

Maine School Administrative District No. 49

School Board Meeting Minutes

8 School Street, Fairfield, ME 04937
207-453-4200

January 21, 2016

The board conducted a workshop on media relations at 6:00 pm.

A meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of School Directors was held on January 21, 2016 at the Lawrence Junior High School.

1. The school board meeting was called to order by Chair, Shelley Rudnicki, at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call & Declaration of Quorum

Boyden	: Present	Grenier	: Present	Michaud	: Present
Caverly	: Present	Kinley	: Present	Rudnicki	: Present
Chesley	: Present	Knox	: Present	Tompkins	: Present
Dumont	: Present	Liberty	: Absent		
Fitzpatrick	: Present	Martin	: Absent	Student Dyer	: Absent

Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

16-01-05

Motion by Ms. Chesley, 2nd by Ms. Tompkins to vote to accept the minutes from the January 7, 2016 board meeting. Passed: 10-0-1.

4. Student Report

5. Citizen Input

Chair Rudnicki reminded members of the public that the box tops for education program is a way for citizens to make contributions to schools at no expense.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

Draft of 2016-17 School Calendar. The board established June 9 as the date for high school graduation and approved the calendar with 178 student seat days and 6 teacher workshop days.

16-01-06

Motion by Mr. Michaud, 2nd by Mr. Grenier to vote to approve the 2016-2017 calendar as presented. Passed: 10-0-1.

Resignations:

Sarah LeBlanc, LHS Mathematics Teacher, Resignation, January 2016

James Willis, LHS Mathematics Teacher, Retirement, June 2016

Suanne Giorgetti, Principal – Benton Elementary, Retirement 2016

Appointments:

16-01-07

Motion by Mr. Grenier, 2nd by Mr. Michaud to vote to authorize the Superintendent to offer Dan Tukey a position as custodian, as his 90-day probation has been completed. Passed: 11-0-0.

16-01-08

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Ms. Tompkins to vote to authorize the Superintendent to offer Debra Blaisdell a position as custodian, as her 90-day probation has been completed. Passed: 11-0-0.

8. Committee Reports

The facilities committee chair Caverly reported the committee recently met to review major projects for the 2016-17 budget. He noted that window replacements, high school gymnasium floor, anticipated lower fuel costs and science lab renovations at the high school will be significant projects. He also noted that the committee discussed planning over the next three to five year cycle and briefly discussed the application for new school construction.

The board voted through consensus to direct the superintendent to update the district application for new school construction and to submit it as soon as the state opens a new application cycle.

Ms. Rudnicki reminded board members that the finance committee will conduct a public brainstorming pre-budget workshop on Wednesday, January 27 at 7:00 pm at the LHS Library. The public is welcome to present their ideas and suggestions.

9. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Baker noted Lawrence High School is holding final exams this week at the conclusion of the first semester.

In a recent meeting with the commissioner, Dr. Baker stated that the approval list for new school construction applications will reopen soon. The acting commissioner stated that his two main goals for the Maine Department of Education will be to support student mastery of reading, writing and numeracy skills by the end of third grade and to prepare as many students as possible to enter college, the work place and the military without the need for remedial work.

Superintendent Baker reminded board members that the LHS play 'Into the Woods' was going to run tonight.

The junior high school thanked the Cole Family Foundation for their generous offer of three Apple TVs.

Clinton Elementary will celebrate their Students of the Month on January 29.

Benton Elementary celebrated kindness week designed to make students aware of their actions and words towards others.

Albion Elementary is holding the National Geographic Geography Bee on February 28; the winner will take an exam to qualify for the state level bee.

10. Other Business

16-01-09

Motion by Mr. Grenier, 2nd by Ms. Tompkins to go into executive session to discuss contract negotiations under 1MRSA § 405(6)D. Passed: 11-0-0.

Time In: 7:43 pm

Time Out: 8:35 pm

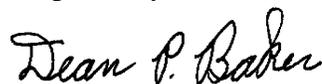
Adjournment

16-01-10

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd Ms. Tompkins to vote to adjourn the meeting. Passed 11-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully,



Dean P. Baker, Secretary to the Board

The next meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of Directors will be February 4, 2016 at Lawrence Junior High School.