

Maine School Administrative District No. 49

School Board Meeting Minutes

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

November 20, 2014

A meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of School Directors was held on November 20, 2014 at Lawrence High 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	: Arrived @ 7:08	Fitzpatrick	: Present	Rudnicki	: Present
Carlton	: Present	Grenier	: Present	Spaulding	: Absent
Caverly	: Present	Kinley	: Present	Strout	: Absent
Clark	: Absent	Liberty	: Present	Tompkins	: Present
Dumont	: Present			Student	: Present
				Thibodeau	

Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

14-11-19

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Ms. Rudnicki to vote to accept the minutes from the October 16, 2014 board meeting as amended. Passed: 7-0-2.

Superintendent Baker introduced School Resource Officer Deputy Jeremy Day and commended him for his dedication and effective work.

4. Student Report

Sierra Thibodeau reported that field hockey ended their season with a tie for third in state along with the football team that also finished third in state. Winter sports started November 17. The high school hosted the Maine General flu shot clinic this past week and the LHS students have started collecting coins for the teens program which provides holiday gifts for underprivileged teens in the area.

5. Citizen Input

Bill McKenzie addressed the board requesting approval for lacrosse as a varsity sport in the 2014-15 school year and funding as a varsity sport in 2015-16. Mr. McKenzie indicated that 23 students have committed during advance signups to participate this year.

14-11-20

Motion by Mr. Kinley, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to vote to approve lacrosse as a varsity sport. Passed 9-0-1.

The board, by consensus, indicated that the recognition is based on the understanding that lacrosse will be funded at the budget level in 2014-15. Details around the activity will be handled administratively.

6. Old Business

Second Reading of Policies

14-11-20

Motion by Ms. Rudnicki, 2nd by Mr. Caverly to approve the second reading on Policy AE - School District Goals and Objectives, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

14-11-21

Motion by Ms. Boutin, 2nd by Mr. Fitzpatrick to approve the second reading on Policy AFB – Evaluation of the Superintendent, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

14-11-22

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Ms. Rudnicki to approve the second reading on Policy BBF – School Board Member Ethics, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

14-11-23

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to approve the second reading on Policy BBFA – School Board Member Conflict of Interest, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

14-11-24

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Ms. Boutin to approve the second reading on Policy BBFB – Nepotism, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

14-11-25

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to approve the second reading on Policy BBFC – Employment/Screening Committee, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

14-11-26

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to approve the second reading on Policy BD – School Board Meetings, Agenda, and Minutes, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

14-11-27

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to approve the second reading on Policy BDDH – Public Participation at Board Meetings, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

14-11-28

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to approve the second reading on Policy BFC – Policy Adoption and Amendment, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

14-11-29

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to approve the second reading on Policy BFD – Policy Dissemination/Implementation, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

14-11-30

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to approve the second reading on Policy BFE – Administration in Policy Absence, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

14-11-31

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Ms. Rudnicki to approve the second reading on Policy BHA – New Board Member Orientation, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

14-11-32

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to approve the second reading on Policy BHB – Board Member Development Opportunities, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

7. New Business

14-11-33

Motion by Mr. Kinley, 2nd by Mr. Carlton to vote to apply for state approval of four new school busses in 2015-16. Passed 10-0-0.

First Reading of Policies

14-11-34

Motion by Ms. Boutin, 2nd by Ms. Rudnicki to approve the first reading on Policy IJNDB – Student Use of Electronic Devices, Network and Internet, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

14-11-35

Motion by Ms. Rudnicki, 2nd by Ms. Boutin to approve the first reading on Policy IJNDB-R – Student Use of Electronic Devices, Network and Internet Rules, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

14-11-36

Motion by Ms. Rudnicki, 2nd by Mr. Caverly to approve the first reading on Policy CF - Administration, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

14-11-37

Motion by Ms. Boutin, 2nd by Ms. Rudnicki to approve the first reading on Policy CB – School Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

