

Maine School Administrative District No. 49

School Board Meeting Minutes

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

October 6, 2016

A meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of School Directors was held on October 6, 2016 at the Clinton Elementary 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	Kinley	: Present	Michaud	: Present
Caverly	: Present	Knox	: Present	Paul	: Absent
Chesley	: Present	Liberty	: Present	Rudnicki	: Present
Dumont	: Absent	Martin	: Present	Tompkins	: Present
Flood-Gerow	: arrived @ 7:04				

Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

16-10-01

Motion by Ms. Tompkins, 2nd by Mr. Martin to vote to accept the minutes from the September 15, 2016 board meeting. Passed: 11-0-0.

Ms. Boyden noted that in the minutes for 9/15 under Conflict of Interest, the title of her work place is Health Reach Community Center.

4. Citizen Input

Kennebec Sheriff Reardon addressed the board and stated that he was working on school district satisfaction with the sheriff's department. He solicited ideas on how the department can improve services to the district. SRO Day also spoke with the board about issues of safety, drug abuse and student perceptions of law enforcement.

Ms. Rudnicki reported that the Benton PTO recently sponsored a Scholastic book fair which brought \$500 to the Benton Library, in addition to a \$1500 profit for the school and a \$700 credit for Scholastic Dollars.

Mr. Martin reported he was disappointed in the cancellation of the homecoming parade due to weather. He also reported on the Inaugural Lawrence High School Hall of Fame Banquet. The recently inducted inaugural class included 15 members for both athletic and school wide contributions.

The Chair reported the building committee recently met. The group is in the initial stage of needs assessments and planning. The group will be meeting regularly.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

- Freedom of Access Training. The board participated in its periodic training on the FOA Act.
- Instructional Improvement Plans. Principals from each school presented the results of the 2015-16 Instructional Improvement Plans. Board members rotated through the presentations in small groups.

Resignations:

Appointments:

8. Committee Reports

Facilities committee reported they had requested a board workshop to review long-range facilities planning with an immediate focus on elementary facilities. The board workshop provided an opportunity to begin the dialog on review of facility needs and potential proposals.

9. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Baker reported on adult education enrollment for the fall semester. We are offering 26 academic classes with enrollment of 115 students. We are offering 22 enrichment classes with enrollment of 135.

Superintendent reported that the district faculty participated in scoring district writing prompts for grades K-12. The elementary grades utilized the Lucy Calkins Writing program prompts and scoring guides. Teachers at the high school scored prompts based on the new SAT format.

Dr. Baker announced MSMA Fall Conference will be held October 27 and 28. The board elected, through consensus, Ron Liberty as representative to the MSBA delegate assembly.

The Superintendent reported that the free and reduced hot lunch participation rate for 2016-17 is currently at 63%.

Principal Wedge reported that the VFW Women's Auxiliary donated a variety of backpacks and school supplies to Benton students. In addition, they donated money to be used for students in need. The Benton monthly newsletter has been revamped and is now called the Benton Bulldog Bugle. Future plans are to email this to parents who wish to receive it and have it on the school website. Paper copies will be available to families who prefer paper format.

10. Other Business

Chair Rudnicki announced an upcoming workshop that will focus on communication among board members and consideration of district annual goals for the board. The group will meet on Tuesday, October 11 at 6:00 pm at the junior high conference room.

16-10-02

Motion by Mr. Caverly, 2nd by Mr. Michaud to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue under 1MRSA § 405(6)A. Passed: 11-0-0.

Time In: 9:10 pm
Time Out: 10:42 pm

Adjournment

16-10-03

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 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 October 20 at Albion Elementary School.