

Maine School Administrative District No. 49

School Board Meeting Minutes

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

September 18, 2014

A meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of School Directors was held on September 18, 2014 at Lawrence High School.

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

2. Roll Call & Declaration of Quorum

Boutin	: Present	Fitzpatrick	: Present	Rudnicki	: Present
Carlton	: Absent	Grenier	: Present	Spaulding	: Left @ 7:25
Caverly	: Present	Kinley	: Present	Strout	: Absent
Clark	: Present	Liberty	: Present	Tompkins	: Present
Dumont	: Absent				

Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

14-09-07

Motion by Ms. Tompkins, 2nd by Ms. Boutin to vote to accept the minutes from the September 4, 2014 board meeting. Passed: 9-0-1.

Agenda was corrected to reflect a September 4 meeting date.

Mr. Spaulding asked to correct the record that his letter made no reference to scheduling. Mr. Spaulding requested that his questions be recorded in the minutes:

1. What are the goals/top three priorities/mission of the Finance Committee, Facilities Committee and the Negotiations Committee for 2014-2015?
2. What are the goals/top three priorities/mission of the School Board of Directors for 2014-2015?
3. Per the conversation had between School Board of Directors and the Fairfield Town Council on August 27th 2014 where the School Board representatives stated the money from the funds discussed would be used for the gifted and talented program, "What are the plans for the gifted and talented program if money is turned over from the Fairfield Town Council to RSU 49 on funds discussed August 27th 2014?"

Sub-committee chairs reiterated their responses to the questions from September 4. Mr. Liberty stated that the finance committee's main goal is to complete a budget developed in a fiscally responsible manner that provides for a high quality education for district students. Mr. Kinley stated that policy committee will continue to update the policy book that was completed last year

by assessing the oldest policies, which are now from 2006. Mr. Grenier stated that he wanted to complete collective bargaining with the teachers and support staff. He also stated that he believes that it is important to increase the salaries and benefits for professional staff in order to remain competitive with other districts and reverse the loss of teachers leaving for higher salaries elsewhere.

Board members also corrected the minutes to reflect that Vice Chair Rudnicki actually read Mr. Spaulding's letter at the September 4 meeting.

14-09-08

Mr. Kinley moved the question. Passed 9-0-0. Mr. Spaulding did not cast a vote.

14-09-09

Motion by Mr. Kinley, 2nd by Ms. Rudnicki to adopted corrected minutes. Passed 9-0-1

4. Student Report

The board welcomed Lawrence High School senior Sierra Thibodeau as the student representative for 2014-15. Ms. Thibodeau reported on major events and activities at LHS since the start of the school year.

5. Citizen Input

6. Old Business

7. New Business

School principals reported the results of the 2013-14 school improvement plans in a small group format. Board members rotated among tables and received reports.

Resignations:

Appointments:

14-09-10

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to vote to authorize the superintendent to offer 2014-15 co-curricular positions to the following: Passed 9-0-0.

Coach	Position	Stipend Amount
Stan Pinnette	JH Drama Coach	\$2,080
Desiree Dowe-Aubut	JH Set Production Advisor	\$1,040

For Information only. No Board action.

Volunteer	Position
Winston Fate	Cheering

Committee Reports

Mr. Fitzpatrick reported that OSHA presented an award to Mid Maine Technical Center for outstanding safety and health for public employees.

Mr. Kinley reported that the policy committee met and eleven policies will be coming to the board on October 2. Board members will not receive additional copies of the policies because the committee is not making changes on most policies and all are accessible in the policy books and on-line. The committee made minor changes and corrected typographical errors.

8. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Baker reported on walking evacuations held to date as part of emergency preparedness for 2014-15. The Superintendent commended staff and students for a very serious approach to the evacuation. He noted that Kelsey Dessent was recently named as the Maine Youth golfer for 2014-15. The district sends their congratulations to her and her parents.

Superintendent Baker noted the math committee met on September 17 and will meet again on September 30. The committee is working on determining the math core standards that will be identified for assessments that the district will use to certify proficiency of the new graduation standards. He also noted that he will present a request for an extension of time from the state for completing the proficiency system. The option recommended will require annual visits by the state. The staff, will however, attempt to have proficiency assessment systems in place for all subject before 2020. In response to a board request, the administration is recommending participation in the first robotics program for high school and possibly grades 5-8. The intent would be to provide experiences for gifted and talented students that are not currently available through curricular or co-curricular offerings. The program would be funded by the proceeds of a will.

Dr. Baker reminded members to sign up through the central office if they wish to attend the MSMA Fall Conference on October 23 and 24.

14-09-11

Motion by Mr. Kinley, 2nd by Ms. Rudnicki to authorize the superintendent to explore and organize a robotics club as recommended by the administration. Passed 9-0-0.

9. Other Business

Mr. Kinley encouraged the board to create a positive and inclusive environment for all board members.

Ms. Rudnicki noted that Lawrence student Hunter Chesley was recently hurt in a severe car accident and a benefit dinner and auction will be held October 3 at LJHS from 4pm – 7pm.

Adjournment

14-09-12

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to vote to adjourn the meeting. Passed 9-0-0

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully,

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 October 2, 2014 at Albion Elementary School.