

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 56

Frankfort • Searsport • Stockton Springs

Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

September 11, 2007 – 6:30 pm

HS/MS Cafetorium - Searsport

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

Absent: None.

Visitors: 13

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairperson Bob Danks called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA.** A motion was made by Jim Cunningham and seconded by Mike Hamilton to add Item D under New Business: discussion of opposition to school consolidation that is happening Down East.

VOTE: 11-0-0

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** A motion was made by Harold Grove and seconded by Twyler Webster to approve the August 28, 2007 minutes as presented.

VOTE: 11-0-0

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. Appointment of Lawrene Blair as an Educational Technician II.
- B. Appointment of Sean Floyd as an Educational Technician III.
- C. Appointment of Sally Stanton, current Educational Technician III, to cover 3 hours/week during lunches for common planning time.
- D. September 5, 2007 enrollments.
- E. Administrative reports.
- F. Appointment of Janis Hogan as the school nurse.
- G. Appointment of Mary Szwec as the Attendance Officer for the district.
- H. Finance Committee.
- I. Transportation Committee.

Hearing no objections, the Chairperson declared the Consent Agenda accepted as is.

5. **PRESENTATIONS.**

- A. The superintendent reminded the Board that two years ago the Board of Directors discussed the summary of The World is Flat and the impact technology has had on the world and education. She introduced a short clip called “Did You Know?” that illustrates the impact of technology today. She asked the Board to think of their children, grandchildren, and /or today’s kindergarten students and the role of

education as they watched the clip. How do we have to change the way we are doing things? The Board then watched the video clip.

6. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

Harold Grove shared that at a Board meeting two months ago the Board decided to put the Policy Committee on hold. After reading the Legislative Bulletin, Harold felt that this decision needs to be reconsidered as the Legislature expects more policies to be in place.

7. **REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT.**

A. Reorganization updates. The superintendent shared the make up of the Reorganization Planning Committee (RPC) to date:

TOWN	BOARD MEMBER	TOWN OFFICIAL	CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE
Frankfort	Harold Grove (alternate Twyler Webster)	Evelyn Adams, Richard Crossman, Alan Gordon (will rotate)	Alan Hammond
Searsport	Nedra Bellows (alternate Joe Altilio)	Aaron Fethke	Marsha Anderson (alternates Faith Garrold and Percy King)
Stockton Springs	Veronica Magnan (alternate Denise Dakin)	Sara Bradford (alternate Peter Curly)	Ray Hart (alternate Bonnie-Jean Brooks)

Nedra Bellows brought up the method used in Searsport to select members. The superintendent shared that the law states the citizens were to be selected by the SAU's Board of Directors and the town officials. Nedra said that this was not the case in Searsport, since the Searsport officials told her who the citizen was; there was no discussion regarding anyone.

The superintendent said that the first RPC meeting would be on Wednesday, September 26th at 7 pm at the Belfast Area High School. Ray Freve will be the facilitator and the meetings will rotate between Belfast and Searsport. She also stated that neither she nor Bruce Mailloux, superintendent of MSAD #34, will facilitate nor are they voting members of the committee.

B. Legislation. The latest relevant bills and affected policies were included in the Board's packet. We need to be sure to read these and their impact on the district. She pointed out LD 454 which amends the truancy laws regarding parent involvement. It establishes two categories of truants, and courts may impose a fine not to exceed \$250.

C. The superintendent mentioned the October MSMA Fall Conference. Chris Krause spoke about the benefits of attending. Further information will be forthcoming. We need to think about whether we need to stay overnight, and ways to carpool. Please let the Central Office know if you will be attending so you can be registered.

The superintendent updated the Board on Jeff Golder's hiking trip which was approved by the Board. They will now go on October 2 -3 instead of September 18-19.

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

A. Personnel Committee. Twyler Webster shared that the committee met just prior to the Board meeting and recommends a change in the number of working days for the Director of Food Services and the approval of two Head Teachers. These items are under New Business for the Board's consideration tonight.

9. **OLD BUSINESS.** None.

10. **NEW BUSINESS.**

A. A motion was made by Harold Grove and seconded by Veronica Magnan to approve a first reading of policy IKB, Homework. There was no discussion.

VOTE: 11-0-0

B. A motion was made by Mike Hamilton and seconded by Twyler Webster to increase the number of work days for Agnes Nelson, Food Service Director, to 220 days, and that she receive \$38,375 for the 2007-08 school year, retroactive to July 1, 2007.

VOTE: 11-0-0

C. A motion was made by Twyler Webster and seconded by Mike Hamilton to appoint Mark Quigley as the Head Teacher for the Frankfort Elementary School and Jan Austin as the Head Teacher at the Stockton Springs Elementary School, with a stipend of \$1800 each for the year.

VOTE: 11-0-0

D. The superintendent passed out the article that appeared in the Bangor Daily News regarding an opposition movement to consolidation. This group has met at the Ramada Inn. They need 55,087 signatures to send the petition to the legislature. Skip Greenlaw hopes to get 100,000 signatures. Discussion followed. The Chairperson entertained a motion to study the issue. A motion was made by Jim Cunningham and seconded by Harold Grove to form a sub-committee to look at this if there is interest, and to bring information back to the Board of Directors at the next meeting.

VOTE: 11-0-0

The sub-committee will consist of Jim Cunningham, Chairperson, Harold Grove, and Veronica Magnan.

Harold Grove shared that Mr. Greenlaw is a very dependable individual who is leading the movement.

11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.** None.

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

Respectfully submitted,