

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 56

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Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

June 11, 2008 – 6:30 P.M.

Central Office - Searsport

Present: Joseph Altilio Tony Bagley Tom Calderwood
Denise Dakin Michael Hamilton Alan Hammond
Raymond Hart Twyler Webster

Absent: Nedra Bellows (ex.), James Cunningham (ex.), Christopher Krause

Visitors: 18

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairperson Ray Hart called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.
2. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA.** A motion was made by Twyler Webster and seconded by Mike Hamilton to approve the following agenda adjustments: Report from the Superintendent: Resignation of Brian Corrigan, Middle School Principal. Committee Reports: Change D to read “Buildings and Grounds Committee”. New Business: Omit H.2. Add Consideration of dropping Spanish as a foreign language at the High School. Add Consideration of the termination of the contract of Eunice Loreda, Spanish teacher.

VOTE: 8-0-0

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** A motion was made by Mike Hamilton and seconded by Alan Hammond to act on both sets of minutes as written (May 13 and May 27) together.

VOTE: 8-0-0

A motion was made by Mike Hamilton and seconded by Joe Altilio to approve the May 13 and May 27, 2008 minutes as written.

VOTE: 8-0-0

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. June 2 enrollment report.
- B. Admin Team reports.
- C. Resignations:
 1. Judy Staples, Social Worker.
 2. Zach Ellis, Educational Technician III
- D. In-house transfer of Kristin Tripp to the High School Health teaching position.
- E. Personnel Committee minutes for 5/13/08.
- F. District Curriculum Steering Committee meeting minutes for 5/22/08.

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

5. **PRESENTATIONS.**
 - A. “Substance Free for You and Me”. The Superintendent introduced Courtney Gibbs, a Middle school student, Chief LaHaye, and Ruth Fitzpatrick. They distributed copies of a brochure developed by middle school students and Chief LaHaye. Courtney stated that this is a result from several students who made

poor choices on substance use. The students did research and had speakers come to speak about their poor choices. Students created a survey, administered it, and gathered the data. They also brought in their parents. Parents asked what they should do and can do when faced with this problem, or before this becomes a problem. Others who assisted with the project were Katie Brown, Cheyenne Runci, and Samantha Stover.

Chief LaHaye spoke about the project and participation. There are three stores who are supporting the underage drinking project and he would like to put the brochure in those stores.

Courtney said some students have an opinion but don't voice it. They also have an opinion but their opinion is not necessarily heard by adults and others. Questions followed. Someone asked about the phrase "Have adults ride on the bus to assist drivers". The concern was that people might already think this is happening. Answer: The back of the brochure says these are student suggestions. Board members preferred this to be more visible. A motion was made by Alan Hammond and seconded by Denise Dakin to approve the brochure with one change: Putting the phrase "student suggestions" at the top of the inner page of the brochure.

VOTE: 8-0-0

The students were given a round of applause for their work.

- B. Sister School Trip – Jeff Shula, Gregg Palmer, and students. Mr. Shula spoke about this being the fourth year of the project, with two visits per year, each school traveling once to the other school. Students (Tim French, Allen Connor, Brooke Bagley, Nik Frazee, Kali Berenyi) shared that they meet every week and read together. They shared facts from hate groups/crimes, etc. They also shared their experiences. Parents shared their experiences and that they support this project overwhelmingly. Everyone hopes to see the Sister School exchange continues. There was a round of applause for the presentation.

6. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** Mr. Baker thanked the Board on the budget, and it's passing in the referendum.

7. **REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT.**

- A. The Superintendent accepted Brian Corrigan's resignation with regrets. She spoke about the changes she has seen in him as a leader in the district. She wishes him the best.
- B. Recognition of Staff:
 - Leslie Parsons, Educational Technician with Project Success has gotten her Bachelor's degree in Mental Health & Human Services.
 - Charlene Farris was selected to attend a two week training in Early American History. Charlene makes history come alive for students. This training will add to her repertoire.
 - High School staff and Gregg Palmer. A team of 19 people from the Department of Education spent a day at the high school observing classes, walk through's, interviewing students, staff, and supervisors, including the Director of Special Services and the Superintendent. At the end of the day, a "Fish Bowl" was held where students reflected on standards and the pros and cons. The team was very complimentary of the rigor, the interventions in place, the standards,

- lunch room atmosphere and offerings and how the students were so knowledgeable and articulate about the programs/standards at the high school.
- Brandon Johnson, a senior, received “Honorable Mention” with his original play “Unwanted Adventure”. This year’s competition saw one of the most talented groups of writers. The company decided to publish the 4 winning plays, and if those plays are used, the students will receive royalties.
- C. MSBA call for 2008 MSBA Officer Nominations. The Superintendent has the forms if anyone is interested.
- D. Curriculum, assessment, and instruction. The Superintendent will have an update at the next Board meeting on each curriculum committee and next year’s focus.

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

- A. Transportation Committee. Mike Hamilton reported that we are looking at integrated seating for the mini bus.
- B. Region Seven. Tony Bagley reported that WCTC is concerned with fuel costs. They are using an unfilled position to help pay for fuel costs for 2008-09. The Small Engine Department presented to the Board. Teachers and students are both learning together in the Literacy Program. All programs except one are filled to capacity for 2008-09.
- C. Personnel Committee. Twyler Webster reported that the committee met tonight.
- D. Buildings and Grounds Committee. Tom Calderwood reported that we are waiting, along with Searsport and Stockton Springs, on locking in to a heating oil price. WE have locked into the others and they are on the agenda tonight for approval.