14-11-38

Motion by Ms. Rudnicki, 2nd by Mr. Caverly to approve the first reading on Policy DFG – Income From School Sales and Services, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

14-11-39

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to approve the first reading on Policy DJC – Bidding Requirements, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

14-11-40

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Mr. Fitzpatrick to approve the first reading on Policy DL – Payroll Procedures, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

14-11-41

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Mr. Caverly to approve the first reading on Policy DK – Payment Procedures, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

14-11-42

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Ms. Boutin to approve the first reading on Policy EBAA – Chemical Hazards, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

14-11-43

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to approve the first reading on Policy EBBA – Emergency Care Policy, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

14-11-44

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to approve the first reading on Policy EBCA – Crisis Response Plan, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

14-11-45

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to approve the first reading on Policy EBCB – Fire Drills, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

14-11-46

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Mr. Fitzpatrick to approve the first reading on Policy EBCC – Bomb Threats, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

14-11-47

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to approve the first reading on Policy EBCD – Unscheduled Closings, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Passed 10-0-0.

Resignations:

Jeanne Jones, Clinton Elementary Teacher, Retirement June 2015

Appointments:

14-11-48

Motion by Mr. Carlton, 2nd by Ms. Boutin to vote to authorize the superintendent to offer 2014-15 co-curricular positions to the following: Passed 10-0-0.

Coach	Position	Stipend Amount
Stephanie Wallace	LJHS Winter Cheering co-coach	\$552
Trisha Poulin	LJHS Winter Cheering co-coach	\$552

For Information only. No Board action.

Volunteer	Position
Samantha Corson	JHS Cheering Volunteer
Dalis Bragdon	JHS Cheering Volunteer
Megan Oliver	JHS Cheering Volunteer
Richard Brown	JHS Boys Basketball Volunteer

8. Committee Reports

Policy Committee Chair Kinley reminded the board of the policy meeting scheduled for November 25 at 3:30.

9. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Baker reported that on November 10 all district staff participated in scoring district writing prompts for grades 1-12. He reported that the activity provides hands-on in-service for teachers to be aware of current level of writing, skills and appropriate expectations for topic development and conventions at all grades. The Superintendent reported that he was concerned that the number of students at the proficient and exceeds level averages in the two thirds range. The Language Arts committee will review the results and recommend actions to increase the number of students reaching proficiency. Dr. Baker also observed that scoring depends on a number of factors including the complexity of the prompts, perceptions of scorers, the rubrics used for scoring and similarity to state testing. For instance, next year the district will re-align scoring rubrics to match the new smarter balance standards that will replace the former NECAP standards.

Dr. Baker reported that the mathematics proficiency assessments for K-6 are all completed and initial assessments with alternatives for each objective with rubrics for scoring. Grades 7-12 are nearly done and will be completed before Christmas. He noted this is the first subject for which the district has created proficiency assessments. Other subject areas will follow.

Superintendent Baker reviewed state guidelines for preparing students for proficiency based diplomas, including multiple pathways with multiple types of evidence that the law requires. He noted that record keeping and tracking student progress will require major effort. For example, the district has had a total of 114 students enter or leave the district in the first quarter of this school year. Dr. Baker observed that the district has grown by 30 students since the opening of school.

Assistant Principal Packard reported that Benton's student council recently completed their annual food drive to benefit the Fairfield Interfaith Food Pantry. This is the twelfth year the food drive has been conducted by Benton students.

The kindergarten class at Fairfield Primary delivered 300 non-perishable food donations to the Fairfield Food Pantry on Tuesday morning.

Principal Cathy Gordon reported that Clinton Elementary held their honors tea, celebrated their students of the month along with the Clinton Cheerleaders and the Clinton Football team, who both won championships this season. The Colby College mentoring team has doubled the number of mentors to 14 who work with Clinton students.

10. Other Business

Mr. Kinley requested that the board review the cost of charter schools for the district in 2014-15.

Adjournment

14-11-49

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 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 December 4, 2014 at the Lawrence Junior High School.