

Maine School Administrative District No. 49

School Board Meeting Minutes

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

October 15, 2015

A meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of School Directors was held on October 15, 2015 at Fairfield Primary 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	Dumont	: Present	Neubauer	: Present
Boyden	: Present	Fitzpatrick	: Present	Michaud	: Present
Caverly	: Present	Grenier	: Present	Rudnicki	: Present
Chesley	: Present	Kinley	: Present	Tompkins	: Present
		Liberty	: Present	Student Dyer	: Present

Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

15-10-04

Motion by Ms. Boutin, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to vote to accept the minutes from the October 1, 2015 board meeting. Passed: 10-0-3.

4. Student Report

Principal Campbell introduced Kaden Dyer, grade 11 student from Clinton, as the current student representative for the school board. Kayden presented himself to the board and reported on the recent LHS emergency drills performed to help ensure school safety. He also noted that homecoming week has concluded, and administration recognized four students for student of the month awards. College and career programs are taking place to help guide students to explore their options.

Board Chair Rudnicki reported that the schools are in need of hygienic supplies for nurses to give to students. She noted that citizens can collect unused shampoo, soap, etc. from hotels for donations to the schools. She also noted that New Balance Corp. supplied students in the junior and senior high schools with approximately 145 pairs of athletic shoes as well as other apparel items. She stated that the district is very grateful to New Balance for their generous contributions.

5. Citizen Input

6. Old Business

7. New Business

The board presented Charles Kent of Benton an honorary Lawrence High School diploma in recognition of his service to Benton and area communities spanning several decades.

Principals presented their respective 2015-16 instructional improvement plans for each school.

Resignations:

Appointments:

15-10-05

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Ms. Boutin to use a roll call vote regarding co-curricular nomination approvals. Passed: 13-0-0.

15-10-06

Motion on the roll call vote Passed:

Boutin	: Abstain	Dumont	: Yes	Neubauer	: Yes
Boyden	: Yes	Fitzpatrick	: Yes	Michaud	: Yes
Caverly	: Yes	Grenier	: No	Rudnicki	: No
Chesley	: Abstain	Kinley	: Yes	Tompkins	: Yes
		Liberty	: Yes		

15-10-07

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Mr. Michaud to authorize the Superintendent to offer the following 2015-16 co-curricular winter coaching positions.

Coach	Position	Stipend Amount
Alicia Curtis	LHS Varsity Cheering Coach	2,080
John Donato	LHS Girls Basketball Varsity Coach	6,552
Greg Chesley	LHS Girls Basketball JV Coach	3,744
Rusty Mercier	LHS Girls Basketball Freshman Coach	3,432
Jason Pellerin	LHS Boys Basketball Varsity Coach	5,148
Lennie Cole	LHS Boys Basketball JV Coach	3,120
Elon Firmage	LHS Boys Basketball Freshman Coach	3,432
Ted Fabian	LHS Ice Hockey Varsity Coach	4,680
Tim Alberts	LHS Indoor Track Varsity Coach	4,056
Peter Spears	LHS Indoor Track Asst. Coach	2,808
Thomas Hebert	LHS Indoor Track Asst. Coach	2,340
Mike Burkhart	LJHS 7 th Grade Boys Basketball Coach	2,808
Tim Robinson	LJHS 8 th Grade Boys Basketball Coach	2,574
Joey Marcoux	LJHS 8 th Grade Girls Basketball Coach	3,042
Trisha Poulin	LJHS Winter Cheering Coach	1,040

For Information only. No Board action.

Volunteer	Position
Angela Leary	LHS Cheering
Gail Bucklin	LHS Girls Basketball
Scott McManaman	LHS Ice Hockey
Richard Brown	LJHS Boys Basketball
Megan Oliver	LJHS Cheering

Mr. Liberty raised a question about Policy BBFB Nepotism, in hiring for co-curricular positions. Superintendent Baker explained that because board authorization is not required under Maine law, that the results of a vote by affected board members would not jeopardize the validity of stipend contracts.

8. Committee Reports

Facilities committee chair Mr. Caverly reported that the facilities committee reviewed problems with over-crowded parking at Benton Elementary School last week. The committee reviewed two options, one, creation of a finished paved lot and the other a more modest gravel surface. The committee noted that much of the affected area would be over ledge that is at or near the surface. Estimates for a paved lot would be approximately 5 to 6 times more expensive as gravel surface because of blasting and drainage adjustments that would be required. The facilities committee recommended the gravel surface to deal with immediate problems.

15-10-08

Motion by Mr. Kinley, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to create additional parking spaces with a gravel surface on the west side of Benton Elementary School. Passed 13-0.0.

Mr. Fitzpatrick reminded members that the November 19 meeting will be held at the Mid Maine Technical Center in Waterville.

Chair Caverly also noted that the committee is reviewing the updated application forms and process for a new elementary school. District employees are working on adjusting the previously approved application to include new information and a revised format required by the state. He also noted that the district will also contact Oak Point to update their structural review of current facilities.

9. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Baker reported that the University of Maine notified the district that in 2015-16 LHS graduates submitted 12 separate AP exams scores to the University that would qualify for earned credit at the University.

Superintendent Baker reminded the board that the LHS Marching Band will host a state competition on October 17 at 6:00 pm.

Schools held parent conferences over two evenings last week. Attendance rates varied from approximately 40% at the high school level to nearly 90% at some elementary schools. The district also held a staff development day in which K-6 teachers worked on the Calkins writing program with

district literacy coaches. Grades 7-12 coordinated activities on school goals around meeting proficiency standards.

Assistant Principal Packard reported on the Benton music teachers who greet students two mornings a week with musical serenades. Mr. Packard noted that two sixth grade classrooms traveled to Bangor to tour the Cole Transportation Museum, Waterville Shaw's supermarket has adopted Benton for the 2015-16 and presented a check for \$400 to be used to assist the school in aiding students in need.

Principal Hersom reported that the advanced art students at the junior high have an upcoming fundraiser to support a trio to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, including a paint night on November 18.

Principal Lee reported that the Albion fifth grade classroom displayed selfies during parent conferences depicting how they imagine themselves sitting at their desks. Mrs. Lee noted that this week Fairfield Primary students took their annual walk to the fire station. The Fairfield Firefighters want the children to not be afraid to approach a firefighter if there is a fire in their home. The children were in awe of the equipment and big trucks.

10. Other Business

Ms. Rudnicki thanked the board for flowers and cards at the recent death of a family member.

Ms. Tompkins noted she received a letter from a concerned citizen about allowing times to stop for meals on away athletic games.

Ms. Boyden shared her analysis of schools with comparable valuations in districts with 1000 or more students in grades K-12. She discovered that only four districts state wide derived a lower percent of their EPS allocation based on the mil rate identified by the Department of Education. The board thanked Ms. Boyden for her analysis which proved our limited ability to fund required services and the disadvantage that it places MSAD #49 in comparison to the rest of the state.

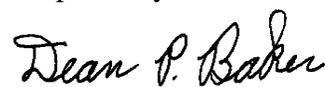
Adjournment

15-10-09

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd Mr. Grenier to vote to adjourn the meeting. Passed 13-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 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 November 5 at Clinton Elementary School.