

# Maine School Administrative District No. 49

## School Board Meeting Minutes

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

MINUTES

May 31, 2018

A meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of School Directors was held on May 31, 2018 at Lawrence Junior High School.

**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	: arrived @ 7:31	Flood-Gerow	: Present	Michaud	: Present
Boyden	: Present	Knox	: Present	Rudnicki	: Present
Caverly	: Absent	Kugelmeyer	: Absent	Toto-Lawrence	: Absent
Chesley	: Present	Liberty	: Present		
Dumont	: arrived @ 8:03	Martin	: Present	Student Short	: Present

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

18-05-39

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Boyden to vote to accept the minutes from the May 17, 2018 board meeting. Passed: 5-0-3.

**4. Citizen Input**

Ms. Rudnicki reminded everyone to participate in the box tops for education program, travel supplies and to continue donating to the Bulldog Clothes Closet for grades K-12.

Mr. Martin reported a meeting is scheduled for June 11 at 2:00 pm at the high school to finalize arrangements for the food pantry. Mr. Martin expressed appreciation to Home Depot, Johnny Selected Seeds and LHS Alumni for their generous contributions and noted the program is near its goal of \$10,000 for the 2018-19 school year.

**5. Student Report**

Mr. Short reported the last student assembly is tomorrow, guidance is preparing for graduation, spring sports have concluded and JMG has nearly reached their \$10,000 goal for the backpack program. Seniors have finished their high school classes and will begin marching practice tomorrow. Class night is June 6 and graduation is June 7.

**6. Old Business**

## **7. New Business**

- **Truancy:** Dr. Baker reviewed current district statistics on truancy rates for each building and discussed the state's new definition of chronic truancy. All absences, including partial day absences add to the official truancy rate. Every time a parent provides an excused absence it will also count toward absenteeism. The board discussed the limited options available to curb truancy despite state demands.
- **Superintendent Search Process:** The board discussed the upcoming superintendent search process to replace Dr. Baker who will be retiring this summer. The board reviewed some of the qualifications and experience that they would look for and directed that the position be advertised immediately. The district will also contact MSMA for potential support in the process. The board anticipates a due date for applications at the end of June. The board will meet in a workshop at 5:30 on June 14 to continue the process.

### **Resignations:**

Stacey Ramer, Ed. Tech. II, Resignation May 2018

Alan Tieman, Elementary Teacher – Resignation June 2018

Tiffani-Rae McLaughlin, Elementary Teacher – Resignation June 2018

### **Appointments:**

## **8. Committee Reports**

Negotiations committee meeting June 5 at 4:30 pm.

Policy committee meeting June 11 at 4:30 pm.

## **9. Superintendent's Report**

The superintendent informed the board that the State Department of Education has approved purchase of a new bus in the category of addition to the fleet. The bus has been ordered and should be available for the first day of school to help implement the revised starting times.

Dr. Baker reported the last student day will be June 19 and staff will work on June 20. Ed. Tech's will work individual schedules according to the number of days cancelled in their respective buildings during the school year.

Dr. Baker reminded board members that graduation will be June 7 at 6:00 pm.

Principal Gordon reported that Ms. Nutting's first grade play will present "Annie" at 9:30 on June 1 at the Williamson Center. This has been a tradition of her's for many years. The Clinton Masons have again sponsored their Bikes for Books program and will be awarding a new bike and helmet to one boy and one girl from each grade level at tomorrow's student assembly.

Principal Boynton reported the JHS Student Council will be visiting the State House. A state representative will assist with the House tour and speak to the student council members about the legislative process. June 11 is slated for an informational night for incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders.

## 10. Other Business

18-05-40

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Mr. Martin to vote to offer tuition for district provided bus driver training in return for a one-year commitment to drive for the district in return. A prorated refund of tuition will be required if a driver leaves before the agreed upon work is completed. Passed: 10-0-0.

18-05-41

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Ms. Boutin to go into executive session to discuss negotiations under 1MRSA § 405(6)A. Passed: 10-0-0.

Time In: 8:12 pm

Time Out: 8:26 pm

## Adjournment

18-05-42

Motion by Ms. Kugelmeyer, 2nd Ms. Chesley to vote to adjourn the meeting. Passed 10-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 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 June 14, 2018 at Lawrence Junior High School at 7:00 pm.