

Maine School Administrative District No. 49

School Board Meeting Minutes

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

March 16, 2017

A meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of School Directors was held on March 16, 2017 at the 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

Boyden	: Present	Flood-Gerow	: Present	Michaud	: Present
Caverly	: Present	Knox	: Present	Rudnicki	: Present
Chesley	: Present	Kugelmeyer	: Absent	Tompkins	: Present
Dumont	: Arrived: 7:12	Liberty	: Present	Toto-Lawrence	: Present
		Martin	: Present	Student Gibson	: Present

Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

17-03-01

Motion by Ms. Tompkins, 2nd by Mr. Michaud to vote to accept the minutes from the February 16, 2017 board meeting with a correction to motion 17-02-07 that Mr. Caverly seconded to adjourn. Passed: 8-0-3.

4. Citizen Input

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

5. Student Report

The board welcomed Student Representative Campbell Gibson. Campbell reported that the Lawrence Theater Company One Act Show, 'The Little Prince', won the regional competition and is moving onto the Class A State Competition in Falmouth on March 24 and 25. On March 17, the LHS Jazz Combo will be performing at Nokomis High School for Jazz State Competition. The senior class of 2017 is hosting a talent show in the Williamson Center on March 30 at 7:00 pm.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

First Reading

17-03-02

Motion by Mr. Martin, 2nd by Mr. Michaud to vote to approve the first reading of Policy IGDJ Lawrence High School Philosophy Athletic/Co-Curricular Code and Contract as presented by the policy committee. Passed: 12-0-0.

Resignations:

Beckie Seeley, Payroll Clerk, Retirement March 2017

Appointments:

17-03-03

Motion by Mr. Caverly, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to vote to authorize the Superintendent to offer Lucas Leblanc a position as bus driver, as his 90-day probation has been completed. Passed: 12-0-0.

- Discussion of Media Relations: Rob Poindexter media consultant, former journalist and television reporter, provided suggestions and insights for board members when working with members of the media.

8. Committee Reports

Mr. Martin reported that he was very impressed during the recent tour of the Mid Maine Technical Center.

Finance Committee Chair Boyden reported the committee had met prior to the board meeting and reviewed the districts workers' compensation program with representatives from Maine State Management Association. MSMA has carried our workers' compensation insurance for 27 years and was responding to concerns regarding the lack of competition for providing workers' compensation. Ms. Boyden reported the finance committee will meet on March 20 at 4:30 for a work session on budget.

Facility Chair Caverly reported their next meeting will be April 6 at 6:00 pm.

Policy Committee Chair Liberty noted the committee will meet next on March 22 at 4:30 pm.

Negotiations Committee Chair Martin reported that the board reached a tentative 2-year agreement with district administrators.

9. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Baker reported the Town of Fairfield recently reported on the financial status of the Crawford Fund for the past year. The fund currently stands at \$930,930.10. The superintendent requested that the board appoint a board member to serve on the Crawford Fund Committee. Ms. Rudnicki volunteered to serve and was supported by consensus.

Dr. Baker reported the district math curriculum and proficiency committees have been meeting regularly. The math committee adopted an update on K-8 math materials and instruction to use the

enVision 2.0 edition. The proficiency committee will meet again on March 17 to complete a definition and criteria that will be used to certify proficiency. The group will also adopt a system for reporting and recording grades and progress towards proficiency.

Superintendent Baker stated the district has used six snow days to date. Three of which will not need to be made up because the district calendar is 3 days longer than the state minimum. However, state law requires that the district hold school for seniors for 170 days before their graduation. After lengthy discussion, the board decided to hold the graduation ceremony on the originally scheduled date of June 9 while issuing diplomas to seniors as soon as they complete the 170 day state requirement.

Principal Wedge reported that Benton Elementary will hold Maine Author day with Greg Tang, a widely recognized writer of books on mathematical themes.

Principal Lee reported Fairfield Primary held their family activity day on March 3 to share the pre-k curriculum. Albion Elementary is once again participating in the “We Deliver Post Office” where interested students apply for a position, are interviewed and hired. Mrs. Smith is the supervisor, postmasters are Aurora Sherman and Sarah Southwick, cancellers are Christopher Wastella and Emerson Hackett, the Nixie Clerk is Carolyn Phelps Scholz, sorters are Taylor Pellerin and Helena Page and the carriers are Emma Wallace and Jia Li Kao.

Principal Gordon reported Clinton Student Council made a trip to the Margaret Chase Smith Museum. They were invited because of the school wide service projects they have done so far this school year. At the end of this month, students will start our “Bikes for Books” reading challenge sponsored by the Clinton Masons.

Principal Hersom reported that Zach Delile is the winner of the National Geographic Geography Bee for Lawrence Junior High School – he qualified to represent us at the State competition at the end of March. This is his second year as school champion and State qualifier. Eighth grader Sarah Poli was selected to participate in Girls’ Day at the State House on March 24.

10. Other Business

Ms. Boyden clarified that the new school application vote covers Albion Elementary, Clinton Elementary and Fairfield Primary schools.

17-03-04

Motion by Mr. Caverly, 2nd by Mr. Martin to vote to submit an application to the state for new schools construction. Passed: 12-0-0.

Ms. Rudnicki reported on a discussion between board members and the Teachers Association on a range of topics. As a result of the dialog, she proposed a stake holders group meet to review scheduling options for the high school. The stake holders group would include teachers from all departments, administration, board members, representatives from MMTC, transportation, food service, special education and guidance.

Adjournment

17-03-05

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd Ms. Tompkins to vote to adjourn the meeting. Passed 12-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dean P. Baker".

Dean P. Baker, Secretary to the Board

The next meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of Directors will be April 6, 2017 at Lawrence Junior High School.