

Maine School Administrative District No. 49

School Board Meeting Minutes

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207-453-4200

November 19, 2015

A meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of School Directors was held on November 5, 2015 at the Mid Maine Technical Center in Waterville.

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	: Absent	Neubauer	: Absent
Boyden	: Present	Fitzpatrick	: Present	Michaud	: Absent
Caverly	: Present	Grenier	: Present	Rudnicki	: Present
Chesley	: Present	Kinley	: Present	Tompkins	: Present
		Liberty	: Present	Student Dyer	: Present

Pledge of Allegiance

The board expressed thanks for Mid Maine Technical Center and its director Peter Halen for hosting the meeting at its facility. Mr. Halen provided a tour before the board meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes

15-11-04

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Ms. Chesley to vote to accept the minutes from the November 5, 2015 board meeting. Passed: 9-0-1.

4. Student Report

Kayden Dyer reported that LHS fall sports has ended. He informed the board that LHS student Lila Tilton-Flood was chosen for all-state academics and 24 seniors were selected for KVAC all academics. The National Honor Society is conducting a coin drive to benefit Christmas for Teens, and the student of the month assembly was held recently and recognized Matthew Brown, freshman; Simone Lowell, sophomore; Trenton Rhodes, junior and Alex Bevier, senior.

Mrs. Rudnicki announced that the Lawrence Clothes Closet is open and providing service to anyone in need. She encouraged everyone to donate when possible.

5. Citizen Input

6. Old Business

7. New Business

15-11-05

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Ms. Boutin to vote to apply for state approval of four new school busses in 2016-17. Passed: 10-0-0.

15-11-06

Motion by Mr. Grenier, 2nd by Mr. Kinley to vote to amend motion and to apply for state approval of four, instead of three, new school busses in 2016-17. Passed: 10-0-0.

Mr. Grenier observed that requesting more busses does not obligate the district to purchase them and the district has fallen behind slightly in its replacement cycle for the district fleet. The Superintendent commented that he would not normally support the amendment because of the need to control costs in the 2016-17 budget. However, the district was just notified that it received an EPA 2015 Clean Diesel Grant Award for \$20,000 each to replace four busses. Dr. Baker commended Transportation Director Scott Washburn and Operations Director Cheryl Brackett for successfully pursuing the funds. The grant would pay the approximate cost of an additional bus and should therefore justify purchase of a fourth bus.

Resignations:

Bill MacManus, LHS Athletic Director, Retirement, June 2016

Appointments:

15-11-07

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Mr. Caverly to authorize the Superintendent to offer Karla Busmanis a contract as behavior self-contained special education teacher. Passed: 10-0-0.

15-11-08

Motion by Mr. Grenier, 2nd by Mr. Fitzpatrick to authorize the Superintendent to offer Melissa Grant a secretarial position in the operations department, as her probation period is complete. Passed: 10-0-0.

15-11-09

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Mr. Grenier to authorize the Superintendent to offer Ron Ouimette a maintenance position in the operations department, as his probation period is complete. Passed: 10-0-0.

For Information only. No Board action.

Volunteer	Position
John Hersom	LHS Basketball
Jim Bonnell	LHS Ice Hockey

8. Committee Reports

Ms. Rudnicki confirmed the board sub-committee chairs for 2015-16 as follows: Facilities – Neal Caverly, Negotiations – Steve Grenier, Finance – Shelley Rudnicki, Policy – Stew Kinley and Drop-Out Committee will not have a chair.

9. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Baker reported the district recently completed flu vaccination clinics through Maine General. The number of students who received shots is: Albion – 23, Benton – 104, Clinton – 26, Fairfield Primary – 32 and Lawrence Junior and Senior High – 69 for a total of 254.

Superintendent Baker noted the district science curriculum committee will meet on Monday, November 23. The work will revolve around deciding on whether to adopt the National Next Generation Standards as a basis for local curriculum.

Dr. Baker distributed a flyer detailing district participation in a regional showcase on educational activities by school districts and a report on Lawrence dual/concurrent enrollment.

The Superintendent noted that Benton's parking lot has been completed. The new lot with a gravel surface provides an additional 35 parking spaces.

Principal Campbell reported current LHS attendance rates as follows: Class of 2019 -95.1%, Class of 2018 - 92.7%, Class of 2017 – 94.3% and Class of 2016 – 90.4% for an overall total of 93.2%.

Clinton Elementary held its Title I family informational event with 13 families participating. Students enjoyed a presentation from LC Bates staff on nocturnal animals. Families took home bags including a book on nocturnal animals, a book mark and materials they made during the activities.

Benton Elementary completed a food drive; collecting 2326 items to donate to the Fairfield Interfaith Food Pantry. Benton staff also contributed to donating turkeys for needy families.

Fairfield Primary Physical Education Teacher, Alice Heinrich brought a turkey from her farm in Albion for students to have the experience of understanding what a farm-raised turkey looks like. On Friday, November 20, Fairfield Primary preK children will spend the morning with music and literacy activities with their parents.

Athletic Director Bill MacManus announced that our athletic trainer, Steve Tozier received the Bill Cox Service Award. The award is to recognize a certified athletic trainer or other athletic health care provider who has enhanced care and made significant contributions.

The Red Cross informed the Jobs for Maine Grads class that its sponsorship of a blood drive was very successful. Area citizens donated 40 units including 15 first time donors.

10. Other Business

Ms. Boutin suggested the board examine the policy on bullying. She questioned the role of the victim's feelings of being bullied in the current policy.

Adjournment

15-11-10

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "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 December 3 at Lawrence Junior High School.