

Maine School Administrative District No. 49

School Board Meeting Minutes

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

MINUTES

February 1, 2018

A meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of School Directors was held on February 1, 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	: Absent	Flood-Gerow	: Present	Michaud	: Present
Boyden	: Present	Knox	: Present	Rudnicki	: Present
Caverly	: Present	Kugelmeyer	: Absent	Toto-Lawrence	: Present
Chesley	: Present	Liberty	: Present		
Dumont	: Arrived 7:06	Martin	: Present	Student Short	: Present

Pledge of Allegiance

3. **Approval of Minutes**

18-02-01

Motion by Mr. Martin, 2nd by Mr. Caverly to vote to accept the minutes from the January 18, 2018 board meeting. Passed: 8-0-2.

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 Seniors are busy applying for colleges and scholarships. The girls' cheerleaders qualified for the state tournament on February 10, the girls' basketball team is ranked in the top four and we have several indoor track athletes competing in the state meet on February 17. Members of LHS band and chorus have been selected to perform for the Kennebec Valley Music Festival this week. JMG is planning a career fair for February 15.

6. **Old Business**

Starting School Later: The board discussed the possibility of starting school from one half to one hour later start time in the 2018-19 school year. The board reached consensus to start study groups and hold public meetings on the topic – particularly on the benefits of longer sleep time for adolescents. Chair

Rudnicki will coordinate disseminating information and holding public meetings before April 1, 2018. The board may make a decision by its first meeting in April.

18-02-02

Motion by Mr. Martin, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to vote to accept the written agreement with the Town of Fairfield on plowing the Lawrence Complex. Passed: 11-0-0.

7. New Business

Superintendent Baker informed the board that the State notified us today that MSAD49 had been selected for authorization of a second school bus in 2017-18. Full size buses cost approximately \$90,000 and must be purchased before the end of the school year to qualify for reimbursement in the current cycle.

18-02-03

Motion by Mr. Caverly, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to vote to authorize the immediate purchase of a school bus from available funds in the 2017-18 budget. Passed: 11-0-0.

Resignations:

Appointments:

8. Committee Reports

Facility Chair Mr. Caverly reported the committee met earlier in the day and reviewed capital improvement projects being done in the current year and those being prepared for the 2018-19 budget. He noted that replacement of the LHS gym floor and Benton window replacements will be high priorities.

Assistant Superintendent Mrs. Hersom reviewed the recent dropout committee meeting where the committee reviewed the MIYHS Survey. She observed that 90% of students report feeling safe in school and at least one adult who knew them well and demonstrated caring. Students also noted that substance abuse is a major issue in the schools.

Policy Chair Mr. Michaud noted the committee recently reviewed safety concerns and met with the district's student resource officer. They noted that good security plans are in place at all schools and that vigilance by staff and students is a key element in school security. The committee noted the need for an additional camera to cover an external blind spot in the Lawrence surveillance system.

Negotiations Committee Chair Mr. Martin announced the committee had completed a two-year contract with the administrators and the committee plans to begin collective bargaining with the teacher's association in late February and negotiations with the support staff shortly after that.

Board Chair Rudnicki reported receiving a letter from the Town of Fairfield announcing the transfer of \$35,821.11 for 2018-19 from the Crawford Funds.

9. Superintendent's Report

Principal Boynton reported the junior high social studies department wrapped up their unit on late 19th/Early 20th century immigration to the US via Ellis Island by role playing what the immigrants

experienced going through the customs lines – it was a very enlightening project for them. The National Geographic Geography Bee has taken place with our runner up this year is 7th grader Colby Lewis and the winner is 8th grader Trey Goodwin. Trey will now take a written exam to see if he will qualify for the State Competition this spring.

Principal Wedge reported Benton is planning its Mother/Son PTO Event for this weekend. Grades closed and report cards have gone home. In grades 4-6, 72 students earned high honors and 145 received honors.

Principal Lee reported Albion held their honor roll tea and the Fairfield Primary classes will be heading to Benton to meet with their 5th grade buddies on February 15.

Principal Gordon reported Clinton is working on collecting food items for the pantry. Mad Science of Maine is scheduled to arrive February 2 to demonstrate how the weight of the earth's atmosphere pushes down on us with the force of an elephant and explores how a hot air balloon works.

10. Other Business

18-02-04

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Mr. Caverly to go into executive session to discuss negotiations under 1MRSA § 405(6)A. Passed: 11-0-0.

Time In: 7:52 pm
Time Out: 8:56 pm

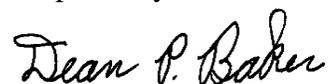
Adjournment

18-02-05

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd Ms. Toto-Lawrence to vote to adjourn the meeting. Passed 11-0-0.

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

Respectfully,



Dean P. Baker, Secretary to the Board

The next regular meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of Directors will be February 15, 2018 at Lawrence Junior High School at 7:00 pm.