

Maine School Administrative District No. 49

School Board Meeting Minutes

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

November 6, 2014

A meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of School Directors was held on November 6, 2014 at Fairfield Primary 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	: Left @ 7:55	Spaulding	: Present
Caverly	: Present	Kinley	: Present	Strout	: Absent
Clark	: Absent	Liberty	: Present	Tompkins	: Present
Dumont	: Absent			Student	: Present
				Thibodeau	

Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

14-11-01

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Ms. Tompkins to vote to accept the minutes from the October 16, 2014 board meeting. Passed: 9-0-0.

4. Student Report

Sierra Thibodeau reported that varsity field hockey coach, Shawna Robinson was voted 2014 Eastern Maine class A coach of the year by her colleagues. The football team is playing in the Pine Tree Conference Semifinals and the winter sports season will commence November 17. Marching Band won a silver medal; five chorus and three band members were chosen for KVMEA; and freshman Brett Foster was the top scorer for the math team.

5. Citizen Input

Bill Mackenzie addressed the board with a request that lacrosse be recognized as a varsity sport for the spring 2015 season. The board requested a proposed budget and the number of students anticipated to participate.

Marching band drum major Oliver Mackenzie addressed the board on behalf of the marching band. He reported that the group received a silver medal in the marching band finals, for the best results achieved since 2001. He also thanked the board for allowing junior high students to participate in the marching band.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

Freedom of Access Training

First Reading of Policies

14-11-02

Motion by Ms. Boutin, 2nd by Ms. Tompkins to approve the first reading on Policy AE - School District Goals and Objectives, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 8-0-1.

14-11-03

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Ms. Rudnicki to approve the first reading on Policy AFB – Evaluation of the Superintendent, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 8-0-1.

14-11-04

Motion by Ms. Rudnicki, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to approve the first reading on Policy BBF – School Board Member Ethics, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 8-0-1.

14-11-05

Motion by Ms. Boutin, 2nd by Ms. Tompkins to approve the first reading on Policy BBFA – School Board Member Conflict of Interest, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 9-0-0.

14-11-06

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Ms. Tompkins to approve the first reading on Policy BBFB – Nepotism, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 9-0-0.

14-11-07

Motion by Ms. Boutin, 2nd by Ms. Tompkins to approve the first reading on Policy BBFC – Employment/Screening Committee, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 9-0-0.

14-11-08

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Ms. Boutin to approve the first reading on Policy BD – School Board Meetings, Agenda, and Minutes, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 8-0-1.

14-11-09

Motion by Ms. Rudnicki, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to approve the first reading on Policy BDDH – Public Participation at Board Meetings, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 6-3-0.

14-11-10

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Ms. Tompkins to approve the first reading on Policy BFC – Policy Adoption and Amendment, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 8-0-1.

14-11-11

Motion by Ms. Rudnicki, 2nd by Mr. Caverly to approve the first reading on Policy BFD – Policy Dissemination/Implementation, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 8-0-1.

14-11-12

Motion by Ms. Boutin, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to approve the first reading on Policy BFE – Administration in Policy Absence, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 9-0-0.

14-11-13

Motion by Ms. Tompkins, 2nd by Mr. Caverly to approve the first reading on Policy BHA – New Board Member Orientation, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 8-0-1.

14-11-14

Motion by Ms. Boutin, 2nd by Ms. Rudnicki to approve the first reading on Policy BHB – Board Member Development Opportunities, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 8-0-1.

Mr. Spaulding made a statement on board policy regarding public participation at board meetings. He reviewed his experience over the last several years and stated that he was concerned about a number of barriers to public participation.

Resignations:

Appointments:

14-11-15

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Ms. Tompkins to vote to authorize the superintendent to offer 2014-15 co-curricular positions to the following: Passed 8-0-1.

Coach	Position	Stipend Amount
Lenny Cole	Boys JV Basketball Coach	\$3,120
Troy Trimble	Boys Freshman Basketball Coach	\$3,120

14-11-16

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Ms. Tompkins to vote to authorize the superintendent to offer 2014-15 co-curricular position to the following: Passed 8-0-1.

Coach	Position	Stipend Amount
Rusty Mercier	Girls Freshman Basketball Coach	\$3,432

8. Committee Reports

Policy Committee Chair Kinley reported that the auditors had changed their advice from last year, now allowing booster groups to have funds directed to the district for possible return to the organization on a tax exempt basis. The policy committee now endorses allowing groups to use the district tax I.D. # and receive funding for possible return to the booster organizations.

Mr. Kinley also read a statement regarding electronic key card access to school for staff following advice from a school security study. The policy committee recommends restricting the distribution of electronic keys to staff.

14-11-17

Motion by Mr. Kinley, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to accept statement on electronic key access as read:
Passed 7-1-0.

9. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Baker announced that Kennebec Deputy Sheriff Jeremy Day is now the school resource officer for the district. He thanked Deputy Aaron Moody for his services last year and welcomed Deputy Day.

Superintendent Baker distributed a newsletter from Jobs for Maine Grads that is being offered at LHS in the current school year.

Assistant Principal Packard reported that Benton students in grades 1-5 completed a fire safety program sponsored by the Fairfield Fire Department. The Benton PTO held their annual 'Trick or Trunk' event on October 30. Approximately 250 students participated.

Principal Lee reported that Fairfield Primary hosted a family fun day where they played educational games together. Albion PTA sponsored their annual craft fair to benefit their work for students in Albion elementary

Principal Hersom reported that physical education teacher Mike McGee recently acquired a donation from New Balance of 70 pairs of shoes and over 100 items of apparel for a total value of approximately \$3,900. Dr. Baker commended Mr. McGee for his efforts.

Dr. Baker reported that MeANS recently invoiced the district for \$148,623. He stated he is very concerned about the state law requiring districts to pay a half year of tuition whether the students are enrolled at the time of the invoice or not. He cited examples where students who enrolled and quickly dropped from the charter school but the district is obliged to pay for one half year tuition anyway. Dr. Baker urged support for a per diem basis for payment of tuition from public to charter schools. He also noted that the public schools can be obligated to educate a student during the time they have already paid a charter school for the same service.

10. Other Business

Mr. Kinley noted that Mr. Spaulding was resigning from the board and thanked him for his service during his term to date. Mr. Kinley noted that many of Mr. Spaulding's questions and comments prompted thought and reflection by board members.

Adjournment

14-11-18

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to vote to adjourn the meeting. Passed
8-0-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dean P. Baker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D".

Dean P. Baker, Secretary to the Board

The next meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of Directors will be November 20, 2014 at the Lawrence High School.