

Maine School Administrative District No. 49

School Board Meeting Minutes

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

MINUTES

January 18, 2018

A meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of School Directors was held on January 18, 2018 at 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

Boutin	: Present	Flood-Gerow	: arrived 7:05	Michaud	: Absent
Boyden	: Present	Knox	: Present	Rudnicki	: Present
Caverly	: Present	Kugelmeyer	: Absent	Toto-Lawrence	: Present
Chesley	: Absent	Liberty	: Absent		
Dumont	: Present	Martin	: Present	Student Short	: Absent

Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

18-01-01

Motion by Mr. Caverly, 2nd by Ms. Boutin to vote to accept the minutes from the December 7, 2017 board meeting. Passed: 6-0-2.

4. Citizen Input

Ms. Rudnicki reminded everyone to participate in the Hannaford Dollars for Education, the box tops for education program and to continue donating to the Bulldog Clothes Closet for grades K-12.

5. Student Report

LHS Robotics Club has started, they have six weeks to build a robot for this year's challenge on March 9. The LHS Cheering Team won the Jamie Beth Shible Award, an award given to the team that shows most improvement from the previous year at the KVAC tournament. MMTC awarded four students for Student of the Month recognition. LJ Lawler, Jordaan Gras, Samantha Marshall and Jacob Bickford. The Theatre Company is presenting the musical "The Drowsy Chaperone" the weekend of January 19.

6. Old Business

Snowplowing at Lawrence Complex: Board Chair Rudnicki reported that the board's ad hoc committee on plowing at the Lawrence Complex met with the Fairfield town manager, public works

director and four members of the town council. The council gave tentative approval to a two year collaborative agreement in which the school district will pay the town \$15,000 per year for plowing and sanding School Street, Meme Street, Bulldog Drive, the faculty parking lot and the rear parking lot at the Lawrence Complex. Ms. Rudnicki stated that the committee recommends approval of the agreement.

18-01-02

Motion by Mr. Martin, 2nd by Mr. Caverly to vote to accept plowing and sanding agreement with the town of Fairfield for the Lawrence Complex as presented by the ad hoc board committee.
Passed: 9-0-0.

7. New Business

Report on school hours and student sleep cycles: School Physician Dr. Michael Clark reviewed the summary of current research on sleep cycles and school schedules. Dr. Clark observed that particularly adolescent boys benefit from a later school start time. The cumulative effects of sleep loss can impact health and school achievement. He noted that for every hour of delay in start time, students generally gain a half hour of sleep time benefit. (This discussion occurred out of agenda order, occurring prior to Old Business.)

18-01-03

Motion by Mr. Martin, 2nd by Mr. Caverly to vote to confirm the Superintendent and Child Care Director to submit claims from Child and Adult Care Food Program for the district child care program. Passed: 9-0-0.

Resignations:

Brittany Robbins, LHS Math Teacher, Resignation, January 2018

Appointments:

18-01-04

Motion by Mr. Martin, 2nd by Mr. Caverly to vote approve the Superintendent offering Linda Marchesi a position as Education Technician II. Passed: 9-0-0.

8. Committee Reports

Committee Chair Martin reported that negotiations with teachers, administrators and the employees association are anticipated to start soon.

Finance Committee Chair Boyden reported the committee met before the board meeting to review the 2016-17 audit with auditor Craig Costello. The audit showed no irregularities and was positive overall. The committee also provided direction to the superintendent on the development for the 2018-19 budget. She noted that salaries and benefits will be the main drivers for a potential increase. She also noted that the Mid Maine Technical Center distributes costs among districts proportionally based on student enrollment. Currently Lawrence student accounts for 27% of the total enrollment at the center.

9. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Baker reported the district held a snow day January 17 with three days held district wide to date. Clinton Elementary has used five days and Albion four days. Clinton has already made up one day through extended school days for a week. The district converted the January 22 in-service day to an early release, which will regain a seat day.

Dr. Baker reported the first NEASC review meeting occurred today with a representative of NEASC. The visiting committee will be in the district next year.

The Superintendent distributed a list of students participating at the MMTC Skills Competition held on January 10. Dr. Baker commended students for their strong work ethics, focus on their competitive tasks and on strong family support.

Principal Wedge shared that the Benton lock down drill held this week went very well. Deputy Day coordinated support from Maine State Police Troop C as well as officers from Waterville and Winslow. Benton Elementary teamed up with Fairfield Primary to host a Title I night on January 10. Over 16 families attended, a significant increase from year's past. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive – Mr. Wedge would like to thank Albion Elementary for sharing this idea with them.

Principal Gordon reported the Clinton staff appreciates the support of the Clinton PTO members.

Principal Boynton reported the 8th grade students toured MMTC this week; giving them an opportunity to discover what takes place there, seeing the facility and learning about the requirements to attend.

10. Other Business

Conflict of Interest Statement (*No Motion Necessary*)

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Company</u>
Danielle Boutin	Literacy Volunteers - Waterville
Jenny Boyden	HealthReach Community Health Centers
Neal Caverly	Caverly Farms, LLC
Katrina Dumont	Personali-Tease Hair Styles
Katie Flood-Gerow	Let's Get Ready
Shawn Knox	Mestek-Formtek Inc.
Kara Kugelmeyer	Colby College
Caroline Toto-Lawrence	Caring Hands
Timothy Martin	Cornerstone Insurance & Knockerball Maine LLC
Shelley Rudnicki	Shelley's Used Cars

Adjournment

18-01-05

Motion by Ms. Boutin, 2nd Mr. Martin to vote to adjourn the meeting. Passed 9-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dean P. Baker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and 'B'.

Dean P. Baker, Secretary to the Board

The next regular meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of Directors will be February 1, 2018 at Lawrence Junior High School at 7:00 pm.