

Maine School Administrative District No. 49

School Board Meeting Minutes

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

October 20, 2016

A meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of School Directors was held on October 20, 2016 at the Albion 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	: Absent	Liberty	: Present	Rudnicki	: Present
Dumont	: Present	Martin	: Present	Tompkins	: Present
Flood-Gerow	: Present				

Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

16-10-04

Motion by Mr. Martin, 2nd by Mr. Caverly to vote to accept the minutes from the October 6, 2016 board meeting. Passed: 10-0-1.

4. Citizen Input

Melissa Hackett with other parents from Albion spoke of their concerns of withholding noon recess as a punishment of student behavior. They advised the policy committee to look at revising the handbook. Albion teacher, Lauren Conahan reviewed the school policy and the basis for the procedures.

Ms. Rudnicki reported the Lawrence clothes closet is still in need of personal items. Contributions can be made directly to the school.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

The board received a letter from Kingston Paul announcing his immediate resignation from the board.

Chair Rudnicki reviewed a list of board priorities for itself developed at a workshop the previous week.

16-10-05

Motion by Mr. Knox, 2nd by Mr. Martin to vote to accept the priorities for the board as printed for 2016-17. Passed: 11-0-0.

16-10-06

Motion by Mr. Martin, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to vote to move that the Vote entitled “Vote to Approve Closure of Albion Elementary School” be adopted in form presented to this meeting and that an attested copy of this vote be filed with the minutes of this meeting. Failed: 5-6-0.

VOTE TO APPROVE CLOSURE OF ALBION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The school board of MSAD #49 hereby votes as follows:

That the school board of MSAD #49 hereby

- i. Finds that Albion Elementary School is unnecessary or unprofitable to maintain within the meaning of Section 4102(3) of Title 20-A of the Maine Revised Statutes;
- ii. Authorizes and directs the Superintendent of Schools to file a school closing report with the Commissioner of Education pursuant to Section 4102(3) of Title 20-A of the Maine Revised Statutes; and
- iii. Authorizes the Superintendent of School to close Albion Elementary School after the conclusion of the 2016-2017 school year subject to approval of the voters of the Town of Albion at a District referendum to be held in that town pursuant to Section 1512 of the Maine Revised Statutes

Several board members discussed the issues around the closure of Albion Elementary School.

16-10-07

Motion by Mr. Knox, 2nd by Ms. Flood-Gerow to vote to advertise all athletic position for grades 7-12 on Schoolspring and in the local newspaper. Passed: 10-0-1.

Resignations:

John Donato, LHS Science Teacher – Retirement June 2017

Gerry Warren, Mechanic – Retirement June 2017

Appointments:

16-10-08

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Ms. Tompkins to vote to authorize the Superintendent to offer Misty Avery a position as bus driver, as her 90-day probation has been completed. Passed: 11-0-0.

16-10-09

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Ms. Tompkins to vote to authorize the Superintendent to offer Sumner Hubbard a position as custodian, as his 90-day probation has been completed. Passed: 11-0-0.

16-10-10

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Mr. Caverly to vote to authorize the Superintendent to offer co-curricular positions to the following. Passed: 11-0-0.

Coach	Position	Stipend Amount
Tim Robinson	Grade 8 Boys Basketball	\$2574
Tim Robinson	Grade 7 Boys Basketball	\$2574
Joey Marcoux	Grade 8 Girls Basketball	\$3042
Trisha Poulin	JHS Winter Cheering	\$2080
Jason Pellerin	Varsity Boys Basketball	\$5148
Lenny Cole	Jr. Varsity Boys Basketball	\$3120
Elon Firmage	Freshman Boys Basketball	\$3432
John Donato	Varsity Girls Basketball	\$6552
Greg Chesley	Jr. Varsity Girls Basketball	\$3744
Rusty Mercier	Freshman Girls Basketball	\$3432
Kori Whited	LHS Winter Cheering	\$2080
Tim Alberts	LHS Indoor Track Head Coach	\$4056
Peter Spears	LHS Indoor Track Assistant Coach	\$2340
TJ Hebert	LHS Indoor Track Assistant Coach	\$2340

8. Committee Reports

Finance committee chair Boyden announced the committee had met for the first of its on-going committee meetings to review the status of funding and expenditures.

9. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Baker reported that elevated levels of lead were discovered at Benton Elementary School through testing done by Kennebec Water District. The school took immediate steps to close the water supply for student consumption in drinking and cooking in the hot lunch program. The district has brought in bottled water which will remain in use until the source of the problem is identified and corrected. Ongoing testing will remain in place and all schools will be tested for lead annually. The district is also working with the Maine CDC to develop any health related guidelines.

The Superintendent reported that the district lost a valued staff member and friend with the death of Benton Ed. Tech. II Debra Huck earlier this week. The school community extends its condolences to the Huck family.

Dr. Baker reviewed a list of public school required trainings and notices that school districts must conduct annually. The partial list contained 21 required programs. Review of the list shows that the district is in full compliance.

Superintendent Baker noted the district science curriculum committee will present the newly implemented program at the next board meeting.

Principal Wedge reported that Benton students recently participated in fire safety and bus safety drills. He noted his appreciation for the level of helpful actions taken by the PTO.

Albion and Benton reported on the trunk or treat program for Halloween at the respective schools.

Assistant Principal Karl Matulis noted several area businesses contributed to the robotics club which included very generous donations from Pioneer Machine in financial and material support.

Principal Campbell reviewed school activities in support of student preparation for PSATs.

Principal Gordon noted that Clinton Elementary received a grant from Kohl's Cares last year to plant a school garden; the final products were: 25 pounds of melons, 16 pounds of tomatoes, 29 pounds of squash 1 pound of peppers and 20 sunflowers – the food has been used by the school cafeteria and the squash will be used during the thanksgiving meal.

Principal Hersom indicated that the 7th grade classes are learning about the election process. Mr. Morin's homeroom painted and delivered pumpkins to other homerooms throughout the school to celebrate the season.

Principal Lee reported that the Albion summer students participated in the state-wide reading challenge sponsored by the DOE and the Masons. Albion's Nicolas Lewis name was drawn in the state-wide drawing for a bicycle and won a brand new bike of his dreams.

10. Other Business

Mr. Martin reported that on Saturday, October 22 Irving Oil at the Fairfield Truck Stop location will be donating 10 cents per gallon of gas sold to the LHS athletic program.

16-10-11

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: 8:40 pm

Time Out: 9:35 pm

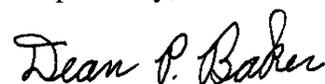
Adjournment

16-10-12

Motion by Ms. Tompkins, 2nd Mr. Liberty to vote to adjourn the meeting. Passed 11-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 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 3 at Lawrence Junior High School.