

REVISED PER THE AUGUST 14, 2007 BOARD MEETING

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 56

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Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

July 24, 2007 – 6:30 P.M.

Central Office - Searsport

Present: Joseph Altilio Nedra Bellows Tom Calderwood
James Cunningham Denise Dakin Robert Danks
Harold Grove Michael Hamilton Christopher Krause
Veronica Magnan

Absent: Twyler Webster (ex.)

Visitors: 4

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairperson Bob Danks called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.
2. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA.** There were two additions to the agenda: Under New Business, E. Lease Agreement for Technology, and under Executive Session, A. Litigation, pending or contemplated, pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (E). The current A will become B.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** A motion was made by Harold Grove and seconded by Tom Calderwood to approve the July 10, 2007 minutes with one revision: Harold Grove pointed out the absence of a comma in the second sentence on page 5 of 5, E, “grant position we wrote, and we were the fiscal agent.” He feels the comma is needed because this is a compound sentence.

VOTE: 10-0-0

The correction to the July 10, 2007 minutes will be made in the Official Minutes Book, and a corrected copy will be posted on the district’s website.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA. Any Board member may request that any item be removed from this consent agenda and moved to the regular agenda.” – Policy File BEDBA, Consent Agenda, approved July 10, 2007.**
 - A. “End of the Year Report” from Special Services.
 - B. Inhouse transfer of Sally Stanton to the Educational Technician library position at the Stockton Springs Elementary School. She will also continue in her current position at the Frankfort Elementary School.
 - C. Inhouse transfer of Polly Martin, Adult Education Program Assistant, to the Curriculum Secretary position at the Central Office.

The Chairperson stated, with no objections, “Let it stand as it is.”

5. **PRESENTATIONS.** None.
6. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** None.

7. **REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT.**

A. Report from the Gates Foundation. The superintendent shared the commendations from the Gate's Grant report:

- ❑ We are one of the few high schools in Maine on the leading edge of innovation when it comes to standards-based curriculum, instruction, and grading.
- ❑ The ninth grade team members are great leaders in changing organizational structures of the school. They have worked hard to become more effective teachers.
- ❑ Our high school students are among the most vocal and articulate students interviewed this spring. They think for themselves, engage in thoughtful conversation, and live as leaders in their community.
- ❑ The CREST Program has proven to be a great success.

There are also recommendations which are all thoughtful and will engage us in thoughtful discussions, i.e. how might the school increase community connections and utilize local resources to increase academic rigor and student engagement? Board members have copies of the actual report.

B. The superintendent shared that there is a report in the Board folders of what has been accomplished during the summer in the area of maintenance.

C. The superintendent shared that there is a revised list of Standing Committees in the Board folders. We received a complaint on the makeup, dates, and times of future committee meetings.

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

A. Buildings and Grounds Committee. Tom Calderwood, chairperson of the committee, shared the July 16 and July 23, 2007 committee minutes. He also shared the situation with the windows at the Stockton Springs Elementary School, and turned it over to the superintendent for details. The superintendent shared that the total cost of the windows was \$58,684.40, which included the electrical, if needed. With the percentage of WBRC for their part, the highest possible cost would be \$65,317.96, but the cost should be less. The superintendent wants to wait to discuss with Goff French and/or Ed Antz if Revolving Renovation Fund contingency money may cover the costs. A motion was made by Veronica Magnan and seconded by Mike Hamilton to authorize the superintendent to spend, if approved, up to \$65,317.96 for the windows at the Stockton Springs Elementary School.

VOTE: 10-0-0

9. **OLD BUSINESS.**

A. A motion was made by Harold Grove and seconded by Mike Hamilton to approve the second reading of policy IKFBA, Baccalaureate, for deletion. There was a lively discussion.

VOTE: 7-3-0 (Dakin, Hamilton, Krause)

B. Regionalization update and discussion. The superintendent shared the views of Sharon Goguen, Director of Special Services, a brochure developed to share our district's views and questions with other districts, the minutes from a meeting with MSAD 34, the answers to our questions from Bucksport, and a chart that compiles the results. Discussion followed. Other questions raised:

- ❑ Would parents have a choice?
- ❑ Transportation costs for school of choice?

10. **NEW BUSINESS.**

A. Consideration of approval of the Frankfort Elementary School Handbook. The

superintendent requested concept approval for the handbook, but said that it needs to have basic updates. A motion was made by Harold Grove and seconded by Veronica Magnan to give concept approval to the Frankfort Elementary School Handbook, but updates must be done. There was no discussion.

VOTE: 10-0-0

- B. Consideration of approval of an increase in adult lunch prices. The superintendent shared that Agnes Nelson, Director of Food Services, has requested an increase in the price of adult meals, as follows: adult breakfast to increase from \$1.50 to \$1.75 and adult lunch to increase from \$3.40 to \$4.00. A motion was made by Veronica Magnan and seconded by Jim Cunningham to accept the increase in prices as presented.

VOTE: 10-0-0

- C. A motion was made by Harold Grove and seconded by Mike Hamilton to approve the nomination of Luisa Martinez to a first year probationary contract as an 8th grade English/Language Arts teacher.

VOTE: 10-0-0

- D. Consideration of making Supplemental Services a requirement. This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

- E. A motion was made by Tom Calderwood and seconded by Harold Grove to authorize the superintendent to enter into a lease agreement for technology as passed in the FY 08 budget, with the best interest rates. There was discussion. A concern was expressed about entering into contracts with reorganization before us.

VOTE: 10-0-0

11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

- A. A motion was made by Mike Hamilton and seconded by Harold Grove to enter executive session for litigation, pending or contemplated, pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (E).

VOTE: 10-0-0

The Board entered executive session at 7:55 pm and resumed public session at 8:13 pm. A motion was made by Mike Hamilton and seconded by Harold Grove to have the superintendent pay the cost of \$34,785.66 as a result of a litigation decision.

VOTE: 10-0-0

- B. A motion was made by Veronica Magnan and seconded by Denise Dakin to enter executive session for the evaluation of officials and an employee pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A).

VOTE: 9-0-1 (Calderwood)

The Board entered executive session at 8:18 pm and resumed public session at 8:23 pm.

12. **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,