

# Maine School Administrative District No. 49

## School Board Meeting Minutes

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November 19, 2009

The regular meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of School Directors was held on Thursday, November 19, 2009 at Lawrence High School.

- 1. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Stewart Kinley, at 7:00 p.m.**
- 2. Roll Call & Declaration of Quorum**  
Charles Dorr, Ed Finch, Harry Fitzpatrick, Kara Kugelmeyer, Stewart Kinley, Karen Kusiak, Clayton McLaughlin, Shelley Rudnicki, Leanne Stevens, and Elizabeth Ward. Absent: Stephen Hatch and Lisa Irving.

- 3. Approval of Minutes**

09-11-07

Motion by Ms. Kugelmeyer, 2nd by Ms. Rudnicki to vote to accept the minutes of the November 5, 2009 regular school board meeting. Passed 10-0-0.

- 4. Old Business**

- 5. New Business**

09-11-08

Motion by Ms. Kusiak, 2nd by Ms. Stevens to vote to apply for state approval of two new school busses in 2010-11. Passed 10-0-0.

09-11-09

Motion by Ms. Kusiak, 2nd by Mr. Fitzpatrick to vote to decline the offer from M.S.A.D. #53 to consolidate the school systems. Passed 10-0-0.

09-11-10

Motion by Ms. Kugelmeyer, 2nd by Ms. Kusiak to vote to go into executive session for labor contract discussions under 1MRSA 405 (6) (D). Passed 10-0-0.

Time In: 7:17pm  
Time Out: 7:51 pm

### Resignations:

## **Appointments:**

09-11-11

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Kugelmeyer to vote to authorize the Superintendent to offer a position to James Andrews as an alternative education teacher. Passed 9-1-0.

## **6. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Baker reviewed the equipment purchases under the 5-year technology equipment plan at the beginning of the year. The District purchased replacement computers for Technology Labs 1 and 2, and 10 laptop carts in a move toward one to one student/computer ratios at the High School. Nine High School teachers have volunteered to manage the net book carts in their classrooms.

Assistant Superintendent Murray reported that the H1N1 flu vaccination clinics have been completed. Students in the Lawrence Junior and Senior High Schools received shots at the start of this week. The only students remaining are small children who will need a second booster immunization shot this season. Between 50-60% of all students participated in the flu shot clinics. Superintendent Baker commended Mrs. Murray for her organization and coordination of the immunization effort.

Dr. Baker reported that on Monday, November 23, there will be an in-service in which all staff will score common district writing prompts in grades 1-12. Kindergarten students will produce writing samples in the spring. Superintendent Baker reported that this is a critical way for all educators in the district to maintain heightened awareness of skills necessary in the writing process.

Superintendent Baker distributed a letter from contractor Kevin Violette regarding the renovation and repair projects on the Benton Elementary School walls. The board directed Dr. Baker to complete phase 1 of the projects.

Principal Steve Soule reported that Mrs. Barkley's class at Clinton Elementary hosted an Author's Tea. Children learned about the writing process and shared their published piece of writing; parents and students were in attendance. First grade Clinton students made Thanksgiving cards to distribute to local nursing homes as part of the school wide goal to complete a community project.

Principal Roberta Hersom reported that this year's junior high mix-it-up activity took place during a lunch period. Tables were designated for students to sit at during their regular lunch time. This year students sat according to the first letter of their first name. Each table had a list of suggested conversation topics. Students positively engaged in the activity, learning more about one another. A Cyber Safety Presentation was delivered by Sean O'Connell, an outreach educator for Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center. The importance of online activities, postings, etc were addressed. Parents will be offered a similar presentation on December 1 from Mr. O'Connell.

Assistant Principal Packard reported that Benton's second grade classrooms have been regulars on the local cable TV station this week as part of the "Bugs, Bugs, Bugs" program that was taped at the school. The Benton PTO completed its annual food drive; obtaining 1,516 food items to be given to the Fairfield Interfaith Food Pantry. Benton staff donated \$311 along with a \$200 donation from the PTO to purchase approximately 75 turkeys for needy families in the area.

Mrs. Swett forwarded information regarding the Lawrence Marching Bulldogs competition at the Maine Band Directors' Association Marching Band Finals held in October. Lawrence student, Russell Caverly earned the highest score available for a Lawrence Drum Major since the star rating system was

established in 2000. The entire Lawrence Band received numerous compliments on a job very well done.

## 7. Other Business

09-11-12

Motion by Mr. McLaughlin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Kusiak to vote to recognize contributions made by Pat Clark, Caroline Grass and Gladys Perkins and present them Board Community Awards. Passed 10-0-0.

## Adjournment

09-11-13

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Rudnicki to vote to adjourn the meeting. Passed 10-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully,



Dean P. Baker, Secretary to the Board

The next meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of Directors is 7:00 pm on December 3 at Lawrence Junior High School.