

# Maine School Administrative District No. 49

## School Board Meeting Minutes

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

January 8, 2015

A meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of School Directors was held on January 8, 2015 at Lawrence Junior High School.

**1. The school board meeting was called to order by Chair, Steve Grenier, at 7:00 p.m.**

**2. Roll Call & Declaration of Quorum**

Boutin	: Absent	Fitzpatrick	: Present	Michaud	: Absent
Carlton	: Present	Grenier	: Present	Rudnicki	: Present
Caverly	: Present	Kinley	: Present	Strout	: Absent
Clark	: Absent	Liberty	: Present	Tompkins	: Present
Dumont	: Present			Student	: Present
				Thibodeau	

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

15-01-01

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Rudnicki to vote to accept the minutes from the December 4, 2014 board meeting. Passed: 9-0-0.

**4. Student Report**

Sierra Thibodeau reported that PRIDE initiated a new program for teachers to award cards to students voluntarily doing good within the school. Each card will go into a lottery to be drawn once a week for a reward. Guidance has started work with juniors regarding college applications, and the financial night was held with 64 parents of seniors in attendance.

**5. Citizen Input**

**6. Old Business**

**Second Reading of Policies**

15-01-02

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Tompkins to approve the second reading on Policy ECB – Integrated Pest Management, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 9-0-0.

15-01-03

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Liberty to approve the second reading TO DELETE Policy DN – School Properties Disposition, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 9-0-0.

15-01-04

Motion by Ms. Rudnicki, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Tompkins to approve the second reading on Policy EEAC – School Bus Safety Program, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 9-0-0.

15-01-05

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Rudnicki to approve the second reading on Policy EEAD – Special Use of School Buses, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 9-0-0.

15-01-06

Motion by Ms. Tompkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Liberty to approve the second reading on Policy EFE – Competitive Food Service Program, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 9-0-0.

15-01-07

Motion by Ms. Rudnicki, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Tompkins to approve the second reading on Policy EGAAA – Reproduction of Copyrighted Material, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 9-0-0.

15-01-08

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Carlton to approve the second reading on Policy GAB – Job Descriptions, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 9-0-0.

15-01-09

Motion by Ms. Tompkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Carlton to approve the second reading on Policy GBCBA – Drug Free Workplace, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 9-0-0.

15-01-10

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Fitzpatrick to approve the second reading on Policy GBGE – Return to Work and Light Duty Assignments, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 9-0-0.

15-01-11

Motion by Ms. Tompkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Liberty to approve the second reading on Policy GBK – Smoking and Use of Tobacco On School Premises by Staff Members, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 9-0-0.

## **7. New Business**

### **Resignations:**

Alexis Barth, Albion Special Education Teacher – Resignation December 2014

## **Appointments:**

15-01-12

Motion by Mr. Carlton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Fitzpatrick to vote to authorize the Superintendent to offer Camden Davis a position as Educational Technician III as Technology Classroom Instructor. Passed 9-0-0.

15-01-13

Motion by Mr. Carlton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Liberty to vote to authorize the Superintendent to offer Daniel Bernardini a position as Educational Technician III In-House Suspension for Lawrence High School. Passed 9-0-0.

15-01-14

Motion by Mr. Carlton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Fitzpatrick to vote to authorize the Superintendent to offer Chapin LaBelle a coaching position for assistant ice hockey for a stipend of \$1,820. Passed 9-0-0.

## **8. Committee Reports**

Mr. Kinley reported that the first amendment lunch discussion group met this week and discussed the results of the NCLB requirement that all students be proficient in all things in 2014.

## **9. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Baker read a letter from Kennebec Sheriff Randall Liberty commending the staff at Benton Elementary during the incident in December in which an individual took his life while in a car in the Benton parking lot. Superintendent Baker joined the sheriff in commending the school secretary and principals for noticing and investigating the situation and all the staff for following safety and lock down protocol during the incident.

Dr. Baker distributed charts showing projected student performance on the new Smarter Balanced assessments. He expressed deep concern that the national projections call for 67% of juniors not to meet the new higher standards for proficiency. Language Arts projections call for 59% not to meet proficiency in the standards. The Superintendent stated that he felt it was poor educational policy to establish tests in which the majority of students will not succeed, particularly in Maine where students must meet proficiency standards to receive a diploma. He also criticized the assumption that scores will automatically improve without any state and federal support.

Superintendent Baker commended Lori LaPorte, junior high school art teacher, for obtaining a grant from Target to pay the cost of a field trip to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts for the advanced art class at Lawrence Junior High School.

Dr. Baker noted that the State will conduct a site visit to M.S.A.D. #49 on January 22 to confirm progress of district efforts to implement proficiency standards. M.S.A.D. #49 is one of the first two districts that the state will visit. The Department of Education requested this district to pilot its own site visits across the state. Dr. Baker commended assistant superintendent Nora Murray for the quality of our extension application and this pilot by the state confirms the quality of the application.

It was noted that yesterday the Lawrence Complex was being heated with natural gas. The Superintendent also noted that the record low temperatures have produced no broken pipes or other

issues. Dr. Baker commended the transportation and maintenance staff for operating at a high level that prevents problems.

Assistant Principal Packard reported that the Benton Holiday Program on December 15 was well attended, the students did an outstanding job and the hard work of the instructors was obvious. The Benton Giving Tree was able to provide gifts for many needy students this year; over 150 requests were filled.

Principal Gordon stated that Clinton Student Council collected over \$200 and several boxes of hats and mittens to donate to the Mid Maine Homeless Shelter. Clinton was treated to a visit at Goodwill Hinckley for the Festival of Trees celebration and they are now gearing up for Jump Rope for Heart that takes place in February.

Principal Hersom reported the junior high held a school assembly to recognize students for their many acts of kindness and generosity through the school service projects. The students presented Jayden Stephenson and his family with the proceeds from fundraisers for a total of \$1,100.00. National presenter Linda Dutil, former Waterville ER nurse, shared a message about the consequences of poor choices relating to drug and alcohol abuse and how to make healthy choices.

## 10. Other Business

15-01-15

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Tompkins to vote to go into executive session to discuss contract negotiations under 1MRSA § 405(6)D. Passed: 9-0-0.

Time In: 7:45 pm  
Time Out: 8:45 pm

15-01-16

Motion by Mr. Kinley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Liberty to vote to approve contracts as negotiated with administrators. Passed: 9-0-0.

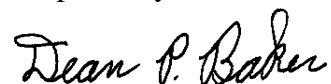
## Adjournment

15-01-17

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Liberty to vote to adjourn the meeting. Passed 9-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 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 January 22, 2015 at the Benton Elementary School.