

# Maine School Administrative District No. 49

## School Board Meeting Minutes

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

MINUTES

February 15, 2018

A meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of School Directors was held on February 15, 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	: Present	Michaud	: Present
Boyden	: Present	Knox	: Present	Rudnicki	: Present
Caverly	: Present	Kugelmeyer	: Absent	Toto-Lawrence	: Present
Chesley	: Absent	Liberty	: Present		
Dumont	: Present	Martin	: Present	Student Short	: Present

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

18-02-06

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Martin to vote to accept the minutes from the February 1, 2018 board meeting. Passed: 10-0-1.

**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.

Mr. Martin reported on efforts to start a food bank in the district. Good Shepard reported to guidance and JMG that we would qualify for assistance. He has also approached the VFW and plans to hold a meeting on March 1 with interested parties.

**5. Student Report**

LHS students of the month in January were Joseph Morse, Lindsay Bagley, Macie Larouche and Sierra Weston. Girls and boys basketball teams are playing in the Class A Tournament. Cheerleaders finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the state tournament. JMG is planning a food pantry raffle to raise money for the Fairfield Food Pantry. JMG is also working with students to provide a 14 week, 2-hour a week program connecting students to businesses, essential job skills, job shadowing, financial literacy and academic support.

## **6. Old Business**

## **7. New Business**

### FIRST READING

18-02-07

Motion by Mr. Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Liberty to vote to approve the first reading of revised Policy IHBAC – Child Find, as presented by the policy committee. Passed: 11-0-0.

2018-2019 Budget Discussion – The board received copies of the entire first draft line item budget for 2018-19. The request stands at a 6.6% increase before any cuts or adjustments have been made. The board reviewed various scenarios for potential budget increases and the local tax impact associated with them.

Finance Chair Boyden reviewed several changes in the ED279 that affect state subsidy for 2018-19.

### **Resignations:**

### **Appointments:**

## **8. Committee Reports**

Chair Rudnicki reported that the ad hoc school start time committee held a meeting with interested parents and teachers this week. She will also hold meetings on February 28 in Albion at 6:30, March 12 in Clinton at 6:00 and March 26 at Benton Elementary at 6:00.

Mr. Liberty reported that the Mid Maine Technical Center Governance Board recently met to review the proposed 2018-19 budget. The committee is awaiting more detail on a state proposal to send state subsidy directly to vocational centers.

The Finance Committee will meet again on February 27 at 4:30 to review the proposed budget and provide guidance on financial targets for the year.

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

Superintendent Baker announced that the agreement with the town of Fairfield for plowing and sanding at the Lawrence Complex was signed and completed.

Dr. Baker noted the district released school early last Wednesday for snow. The district will convert a March teacher compensation day into a seat day and transfer the comp day to immediately following the completion of student seat days in June. The attempt is to avoid the need for additional seat days in June if the district needs to close for inclement weather in the late winter.

Superintendent Baker reported that School Digger ranks schools based on state testing scores and other information from the State Department of Education and the US Department of Education. Our elementary schools achievements have been at least proportional to our spending compared with other districts. Lawrence High School ranked 33 out of 118 high schools in Maine.

Principal Wedge requested additional sneakers from New Balance; they donated 127 pairs. This is a great resource for the students and the school is very grateful. Benton was awarded a \$500 bus grant to transport the students to the Engineering EXPO on February 17.

Principal Boynton reported the junior high school held a school-wide spelling bee. Runner-up is Justise Damren and winner is Ethan Timmins. Both students moved on to compete at the County Bee.

Principal Lee reported Albion grades K and grade 1 celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. Fairfield Primary classes will have their 100<sup>th</sup> day celebration on February 16. Parents are invited to attend the activities and are given helpful information to help their children count and understand numbers.

Principal Gordon reported the Clinton PTO held a Valentine dance on February 9 with 170 students attending.

## **10. Other Business**

### **Adjournment**

18-02-08

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 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 March 1, 2018 at Lawrence Junior High School at 7:00 pm.