

# Maine School Administrative District No. 49

## School Board Meeting Minutes

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December 3, 2009

The regular meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of School Directors was held on Thursday, December 3, 2009 at Lawrence Junior High School.

- 1. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Stewart Kinley, at 7:00 p.m.**
- 2. Roll Call & Declaration of Quorum**  
Ed Finch, Harry Fitzpatrick, Lisa Irving, Stewart Kinley, Karen Kusiak, Clayton McLaughlin, Shelley Rudnicki (arrived @ 8:12pm), Leanne Stevens, and Elizabeth Ward. Absent: Charles Dorr, Stephen Hatch and Kara Kugelmeyer.

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

09-12-01

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Ms. Irving to vote to accept the minutes of the November 19, 2009 regular school board meeting. Passed 8-0-0.

### **4. Old Business**

### **5. New Business**

Presentation by Jeff Jewett on the use of technology in high school social studies classes.

### **Resignations:**

Jane Hamilton, High School Business Teacher, Retirement, June 2010

Margaret "Peg" Diviney, High School English Teacher, Retirement, June 2010

### **Appointments:**

### **6. Committee Reports**

Ms. Karen Kusiak reported for the Negotiations Committee that the board held its initial meeting for collective bargaining with the Educational Technician I Association. The Association presented its proposal and bargaining will resume in January.

### **7. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Baker discussed the results of the scoring on the common district writing prompt held on November 23. Results for the current year are up slightly from 2008. The Superintendent commended grades 1-8 on the number of students meeting the meets and exceeds standard on the scoring rubric. He also

commended the progress made in grades 9-12. The board discussed the affect of the SAT scoring rubric on rates in grades 9-12.

Superintendent Baker informed the board of upcoming holiday concerts during the week of December 7 for Lawrence Junior High School, Benton Elementary, Clinton Elementary and Albion Elementary and Lawrence High School on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Baker reported that 1353 students received the H1N1 vaccination and 1230 received the seasonal flu shots.

Superintendent Baker commended Beverly Poissonnier for her outstanding work with students at Junior and Senior High Schools for making free clothing available to students in need.

Assistant Principal Packard sent notice that Benton Elementary has started their giving tree program; this program works with parents of Benton students who are having a difficult time financially to make sure that students receive gifts for the holidays; staff, Benton PTO and the MSAD #49 Employees Association all contribute. Tom McWalters and Donna Francoeur work diligently to make this program a success.

Principal Claudette Massey sent a report for Albion Elementary. The school is once again implementing the "Wee Deliver" post office, providing children with real life experiences in which to apply basic skills such as writing a letter, addressing an envelope and using the mail system. The Albion Student Council has a motto "... if you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody." They recently collected and donated over 1,600 books to the Waterville Homeless Shelter, they will also sponsor a food drive to benefit the Albion Food Pantry.

Principal Steve Soule sent notice that Clinton Elementary had their first (out of three) RIF distribution, where students are able to choose one book from a selection to take home to keep. Clinton's school counselor, Mrs. Pierce, arranged to have a motivational speaker talk to the students about bullying. "Jedlie" gave a very powerful presentation and addressed the topic of preventing bullying and what to do if you see bullying or are a target of bullying.

Principal Massey sent a report for Fairfield Primary. Dental screenings were provided by the Tooth Protectors Inc. and Community Dental Clinic. The preschool is gearing up for another Family Fun Day for preschoolers and their families on December 18.

## **8. Other Business**

09-12-02

Motion by Ms. Rudnicki, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Irving to vote to go into executive session for the evaluation of the Superintendent per 1MRSA 405 (6). Passed 8-1-0.

Time In: 9:23 pm

Time Out: 10:07 pm

09-12-03

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Finch to vote to extend the superintendent's contract for one year with terms as negotiated. Passed 9-0-0.

## Adjournment

09-12-04

Motion by Mr. Finch, 2nd by Ms. Stevens to vote to adjourn the meeting. Passed 9-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 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 is 7:00 pm on January 7 at Lawrence High School.