

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 56

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Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

May 13, 2008 – 6:30 P.M.

Stockton Springs Elementary School

Present: Joseph Altilio Tony Bagley Nedra Bellows
Tom Calderwood James Cunningham Denise Dakin
Michael Hamilton Alan Hammond Raymond Hart
Christopher Krause (7 pm) Twyler Webster

Absent: Lisa Hudson, Julia Martin

Visitors: 23

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairperson Ray Hart called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA.** Omit A, Transportation Committee, under Committee Reports.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** A motion was made by Joe Altilio and seconded by Tony Bagley to approve the April 22 and May 5 minutes. The Superintendent informed the Board that they had a corrected copy of the May 5 minutes in their folders. Tony Bagley noticed an error and informed the Central Office. This error was corrected prior to the Board meeting. The Superintendent thanked Tony.

VOTE: 10-0-0

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. May 1 enrollment numbers.
 - B. Admin Team Reports.
 - C. Policy Committee minutes for 4/22/08.
 - D. Buildings and Grounds Committee minutes for 5/5/08.
 - E. Finance Committee minutes for 5/7/08.
 - F. Transportation Committee minutes for 5/7/08.
 - G. Resignations:
 1. Martha Campbell, Speech Therapist.
 2. Joy Baker, Middle School Guidance Counselor.
 3. Tina Kinney, Educational Technician.
 - H. Transfers:
 1. Tina Boone, elementary principal, to the Gifted and Talented Coordinator position (half-time).
 2. Brian Corrigan, Middle School principal, to the principal of the Searsport Elementary School.

Twyler Webster requested that she be listed as “excused” not “absent” in the May 5, 2008 Transportation Committee minutes. Hearing no objections, the Chairperson declared the Consent Agenda accepted as is with that one correction.

5. **PRESENTATIONS.** None.

7. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** None.

8. **REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT.**

- A. Recognition of two students. The Superintendent recognized Amanda Chaney who received a \$5000 Rotary Scholarship and Brandon Johnson who received a \$2000 Rotary Scholarship for service. The Superintendent also recognized the High School staff and Mr. Palmer for giving up part of their April vacation to hold mock interviews with qualifying students so they would have the experience.
- B. LD 2323 and the Budget Validation Process. The Superintendent passed out a sample copy of the District Budget Validation forms and explained the process. In the past, district residents heard about the final budget, prior to voting, at a budget hearing. They could ask questions, but could not change the Board's recommendations. The Budget Validation Process is completely different. With each of the eleven cost centers, residents will actually vote to support the Board's recommendations, increase the amount, or decrease the amount. This is the same for all the articles. Because we are \$1.9 million over EPS, we must have a secret ballot to approve or disapprove the amount recommended. If it does not pass, the residents will determine the amount to be recommended and then we do another secret ballot. If there are any cuts, it becomes the responsibility of the Superintendent to make any necessary cuts, not the residents. Once everything is finalized, we go to the referendum. If passed, we continue. If it fails, we go back to the Budget Validation Process and continue. The most important thing is that all resident voices will have an impact and it is important for all to attend. Nedra Bellows requested to review the EPS summary and to see what the MSAD 56 current ratio is with EPS.
- C. The Superintendent announced the following visitations to the High School:
 - May 22 – The Rhode Island Department of Education and the Institute of Global Ethics. They will see how standards were implemented and how they work.
 - May 1 – Hall Dale made their third visit. Our students and staff answered questions and presented to Hall Dale parents, etc. regarding standards.
 - June 2 – Susan Gendron, Commissioner of Education, will visit, concerning standards and data.The Superintendent noted that our district is respected and admired for our work with standards.
- D. Our NCLB Review Report is in the Board folders. We did extremely well, with only three areas to be revised or established:
 - The Contracted Services Code of Conduct policy has been approved by the Board of Directors.
 - The Parent Notification of the Right to Request Teacher Qualifications will be published in our Budget Book and in the District Newsletter prior to the start of school.
 - The NCLB Application will be on the Board's agenda and the District's website for public comment.
- E. Update on RPC transition costs. Harold Grove requested that the RPC re-examine the 50/50 transition costs. The answer was "no" since the RPC agreed to split costs 50/50 in the fall of 2007.

F. SATs. We only had one student absent for the required SATs. Outstanding!

G. Other.

- The Superintendent recognized Brenda Tochterman, a member of our support staff, for obtaining her Master's Degree in Literacy.

- The Superintendent reminded the Board to request their graduation tickets.

- The Superintendent announced that the District has been awarded a 21st Century Grant thanks to Linda Bowe and a parent. The grant is for \$220,000.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

A. Personnel Committee. The committee met earlier in the evening and has items on the agenda.

10. **OLD BUSINESS.** None.

11. **NEW BUSINESS.**

A. Signing of the warrants for the 2008-09 Budget Validation Meeting on May 27, 2008. At the request of Joe Altilio, and with no objections, this item was moved to the end of the agenda.

B. A motion was made by Joe Altilio and seconded by Alan Hammond to nominate Tony Bagley as the representative to the Waldo County Technical Center Regional Board. A motion was made by Tom Calderwood and seconded by Joe Altilio to close nominations.

VOTE: 10-0-0

The Board then voted on the original motion.

