

Maine School Administrative District No. 49

School Board Meeting Minutes

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

September 3, 2015

A meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of School Directors was held on September 3, 2015 at Lawrence High School.

1. The school board meeting was called to order by Chair, Steven Grenier, at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call & Declaration of Quorum

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| Boutin | : Present | Dumont | : Absent | Neubauer | : Arrived @ 8:00 |
| Boyden | : Present | Fitzpatrick | : Present | Michaud | : Present |
| Caverly | : Present | Grenier | : Present | Rudnicki | : Present |
| Chesley | : Present | Kinley | : Present | Tompkins | : Present |
| | | Liberty | : Present | | |

Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

15-09-01

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to vote to accept the minutes from the June 18, 2015 board meeting. Passed: 10-0-1.

4. Student Report

5. Citizen Input

6. Old Business

7. New Business

Resignations:

Guy King, Support Staff, Retirement 7/2015

Audrey Allen, Elementary Teacher, Resignation 7/2015

Kim Brewer, Elementary Music, Resignation 7/2015

Perri Fine, High School Science, Resignation 7/2015

Sarah Harrell, High School Latin/French, Resignation 7/2015

Caleb Richard, Jr. High School English, Resignation 7/2015

Jenna Roy, High School Social Studies, Resignation 7/2015

Troy Trimble, Elementary Physical Education, Resignation 7/2015

Appointments:

15-09-02

Motion by Mr. Kinley, 2nd by Mr. Fitzpatrick to vote to authorize the Superintendent to offer 2015 fall co-curricular coaching positions to the following. Passed: 11-0-0.

| Coach | Position | Stipend Amount |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Robert Morison | 7 th Grade Soccer Girls | 2,288 |
| Scott Ballard | Co-Advisor LHS Math Team | 1,300 |
| Lori Laney | Co-Advisor LHS Math Team | 1,300 |
| Heather Fuller | Junior High Robotics Coach | 1,000 |
| Marc Maheu | Junior High Robotics Coach | 1,000 |
| William Martin | LHS Percussion Co-Advisor | 1,000 |
| Jim Willis | LHS Golf Coach | 2,496 |
| Alyson Brown | Sophomore Class Advisor | 1,040 |
| Bianca Stoutamyer | Freshman Class Advisor | 1,040 |
| Mykayla Stoutamyer | Freshman Class Advisor | 1,040 |

For Information only. No Board action.

| Volunteer | Position |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Lenny Cole | LJHS Football |
| Justin Landry | LHS Soccer |
| Megan Oliver | LJHS Cheering |
| Heather Fuller | LJHS Field Hockey |
| Ann Andrews | LJHS Soccer |

15-09-03

Motion by Mr. Grenier, 2nd by Mr. Fitzpatrick to vote to elect Shelley Rudnicki as chair. Passed: 11-0-0.

15-09-04

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to vote to cease votes. Passed: 11-0-0.

15-09-05

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Ms. Boutin to vote to elect Neal Caverly as vice chair. Passed: 11-0-0.

15-09-06

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to vote to cease votes. Passed: 11-0-0.

15-09-07

Motion by Mr. Kinley, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to vote to elect Harry Fitzpatrick as Mid-Maine Vocational Center governance board representative. Passed: 11-0-0.

15-09-08

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Mr. Michaud to vote to cease votes. Passed: 11-0-0.

Mr. Campbell reported on the decreasing rate of student attendance over the past few years with the resulting negative impact on student achievement. By consensus, the board endorsed steps to assure student accountability and to reduce the number of accepted student excused absences.

Mr. Denis Kent requested that the board grant his father, Charles Kent, an honorary diploma from Lawrence High School. Mr. Kent is 96 years old and has served as a legislator and Benton town official in several capacities.

15-09-09

Motion by Mr. Grenier, 2nd by Ms. Tompkins to vote to award Mr. Kent an honorary diploma. Passed: 11-0-0.

Board members signed up for 2015-16 standing committees.

8. Committee Reports

Mr. Fitzpatrick requested that the board hold a meeting at the Mid Maine Technical Center in order to tour the facility and hear reports on programing there.

9. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Baker reported opening day enrollment is 2195 compared to 2164 on opening day last year. Sixteen students are enrolled in the new pre-K program at Clinton.

The Superintendent reported on the education and work background of faculty new to the district this year.

Dr. Baker reported that the Maine PERS system has refunded \$807,000 to M.S.A.D. #49. The District's legal counsel advises that there are no restrictions on usage of the funds. Dr. Baker recommended that the board consider using the funds over the next two or three years to offset reductions in state subsidy. The finance committee will meet to discuss use of funds.

Fairfield Town Manager Josh Reny meet with the Superintendent to review a potential application for a state grant to install a boardwalk across wet land portions of abutting town and district property to create a walking trail. The town will assume responsibility for maintaining the boardwalk. The board agreed by consensus to support the grant.

School Lunch Director Dan Chamberlain reported that several district schools have received Best Practice Awards. Albion, Clinton and Lawrence High School received silver awards while Benton and Lawrence Junior High School received gold awards.

Principal Gordon informed the board that Clinton Elementary used a red carpet to welcome students to a new school year. Forty students participated in the principal's summer reading challenge, earning them each an ice cream sundae.

Benton Assistant Principal Packard informed the board that over 97% of parents attended open house on August 25 and the school recently held a welcome back BBQ to encourage parents, students and staff to interact.

10. Other Business

15-09-10

Motion by Mr. Grenier, 2nd by Ms. Boutin to vote to go into executive session to discuss contract negotiations under 1MRSA § 405(6)D. Passed: 12-0-0.

Time In: 8:25 pm

Time Out: 8:44 pm

Adjournment

15-09-11

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 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 September 17, 2015 at the Lawrence High School library.