy for an update.

- D. Region Seven. Veronica Magnan did not attend due to administrative interviews in our district.
- E. Legislative Report. The superintendent will receive an update and descriptions from the Commissioner. When she receives this, the information will be sent to the Board of Directors.

8. **OLD BUSINESS.**

- A. Ad Hoc Restructuring Committee. The superintendent reviewed the input from the committee. The first option referring to the High School English/Language Arts section will be sent to the Buildings and Grounds Committee. The Board needs to decide if they should deal with the suggestions or table them for a later time. A motion was made by Jim Cunningham and seconded by Veronica Magnan to table the Ad Hoc Committee report until after Friday's district budget meeting.

VOTE: 6-1-1 (Bellows) (Grove)

Twyler Webster asked about the 20 kindergarten students entering Searsport Elementary School and the first grade with 33 students, which will be split between three teachers. Will we keep the three teachers at Searsport Elementary School? The superintendent explained the district's multiage program. Twyler claimed that some parents from Frankfort Elementary School were told they could not have their children in the multiage program. The superintendent shared that she would want to speak with these parents.

- B. Consolidation update and discussion.

- 1. Board retreat with the Admin Team? The superintendent suggested that the

Board make a date for a Board Retreat or dedicate time at upcoming Board meetings with the Admin Team prior to making any decision about consolidation.

2. "School Consolidation Law: Implementation Issues" with Drummond & Woodsum on July 25, 2007. Tom Calderwood, Bob Danks, Brian MacFarland, and the superintendent will attend this workshop training.
3. The superintendent briefly gave an overview of the Superintendent's Conference with the Commissioner which took place June 24 – 26, 2007. The superintendent shared we would have templates from the state, and she will get a report to the Board members. The Board discussed various options, and conversations will continue with SAD 3, SAD 34, and Bucksport. The topic was tabled until July 10, 2007 when we will have more information. We hope to meet with Bucksport that week, or prior to that week.

9. **NEW BUSINESS.**

- A. A motion was made by Veronica Magnan and seconded by Bonnie-Jean Brooks to accept the proposed 2007 – 2010 Contract between the Board of Directors and the MSAD #56 Education Association as presented.

VOTE: 9-0-0

- B. A motion was made by Nedra Bellows and seconded by Bonnie-Jean Brooks to accept the energy bids as presented.

VOTE: 8-0-0 (Veronica stepped out.)

- C. Co-curricular/coaching nominations for the 2007-08 school year:

1. Chris Goosman, Dramatics Director
2. Ellie Farrar, Professional Development Chairperson
3. Charlene Farnham, Band Director
4. Elaine LaPoint, Senior Class Advisor and Yearbook Advisor
5. Priscilla King, National Honor Society Advisor grades 7-9
6. Marti Stamp, National Honor Society Advisor grades 10 – 12
7. Mike Garcelon, Varsity Girls Soccer Coach
8. Harold Grove, Varsity Boys Soccer Coach
9. Mike Vasiliaskas, Varsity Cross Country Coach
10. Steve Tupper, Varsity Golf Coach
11. Josh Toothaker, Middle School Boys Soccer Coach
12. Brian Merrill, Middle School Girls Soccer Coach

A motion was made by Harold Grove and seconded by Twyler Webster to enter executive session to discuss these nominations pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A).

VOTE: 9-0-0

The Board entered executive session at 7:45 pm and resumed public session at 7:54 pm. A motion was made by Tom Calderwood and seconded by Jim Cunningham to approve the nominations listed above, with the exception of #4, Elaine LaPoint. #4 will be tabled until the July Board meeting.

VOTE: 7-1-1-(Webster) (Grove)

- D. The Board noted the resignation of Darcy West as the 8th grade ELA/SS teacher at the Searsport District Middle School.
- E. First readings of the following policies:
1. A motion was made by Harold Grove and seconded by Bonnie-Jean Brooks to approve BBBAB, Student Representation to the Board of Directors, for a first reading.

VOTE: 9-0-0

2. A motion was made by Bonnie-Jean Brooks and seconded by Jim Cunningham to approve BEDBA, Consent Agenda, for a first reading.

VOTE: 9-0-0

The Board discussed this policy. Joseph Altilio asked what are the specific academic requirements? The superintendent shared that the high school has moved to standards so there is not a numerical average. The procedures will be identified for each of the criteria listed. The question was asked that if a student served only ½ year would they receive ½ credit? Here again, we no longer have traditional credits, but an equivalent time would be made, i.e. X number of hours. Bonnie-Jean Brooks expressed that this policy would place more responsibility on the Board members to read and come prepared in order to allow us to spend more time discussing concepts/topics.

The Board thanked Bonnie-Jean Brooks for all the years she served on the Board, and for what she has given to the students in this district.

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

A. Evaluations of officials and an employee pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A). Did not take place.

11. **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,