

Maine School Administrative District No. 49

School Board Meeting Minutes

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

April 16, 2009

The regular meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of School Directors was held on Thursday, April 16, 2009 at Benton Elementary School.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Stewart Kinley, at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call & Declaration of Quorum

Ms. Janice Chesley, Mr. Ed Finch, Mr. Harry Fitzpatrick, Mr. Stephen Hatch, Ms. Lisa Irving, Mr. Stewart Kinley, Ms. Kara Kugelmeyer, Mr. Clayton McLaughlin, Ms. Shelley Rudnicki, Ms. Leanne Stevens, Ms. Marie Strout, Ms. Elizabeth Ward and student representative Courtney Langley. Absent: Ms. Karen Kusiak.

3. Approval of Minutes

09-04-04

Motion by Mr. McLaughlin, 2nd by Ms. Chesley to vote to accept the minutes of the April 2, 2009 regular school board meeting. Passed 12-0-0.

4. Student Report

Third quarter is completed, underclassmen have registered for the next year courses, nominations for Pride Awards were announced and winners will be announced at the assembly on May 1. Spring sports are underway; teacher appreciation baskets for Lawrence staff will be presented on April 17 by the National Honors Society. Spring vacation begins April 20.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

09-04-05

Motion by Ms. Strout, 2nd by Ms. Irving to accept the 2009-10 School Calendar as proposed. Passed 12-0-0.

The Directors considered the proposed 2009-10 school budget. The Board reviewed its initial actions in reducing the original budget increase of \$773,740 representing a 3.5%

increase down to \$466,400 , a 2% increase. The finance committee had considered a further reduction to 1.09% and had restored \$60,000 for anticipated increases in health insurance utilization and \$40,000 for the district's additional contribution that would be required to participate in the State's High School Laptop Program. The Board discussed several issues around the expenditure budget and the impact on local tax assessments.

09-04-06

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Ms. Strout to adopt the budget as presented by the finance committee for a total of \$23,850,740.87. Defeated 5-7-0

09-04-07

Motion by Mr. Finch, 2nd by Mr. Hatch to eliminate \$40,000 for the Laptop Program and to decline to participate in the State Laptop purchase. Passed 12-0-0.

After sustained discussion, the Board directed that the proposed budget be reduced to a 1.3% increase.

09-04-08

Motion by Ms. Rudnicki, 2nd by Mr. McLaughlin to adopt a proposed budget of \$23,810,740.87. Passed 8-3-1.

09-04-09

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Ms. Irving to adopt the 2009-10 Adult Education Budget as presented for a total of \$256,365.17. Passed 12-0-0.

7. Committee Reports

Resignations:

Appointments:

8. Other Business

9. Superintendent's Report

Principal Roberta Hersom reported the following from the Lawrence Junior High School:

- 25 students will attend "Girls Leading the Way" - leadership conference at Colby College
- LJHS received a \$1,000 grant written by teacher Sharon Rau from Healthy Maine Partnership of Greater Waterville, the mini-project is called Spring into Health.
- Bullying Prevention Week starts May 11, counselors have developed programs to raise student awareness

Assistant Principal Packard reported the following from Benton Elementary:

- April 4 the school's PTO held their annual Fun Fair. Monies raised are used to provide students with enrichment activities throughout the school year
- April 2 members from Poetry Alive provided a program for students in which poems were brought to life on state - designed to help students develop the skill for understanding poetry (paid for by the Benton PTO)

- April 15 the fourth and fifth graders presented the musical “The Sound of Music” to a large audience at the Williamson Center.

Principal Soule reported from Clinton Elementary:

- Setha Treadwell, previous Clinton student and LHS graduate received an award from the University of Maine for obtaining a 4.0 GPA and is the top biology student out of 2500.
- Nicole Auge, 2nd grader won the Zaner Bloser Handwriting competition
- Telcom Pioneers, purchased dictionaries for each Clinton 3rd grader and teachers

Principal Massey reported that Fairfield Primary children participated in the role of museum tour guides for parents and guests and displayed their artwork. The Albion K-4 students received a visit from Fire Fighter Phil to learn about fire safety. Albion students will host Community Readers Day on April 17. Parents, community members and staff will be sharing some of their favorite books with students.

09-04-10

Motion by Ms. Strout, 2nd by Ms. Rudnicki to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issue per 1MRSA§405(6)(a). Passed 12-0-0.

In: 8:55 pm

Out: 9:27 pm

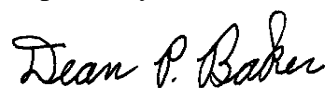
Adjournment

09-04-11

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Ms. Strout to vote to adjourn the meeting.
Passed 12-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully,



Dean P. Baker, Secretary to the Board

The next meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of Directors is scheduled for May 7, 2009 at Lawrence High School.