

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 56

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Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

November 27, 2007 – 6:30 P.M.

Central Office - Searsport

Present: Joseph Altilio Nedra Bellows Tom Calderwood
James Cunningham Denise Dakin Harold Grove
Michael Hamilton Christopher Krause (6:35 pm)
Veronica Magnan Twyler Webster

Absent: Robert Danks, Lisa Hudson, Julia Martin (all excused)

Visitors: 9

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Vice-Chairperson Nedra Bellows called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA.** Item 10, C, approval of a French textbook, was removed from the agenda. It will be on the December agenda.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** A motion was made by Twyler Webster and seconded by Mike Hamilton to approve the November 13, 2007 Board minutes with one revision: Under 7, A, change the word “of” to “on”.
VOTE: 8-0-1 (Grove)
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. Buildings and Grounds Committee minutes for 11/19/07.
Hearing no objections, the Vice-Chairperson declared the Consent Agenda accepted as is.
5. **PRESENTATIONS.** None.
6. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** None.
7. **REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT.**
A. New Maine Learning Results. The superintendent reported that the Board of Directors received the overview for each of the eight content areas of the new Maine Learning Results (MLR). Chapter 131 contains the Maine, Federal, State and local accountability standards for No Child Left Behind. Chapter 132, the MLR Parameters for Essential Instruction, augments and expands upon the content standards for federal accountability by describing details for essential teaching and learning for the eight content areas.

The superintendent showed the mathematics strand and pointed out the vocabulary (in blue) and the expectations (in yellow) which will be assessed on the MEA in grades 3-8 in March 2008. In March 2009 students will be assessed on the new MLR.

Board members can visit the website and view all of the content areas. The Vice-Chairperson thanked the superintendent for the presentation.

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

A. RPC Committee. Jim Cunningham reported that the petition to withdraw the consolidation legislation has 16,000 signatures. Twyler Webster was asked to share her impressions of her first RPC meeting. The consensus was that the process is rushed, and does not have the students' best interests in mind. Tonight the Board is voting to submit the partial plan to the state. What are the implications of not submitting the plan? The superintendent could not answer that question, but shared that if the Board had reservations, then put those concerns in their motion.

9. **OLD BUSINESS.** None.

10. **NEW BUSINESS.**

A. A motion was made by Harold Grove and seconded by Mike Hamilton to approve the appointment of Amanda Pullen as the Division I Middle School girls' basketball coach.

VOTE: 10-0-0

B. A motion was made by Mike Hamilton and seconded by Joe Altilio to approve the appointment of Doug McFarlin as the Division I Middle School boys' basketball coach. There was discussion expressing concerns with this coach.

VOTE: 7-2-1 (Dakin, Webster) (Magnan)

C. Consideration of approval of a French textbook. On next month's agenda.

D. A motion was made by Harold Grove and seconded by Mike Hamilton to approve a leave of absence for Jessica Whitworth until January 21, 2008, without pay.

VOTE: 10-0-0

E. Consideration of approval of submitting the Reorganization Plan for MSAD #56 and MSAD #34. A motion was made by Mike Hamilton and seconded by Tom Calderwood that the MSAD #56 Board of Directors recommend submitting the RPC Plan to the Department of Education, but reserve the right to make revisions once figures and other information becomes available. Discussion followed. There were concerns that there is nothing in the plan about the education of our students. The motion was withdrawn by both Mike and Tom. More discussion followed.

A motion was made by Mike Hamilton and seconded by Tom Calderwood that the MSAD #56 Board of Directors agrees to submit the partial plan developed by the RPC, but reserves the right to revisit, and, if necessary, revise any or all sections of the plan as new information becomes available.

VOTE: 9-0-1 (Cunningham)

11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

A. Evaluations of officials and an employee pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A).
None.

12. **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,