

Maine School Administrative District No. 49

School Board Meeting Minutes

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

MINUTES

March 29, 2018

A meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of School Directors was held on March 29, 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	: Absent	Michaud	: Present
Boyden	: Present	Knox	: Present	Rudnicki	: Present
Caverly	: Present	Kugelmeyer	: Present	Toto-Lawrence	: Present
Chesley	: Absent	Liberty	: Present		
Dumont	: Absent	Martin	: Present	Student Short	: Present

Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

18-03-10

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Mr. Martin to vote to accept the minutes from the March 15, 2018 board meeting. Passed: 9-0-1.

4. Citizen Input

Don Sabin, a van driver for MSAD49 addressed the board with his concern that van drivers are underpaid.

Mr. Martin reported that the proposed food bank is underway for grades 7-12 using the former home economics area. JMG will create backpacks for distributing food to students. The LHS Alumni Association will operate the program and is seeking potential partners as sponsors. The group will meet on April 11 and is currently soliciting cash donations to strengthen its buying power.

5. Student Report

LHS guidance is working with students to plan next year's courses and they are planning a field trip for sophomores to visit the University of Maine. The National Honor Society is starting a drive to assist the Maine Children's Cancer program in Scarborough. The NHS induction ceremony is planned for May 1.

6. Old Business

Chair of the ad hoc committee to study delayed school start times, Rudnicki, reported the group had held its final meeting on Monday. Committee member Boutin announced that the committee recommends implementing a half hour delay for grades 7-12 with the intent of having little or no impact on elementary students.

18-03-11

Motion by Ms. Boutin, 2nd by Ms. Kugelmeyer to vote to implement a 7:50 am start time for grades 7-12 beginning in 2018-19. Passed: 10-0-0.

The board requested a proposed schedule without a new bus, if possible, and a schedule with an additional bus. Chair Rudnicki stated the board had authorized the addition of a bus at its last meeting.

7. New Business

Discussion on 2018-19 Budget Development. Finance Chair Boyden reported that the Superintendent had presented a second draft reducing proposed increase from 6.6% to 2.5%. The finance committee directed further cuts to a 0.7% increase. The board discussed the range of cuts to achieve that and directed the reduction of two more teaching positions. The board will vote on budget adoption at its next meeting on April 12.

Resignations:

Appointments:

18-03-12

Motion by Mr. Martin, 2nd by Ms. Boutin to vote to approve the Superintendent offering the following co-curricular spring positions as listed below. Passed: 9-0-1.

Name	Position	Stipend
Nancy Weis	LHS Asst. Track Coach	\$2340
Cormick Frizzell	LJHS Grade 7 Baseball Coach	\$1040

8. Committee Reports

Mr. Martin reported the negotiations committee is progressing through collective bargaining with the teachers association and will begin collective bargaining with the employees association later this spring. He also reported the dropout committee will meet on April 11.

The vocational governance committee reported that the State has confirmed it will change funding contributions next year by sending State subsidy straight to the vocational centers. That will reduce revenue and expenditure by approximately half a million dollars in the district next year. A small amount remains in the district budget to pay for equipment not covered by State subsidy.

Facilities Chair Caverly announced the committee will meet when word on new school approval is received and the committee would like to review bus routes for 2018-19.

9. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Baker relayed that the State Department of Education announced today that it would release the results of its new school approval cycle on June 13.

Dr. Baker reported the math validation committee met today to review K-12 assessments that the district will use as part of determining student proficiency in math. Committees of the other major subject areas will meet within the next month.

In response to the board directive at the last meeting, the district will extend the school day by one hour per day for the week of April 2 to make up one snow day.

Superintendent Baker reported the installation of the buzz-in system at the Lawrence Junior and Senior Complex is under way and will be active as soon as fully installed.

Principal Boynton reported the Lawrence Junior High School will have their annual Springfest Talent Show on March 30. The JHS Theater Company will be performing the production "Radium Girls" on April 6 and 7 at 7:30 pm in the Williamson Center.

Principal Lee reported Fairfield Primary is holding the pre-K art show on April 13. Albion students in grades 4-6 spent the day at Colby College Art Museum. Colby students gave Albion students a guided tour and an opportunity to view real art in a real world museum setting.

Principal Gordon reported Clinton hosted their annual Title I Spring Reader's Night. Everyone who attended received free books, five dogs from the local affiliate of Love on a Leash were in attendance and students had a chance to read to their own 'reader dog'.

Principal Wedge reported Benton held their annual PTO sponsored Father/Daughter dance for grades 1-6 on March 24 with 458 people in attendance. Student led conferences are scheduled for April 10 and 12. Mr. Lund and his students will put on a production of the Lion King on the evening of April 11 at the Williamson Auditorium.

10. Other Business

5 Minute Break: 7:48pm

18-03-13

Motion by Ms. Kugelmeyer, 2nd by Ms. Boynton to go into executive session to discuss negotiations under 1MRSA § 405(6)A. Passed: 10-0-0.

Time In: 7:56 pm
Time Out: 8:18 pm

Adjournment

18-03-09

Motion by Ms. Kugelmeyer, 2nd Mr. Liberty to vote to adjourn the meeting. Passed 10-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 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 meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of Directors will be April 12, 2018 at Lawrence Junior High School at 7:00 pm.