9. **OLD BUSINESS.**

- A. Second readings of the following policies:
 - 1. A motion was made by Tom Calderwood and seconded by Mike Hamilton to approve BEDB, Agenda Format, for a second reading. Discussion followed. There was a difference in opinion. Since this is a meeting in public, and we are elected by towns, the Board hears from the public, but we make the decisions. A member feels we are not following our own policy. There was more discussion and questions. Someone called for the vote.
VOTE: 4-4-0 (Altilio, Bagley, Calderwood, Hamilton) (Dakin, Hammond, Hart, Webster) Motion defeated.
 The policy will go back to the Policy Committee.
 - 2. A motion was made by Tom Calderwood and seconded by Tony Bagley to approve EBCF, Automated External Defibrillators, for a second reading.
VOTE: 8-0-0
 - 3. A motion was made by Twyler Webster and seconded by Tony Bagley to approve GBN-R2, Maine Family Medical Leave – Administrative Procedure, for a second reading. The Superintendent clarified a concern about organ transplants.
VOTE: 8-0-0

10. **NEW BUSINESS.**

- A. A motion was made by Mike Hamilton and seconded by Twyler Webster that the Computation and Declaration of Votes dated and attached hereto be and it is hereby approved.

VOTE: 8-0-0

A motion was made by Mike Hamilton and seconded by Twyler Webster that the Computation and Declaration of Votes be entered upon the records of the District.

VOTE: 8-0-0

A motion was made by Mike Hamilton and seconded by Twyler Webster that a certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes be sent to each of the Municipal Clerks within the District.

VOTE: 8-0-0

- B. A motion was made by Twyler Webster and seconded by Tony Bagley to approve the town assessments for 2008-09 as presented.

VOTE: 8-0-0

The Board then signed the assessments and the Computation and Declaration of Votes.

- C. A motion was made by Alan Hammond and seconded by Tom Calderwood to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to apply for and accept grants from “No Child Left Behind” and other federal, state, and local sources.

VOTE: 8-0-0

- D. A motion was made by Twyler Webster and seconded by Mike Hamilton to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to offer contracts to new teachers and support staff.

VOTE: 8-0-0

- E. A motion was made by Joe Altilio and seconded by Tom Calderwood to approve the K-12 Literacy Curriculum with the expectation that it will be followed. There was discussion. Joe Altilio spoke about the curriculum’s excellent format. Both Joe and Ray Hart complimented the committee on the curriculum’s depth and thoroughness, and the work of the members.

VOTE: 8-0-0

- F. A motion was made by Twyler Webster and seconded by Tom Calderwood to approve the High School/Middle School principal job description.

VOTE: 8-0-0

- G. Consideration of approval of the following co-curricular nominations for 2008-09:

1. Chris Goosman, Dramatics Director.
2. Ellie Farrar, PDC Chairperson.
3. Charlene Farnham, Band Director.
4. Elaine LaPoint, Senior Class Advisor and Yearbook Advisor.
5. Marti Stamp, National Honor Society grades 10-12.
6. Laurie Rule, Staff Development Chairperson.
7. Steve Tupper, Varsity Golf coach.
8. Mike Garcelon, Varsity Girls soccer coach.
9. Mike Vasiliauskas, Varsity Cross Country coach.

A motion was made by Alan Hammond and seconded by Joe Altilio to accept the above nine nominations as a group.

VOTE: 7-1-0 (Webster)

A motion was made by Mike Hamilton and seconded by Tony Bagley to approve the above nine co-curricular nominations.

VOTE: 7-1-0 (Webster)

- H. Consideration of approval of the following nominations to first year probationary contracts:

1. A motion was made by Tom Calderwood and seconded by Mike Hamilton to approve the nomination of Jennifer Jackson to a first year probationary

contract as the Middle School Health/PE teacher.

VOTE: 8-0-0

- I. A motion was made by Tom Calderwood and seconded by Mike Hamilton to approve the bid from Thompson for propane at \$2.35, and the bid from R. H. Foster for gas at a price of \$.10 over rack and for diesel at \$.10 over rack for the 2008-09 school year.

VOTE: 8-0-0

- J. A motion was made by Twyler Webster and seconded by Mike Hamilton to drop Spanish as a foreign language at the Searsport District High School. Discussion followed. This decision is being based on enrollments for the last two years. Denise Dakin was concerned with dropping Spanish. Gregg Palmer would prefer to see a foreign language taught K-12 but that is not a choice for now. The Superintendent said we offer Latin over the ATM. Gregg said they would look for Spanish to be taught over the ATM as well.

VOTE: 5-3-0 (Bagley, Dakin, Hart)

A motion was made by Tom Calderwood and seconded by Mike Hamilton to terminate the contract of Eunice Loreda as the Spanish teacher at the Searsport District High School.

VOTE: 8-0-0

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

- A. A motion was made by Denise Dakin and seconded by Tony Bagley to enter executive session for the evaluations of officials and an employee pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A).

VOTE: 8-0-0

The Board entered executive session at 8:00 pm and resumed public session at 8:40 pm.

- B. A motion was made by Alan Hammond and seconded by Mike Hamilton to enter executive session for the evaluations of officials and an employee pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A).

VOTE: 8-0-0

The Board entered executive session at 8:48 pm and resumed public session at 9:14 pm.

- C. A motion was made by Alan Hammond and seconded by Denise Dakin to enter executive session for the evaluations of officials and an employee pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A).

VOTE: 8-0-0

The Board entered executive session at 9:15 pm and resumed public session at 9:25 pm.

- 12. ADJOURNMENT.** A motion was made by Alan Hammond and seconded by Denise Dakin to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm.

VOTE: 8-0-0

Respectfully submitted,