

**MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 56**

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Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

October 9, 2007 – 6:30 P.M.

Stockton Springs Elementary School

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

Absent: Joseph Altilio, Veronica Magnan, Twyler Webster

Visitors: 22

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairperson Bob Danks called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. David Pepin, Varsity Baseball coach, introduced the baseball team and Lance Weddell, State Representative, presented them with a special award recognizing their accomplishment in winning the Easter Maine Class C Championship. Team members present included Nate Adams, Casey Ashe, Ricky Martin, and Evan Kingsbury. Coach Pepin gave an overview of the team's accomplishments over the last four years.

2. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA.** None.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** A motion was made by Harold Grove and seconded by Jim Cunningham to approve the September 25, 2007 minutes.

**VOTE: 6-0-2 (Hamilton, Krause)**

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. Enrollment report.
- B. Administrative reports.
- C. Rodney Whitcomb, custodian position appointment
- D. Finance Committee minutes for October 3, 2007

Denise Dakin requested that Item C be moved to New Business, C for an executive session pursuant to 1 MRS A § 405 (6) (A).

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

5. **PRESENTATIONS.**

A. Professional Learning Communities. Corinne Blanchard, Tenney Spiegel, Mark Quigley, Tina Boone, Wayne Suomi, Brian Corrigan, Carrie Thomas, Diane Gilmore, Karen McKeen, Linda Bowe, and Sharon Goguen talked about their two days at the DuFours conference. They shared what is being implemented at the various buildings which are based on researched based Best Practices. The Middle School has “Curriculum on the Wall.” Diane, Carrie, and Karen spoke about the year-long book talks facilitated by each of them, revisiting the important components, and selected

literacy as our content area as K-2 and 3-5 teams. Tina Boone reminded the Board about what the Frankfort Elementary School has done, and what we will now do for students who are not meeting the standards.

Sharon Goguen shared that with her staff scattered all over the district, she found this a great opportunity to know what her staff has been involved with. Linda Bowe shared the coordination and collaboration piece needed in order to do our job. We need to be working together so that all students are able to meet the standards.

6. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** None.

7. **REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT.**

- A. The superintendent reiterated that academically we want to be the “best” we can be. She presented data showing the March 2007 MEA results for grades 3-8 and reviewed examples and answered questions. More detailed data was presented which showed the specific number of students at each proficiency level (exceeds, meets, partially meets, and does not meet the standards) and the movement of students from one level to another.

The superintendent then reviewed Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) which is used by the Federal No Child Left Behind to describe the amount of academic progress expected each school year. AYP is based on assessment scores from the MEA in reading and math, and the indicators “average daily attendance” in grades 3-8, and graduation rates in high school.

Schools need to show AYP school-wide and then in various subgroups (special education, ESL, racial and ethnic groups, low socio-economic). Participation on the MEA has to be 95% or higher and academic achievement. The minimum size for test groups has to be at least 41 students, and 20 or more for performance of sub groups. Reliability is a concern and confidence intervals (CI) is used statistically as the “margin of error” in polls. A school may also meet AYP by making “Safe Harbor” which is a 10% reduction from the previous year in the proportion of students not achieving proficiency. Specific examples from each school were given. When numbers of students were less than 20, no information was given due to the protection of identifying individual students.

It appears we will meet AYP at the elementary level as well as the middle school, due to CI or Safe Harbor. But we still want to focus on getting all students to achieve meeting the standards.

The superintendent and administrators were asked to present examples of questions so that the Board of Directors can really see them and have a better understanding of what is assessed. Discussion followed. Bob Danks shared that assessment types have changed drastically from when we attended school.

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

- A. Personnel Committee. The committee met this evening and reviewed job descriptions. They will be on the next Board agenda.
- B. RPC Committee. Jim Cunningham shared his correspondence with Skip Greenlaw concerning the movement to repeal the consolidation law. Discussion followed. The

Board Chairperson is looking for specifics. Harold Grove will present this concept to members of the RPC.

9. **OLD BUSINESS.** None.

10. **NEW BUSINESS.**

A. Co-curricular nominations:

1. A motion was made by Harold Grove and seconded by Tom Calderwood to approve the nomination of Luisa Martinez as the Middle School Student Council Advisor.

**VOTE: 8-0-0**

2. A motion was made by Nedra Bellows and seconded by Harold Grove to approve the nomination of Teresa Higgins as the Middle School Yearbook Advisor and Middle School Newsletter Editor.

**VOTE: 8-0-0**

B. A motion was made by Tom Calderwood and seconded by Harold Grove to approve the nomination of Laurie Brooks to a first year probationary contract as a half-time Middle School art teacher, to be prorated with a start date of October 15, 2007. Discussion followed.

**VOTE: 8-0-0**

C. A motion was made by Denise Dakin and seconded by Mike Hamilton to enter executive session to discuss the appointment/employment of employees pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A).

**VOTE: 8-0-0**

The Board entered executive session at 7:48 pm and resumed public session at 8:05 pm.

11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

12. **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,