VOTE: 9-0-1 (Bagley)

C. First readings of the following policies:

1. BEDB, Agenda Format.

2. EBCF, Automated External Defibrillators

3. GBN-R2, Maine Family Medical Leave – Administrative Procedure.

A motion was made by Tom Calderwood and seconded by Jim Cunningham to vote on all three policies together.

VOTE: 11-0-0

A motion was made by Tom Calderwood and seconded by Jim Cunningham to approve BEDB, EBCF, and GBN-R2 for their first readings.

VOTE: 11-0-0

D. Nominations of teachers to second year probationary contracts for 2008-09:

1. Laurie Brooks, Middle School art teacher.

2. Amanda Pullen, Middle School math teacher.

3. Kristin Tripp, Middle School health/PE teacher.

A motion was made by Twyler Webster and seconded by Mike Hamilton to act on the three above nominations together.

VOTE: 11-0-0

A motion was made by Joe Altilio and seconded by Jim Cunningham to approve the nominations of Laurie Brooks, Amanda Pullen, and Kristin Trip to second year probationary contracts for 2008-09.

VOTE: 11-0-0

E. Nominations of teachers to continuing contracts for 2008-09:

1. Ashley Bryant, kindergarten teacher at Stockton Springs Elementary School.

2. Rebecca Dean, elementary guidance counselor.

3. Trent Emery, elementary art teacher.

4. Joshua Toothaker, middle school science teacher.

A motion was made by Nedra Bellows and seconded by Twyler Webster to act on the above four nominations together.

VOTE: 11-0-0

A motion was made by Tony Bagley and seconded by Tom Calderwood to approve the nominations of Ashley Bryant, Rebecca Dean, Trent Emery, and Joshua Toothaker to continuing contracts for 2008-09.

VOTE: 11-0-0

F. Consideration of approval of one-year contract extensions (until June 30, 2009) for the following employees:

1. Jim Parsons, Director of Maintenance and Transportation
2. Robert Bradford, Computer Technology Coordinator
3. Harold Grove, Technology Technician
4. Matt Thomas, Technology Technician
5. Brian MacFarland, Business Manager
6. Marilyn Stumpff, Administrative Assistant
7. Diane Libby, Accounting Clerk
8. Polly Martin, Curriculum Secretary

A motion was made by Tom Calderwood and seconded by Mike Hamilton to take the above eight contract extensions together.

VOTE: 11-0-0

A motion was made by Joe Altilio and seconded by Tony Bagley to approve one year contract extensions (until June 30, 2009) for Jim Parsons, Bob Bradford, Harold Grove, Matt Thomas, Brian MacFarland, Marilyn Stumpff, Diane Libby, and Polly Martin.

VOTE: 11-0-0

G. Interim superintendent search. Ray Hart asked how this was done in the past. There was discussion. A motion was made by Twyler Webster and seconded by Mike Hamilton to authorize the Chairperson to obtain 2-3 names for a possible interim, that they should submit a resume, and then come for an interview with the Board. There was discussion. Did the Board wish to have input? There was more discussion.

VOTE: 10-1-0 (Hart)

H. A motion was made by Mike Hamilton and seconded by Jim Cunningham to eliminate the position of secretary to the Co-Curricular Coordinator.

VOTE: 11-0-0

A motion was made by Mike Hamilton and seconded by Tom Calderwood to terminate the contract of Chris Guerette as the secretary to the Co-Curricular Coordinator at the end of her contract.

VOTE: 11-0-0

I. A motion was made by Tom Calderwood and seconded by Tony Bagley to table the restructuring of the Food Service Director position.

VOTE: 11-0-0

A. Ray Hart stated that with Board approval, he would make the motions. Someone asked if he could do that. Yes, according Roberts' Rules of Order.

A motion was made by Ray Hart and seconded by Mike Hamilton that the warrant for the District Budget Meeting presented to the meeting be and is hereby called for May 27, 2008 for the purpose of voting on the annual budget for the District for the 2008-09 fiscal year.

VOTE: 11-0-0

A motion was made by Ray Hart and seconded by Mike Hamilton that the Warrant and Notice of Election for the District Budget Validation Referendum presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved, and that a District budget validation referendum be and is hereby called for June 10, 2008 for the purpose of approving the budget adopted at the District budget meeting for the 2008-09 fiscal year.

VOTE: 11-0-0

A motion was made by Ray Hart and seconded by Nedra Bellows that the form of Notice of Amounts Adopted at Budget Meeting presented to this meeting be and is hereby approved, and that the Secretary of the District is hereby authorized and directed to complete said Notice by adding the amounts approved by the voters for each expenditure category and the total school budget summary expenditure amount, all in accordance with the District budget meeting on May 27, 2008, and to cause copies of said notice, as completed, to be delivered to the municipal clerks of each municipality of the District for posting at the polling places for the June 10, 2008 District budget validation referendum.

VOTE: 11-0-0

Board members then signed the warrants.

12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

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

11. **ADJOURNMENT.** Before the meeting adjourned, Denise Dakin thanked Joy Baker for her service in the district. There was applause. A motion was made by Jim Cunningham and seconded by Tom Calderwood to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: 11-0-0

Respectfully submitted,