

REVISED PER THE NOVEMBER 27, 2007 BOARD MEETING

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 56

Frankfort • Searsport • Stockton Springs

Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

November 13, 2007 – 6:30 P.M.

Frankfort Elementary School s

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

Absent: Harold Grove (ex.), Christopher Krause, Lisa Hudson (ex.), Julie Martin (ex.)

Visitors: 6

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairperson Bob Danks called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

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

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** A motion was made by Mike Hamilton and seconded by Twyler Webster to approve the October 23, 2007 Board minutes as presented.

VOTE: 9-0-0

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. November 1 enrollment report.

B. Admin Team reports.

C. Megan Marshall, long-term substitute 5th grade teacher at the Searsport Elementary School, for Andrea Brawn.

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

5. **PRESENTATIONS.**

A. The superintendent introduced the two new student Board members: Lisa Hudson and Julie Martin. They both attended the Board training session, but were excused from the meeting to study for a physics test. The superintendent then reviewed assessments. At the last Board meeting, we discussed the MEAs. Tonight Gregg Palmer is discussing the SATs. We have results in three areas: critical reading, mathematics, and writing.

	SDHS	STATE
% taking SAT	99% (67 of 68)	95%
% economically disadvantaged	40%	24%
% identified Special Ed.	28%	15%

There are three tests: critical reading, mathematics, and writing. We made AYP in mathematics, but not in reading. There is no AYP status in writing, which is our

strength. Gregg then shared the percentage results in each of the three areas in the four performance areas of exceeds, meets, partially meets, and does not meet.

We are offering the following interventions to improve academic performance:

1. FAME – started with the class of 2010.
2. Writers workshop - started with the class of 2010.
3. Standards - started with the class of 2010.
4. Interventions: lab, period 5, academy.
5. Examining best practices around formative assessment, teaching pedagogy, data analysis.

Other schools are offering:

1. Doubling up on math, with math everyday during the freshman year.
2. Offering/mandating SAT prep courses for all.
3. Offering a summer transition for all freshmen.
4. Creating a tutoring center.

The superintendent will be coming to the Board later in the year asking that students who do not meet the standards attend mandatory interventions such as after school programs (re-teaching and study sessions and academics). Gregg will report out on the junior's PSAT scores with no interventions and sophomores who have had interventions. This is our third year of testing juniors with the PSAT.

6. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** None.

7. **REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT.**

- A. The superintendent shared an evening with a Cub Scout troop, who were working on organizations and how they run. Each Cub Scout became a Board member and became actively involved in the evening's events. They delved into each of the Board's sub-committees and their roles. It was a great way to spend an evening with curious students interested in how school districts operate.

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

- A. Finance Committee. Minutes were in the Board mailing.
- B. Transportation Committee. Minutes were in the Board mailing.
- C. RPC Committee. Members of the RPC Committee gave reports. Some people are dropping out of the committee. Governance items are settled – there will be no alternative Board members. Veronica Magnan spoke about the weighted votes. Bruce Mailloux apologized to the committee for his comments to the newspapers.

9. **OLD BUSINESS.**

- A. Skip Greenlaw's petition. Jim Cunningham collected 130 signatures in Searsport. He could have collected more. All signatures have to be verified by the town clerks. No one can sign the petition if they have anything to do with the RPC.

Jim Cunningham then presented a resolution in support of the citizen initiated petition for a referendum to repeal mandated school consolidation as enacted in Public Law 2007, Chapter 240, Part XXXX. A motion was made by Denise Dakin and seconded by Tom Calderwood to support the resolution on Mandated School

District Consolidation and advocate for a referendum to repeal mandated school consolidation as in Public Law 2007, Chapter 240, Part XXXX.

VOTE: 8-0-1 (Cunningham)

The superintendent will complete the form and send it in.

10. **NEW BUSINESS.**

- A. Consideration of approval of the purchase of a mini bus and one regular bus. The superintendent shared that this is a formality districts need to do in order to get the discount on bus purchases. It is all dependent on approval of the budget. A motion was made by Mike Hamilton and seconded by Nedra Bellows to approve the purchase of a mini bus and a standard sized bus, pending budget approval.

VOTE: 9-0-0

- B. Reports from the MSMA Conference. Tom Calderwood, Veronica Magnan, Mary Szvec reported out. The templates are really fixed on consolidation so we don't really have any choice. Many felt it was a sad conference and very confusing and depressing. Tom and Mary attended the SDHS staff and Gregg's presentation on standards and felt they did an excellent job. Mary has since received many compliments for the staff on the job they did.
- C. Budget Validation Process. The superintendent reviewed the detailed process where we need to identify the eleven areas of expenditures as well as the three areas of revenues sources. The law also states we must have a budget hearing and then within a specified number of days hold a referendum vote. If we are over EPS, then the referendum ballot must use the exact wording of the law. We continue to go through the referendum process until a budget is passed. We will need to start earlier and a calendar will be forthcoming of the process.

A Board member felt that this needed to be shared with the public so they are aware of the new process. The superintendent will meet with the Selectpeople and their advisory boards regarding the new process. There may be changes in the Budget Validation Process, but right now we are to follow the law.

11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

- A. A motion was made by Twyler Webster and seconded by Tom Calderwood to enter executive session for labor contract proposal discussions pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (D).

VOTE: 9-0-0

The Board entered executive session at 8:10 pm and resumed public session at 8:16 pm.

- B. Evaluations of officials and an employee pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A). Not done.

12. **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,