

Maine School Administrative District No. 49

School Board Meeting Minutes

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

January 22, 2015

A meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of School Directors was held on January 22, 2015 at Benton Elementary 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	: Present	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	: Absent
				Thibodeau	

Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

15-01-18

Motion by Ms. Tompkins, 2nd by Mr. Carlton to vote to accept the minutes from the January 8, 2015 board meeting. Passed: 9-0-1.

4. Student Report

Principal Campbell reported for Sierra Thibodeau on Mid Maine Technical Center's Student of the Month recipients: Brandon Coates for precision machining, Kyle Robinson for automotive technology and Derick Dumont for automotive collision repair.

5. Citizen Input

Arel Spaulding addressed the board with two concerns. He requested the board discuss grading in elementary music and art courses compared to computer instruction for which elementary students are not graded. He also suggested that board members survey parents of students in charter schools, virtual schools, private schools and homeschools and investigate their reasons for seeking alternative educational placements.

Mr. Goldsmith addressed questions on the structure of budget for voting. He stated that by voting on individual articles and a summary article that voters are casting ballots on the same issue twice and that the structure is not fair.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

- LJHS News Crew. Library Media Specialist/Technology Integrator Becky Anderson led Nick, Macie, Bree, Cassie, and Abby, News Crew students who reported on the elements of their morning news and weather broadcast for LJHS.

First Reading of Policies

15-01-19

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Ms. Boutin to approve the first reading on Policy EEAC – School Bus Safety Program, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

15-01-20

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to approve the first reading on Policy EEACA – Bus Driver Examination and Training, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

15-01-21

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Ms. Rudnicki to approve the first reading on Policy EEAEAA – Controlled Substances and Alcohol Testing of District Drivers, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

15-01-22

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to approve the first reading on Policy EEAEAA-E – M.S.A.D. #49 Controlled Substances and Alcohol Testing of District Drivers Receipt, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

15-01-23

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Ms. Boutin to approve the first reading on Policy EEAEAA-R – Controlled Substances and Alcohol Testing of District Drivers, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

15-01-24

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Ms. Boutin to approve the first reading on Policy GBN – Family and Medical Leave, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

15-01-25

Motion by Mr. Carlton, 2nd by Mr. Fitzpatrick to approve the first reading on Policy GBO – Family Care Leave, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

15-01-26

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Ms. Tompkins to approve the first reading to DELETE Policy GDBD – Family and Medical Leave, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

15-01-27

Motion by Ms. Rudnicki 2nd by Mr. Carlton to approve the first reading on Policy GCE – Part-Time and Substitute Professional Staff Employment (Substitute Teachers), as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

15-01-28

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Ms. Boutin to approve the first reading on Policy GCI – Professional Staff Development Opportunities, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

15-01-29

Motion by Mr. Carlton, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to approve the first reading on Policy GCPB – Resignation of Professional Staff Members, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

15-01-30

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Ms. Rudnicki to approve the first reading on Policy EBCF – Automated External Defibrillators (AED's), as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

15-01-31

Motion by Ms. Boutin, 2nd by Ms. Tompkins to approve the first reading on Policy ADA – School District Goals and Objectives, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

Resignations:

Kathy Damon, Fairfield Primary Kindergarten Teacher – Resignation January 2015

Appointments:

15-01-32

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Mr. Carlton to vote to authorize the Superintendent to offer Jeffery Lizzotte a position in maintenance, as his 90-day probationary period is complete. Passed 10-0-0.

8. Committee Reports

Mr. Kinley reported that the policy committee is up to date with the oldest policy now being reviewed within the last five years. He expressed his thanks to Jeanine Brown in working on the extensive project. He also expressed gratitude for board member Ron Liberty for his expertise to policies on bus drivers.

Mrs. Rudnicki noted that two board members and the superintendent will participate in a local cable show on charter schools and their impact on M.S.A.D. #49.

Mr. Grenier noted that the negotiations committee had completed its work with administrators.

9. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Baker distributed two letters from Josh Reny, Fairfield Town Manager, on Crawford Funds available for 2015-16 and an analysis of the projected impact of the elimination of revenue sharing for Fairfield.

Superintendent Baker reported that the state Department of Education conducted a pilot today on the proficiency extension waivers. He commended Mrs. Murray for her work in preparing for the visit. The math and language arts committees meet next week to continue work on creating assessments for the proficiency based system. The committees will follow-up on work done by all district teachers on the in-service day January 20.

Dr. Baker noted that a bus stopped in Clinton for student pickup was struck by a utility pole as a result of a car accident. The bus was covered by live electrical lines. The driver and students followed safety protocol. He commended the driver and students for following directions and safety procedures. No students were injured and all parents were notified.

The Superintendent noted the progress on the 2014-15 district priorities.

10. Other Business

Conflict of Interest Statement (No Motion Necessary)

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Company</u>
Danielle Boutin	CB Davis
Andrew Carlton	RSU #4
Neal Caverly	Caverly Farms, LLC
Robert Clark	Private Practice
Katrina Dumont	Hairdresser
Steve Grenier	Pioneer Machine Inc.
Ron Liberty	Casella Organics - Unity
Shelley Rudnicki	Shelley's Used Cars
Marie Strout	Self-employed
Sherry Tompkins	Maine Department of Transportation

15-01-33

Motion by Mr. Carlton, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to vote to go into executive session to discuss contract negotiations under 1MRSA § 405(6)D. Passed: 10-0-0.

Time In: 8:00 pm
Time Out: 9:29 pm

Adjournment

15-01-34

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by everyone to vote to adjourn the meeting. Passed 10-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 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 5, 2015 at Lawrence High School.