

Maine School Administrative District No. 49

School Board Meeting Minutes

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

MINUTES

December 7, 2017

A meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of School Directors was held on December 7, 2017 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

Boyden	: Present	Flood-Gerow	: Present	Michaud	: Present
Caverly	: Present	Knox	: Present	Rudnicki	: Present
Chesley	: Present	Kugelmeyer	: Present	Tompkins	: Present
Dumont	: Present	Liberty	: Present	Toto-Lawrence	: Present
		Martin	: Absent	Student Short	: Absent

Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

17-11-12

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Mr. Caverly to vote to accept the minutes from the November 16, 2017 board meeting. Passed: 10-0-2.

4. Citizen Input

Ms. Rudnicki reminded everyone to participate in the Hannaford Dollars for Education, the box tops for education program and to continue donating to the Bulldog Clothes Closet for grades K-12. Remember the elementary giving trees and Christmas for Teens.

5. Student Report

Student of the month winners at Lawrence High School for November were Zach Delile, Hailey Lounsbury, Abigail LaRochelle and Camryn Caldwell. Basketball season has started and MCI has joined the Lawrence/Skowhegan Bandits hockey team and has begun its season along with the indoor track team. JMG is conducting a fundraiser with the collection of pennies and dollars – the money goes towards the program and half to Mid Maine Homeless Shelter. The LHS Chorus and Band will perform their holiday concert December 13.

6. Old Business

Snowplowing at Lawrence Complex: following discussion, the Board directed that some board members and the Superintendent will attend the Fairfield Town Council Meeting on Wednesday,

December 13. The Board reaffirmed its priority of implementing a 2-year agreement that the Board approved at its November 16, 2017 meeting.

17-11-13

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Ms. Tompkins to vote to employ CMD for immediate plowing needs and to advertise for plowing for the duration of the 2017-18 season at the Lawrence Complex. Passed: 12-0-0.

Start time: Chair Rudnicki led a discussion on the daily school schedule, particularly the start time for grades 7-12. She asked the board to study the impact of possibly changing and options for schedules. The Superintendent has contacted the district physician requesting a presentation to the board on the medical and physiological issues around school schedules.

7. New Business

Resignations:

Maria Bouchard, Reading Recovery Teacher, Retirement, June 2018
Glenda Paradis, High School Science Teacher, Resignation, November 2017
Gail Lincoln, Reading Recover Teacher, Retirement, June 2018
Nancy Simpson, Director of Day Care, Retirement, December 2017
Steve Huber, High School Science Teacher, Retirement, June 2018
Falon Morin, High School English Teacher, Resignation, January 2018

Appointments:

For Information only. No Board action.

Volunteer	Position
Joe Higgins	LJHS Basketball
Mike Burkhart	LJHS Basketball
Derrick Raven	LHS Basketball
Cole Robinson	LHS Basketball
Matt Buck	LHS Basketball
Jon Doyen	LHS Basketball
Kaley Brown	LHS Basketball
Angela Leary	LHS Cheering
Stephanie Wallace	LHS Cheering
Kristin Rolfe	LHS Cheering
Sierra Thibodeau	LHS Track

8. Committee Reports

Policy Chair Mr. Michaud informed the board that the committee has recently reviewed the possibility of instituting student parking stickers. The committee plans a meeting with SRO Day to solicit his input. The committee was also concerned about ensuring that teachers make themselves available to parents before or after school.

Chair Rudnicki noted that this is the last meeting for Sherry Tompkins at the end of her 9 year tenure on the board. The board congratulated Ms. Tompkins and thanked her for her service.

9. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Baker reminded the board the early release on November 28 allowed faculty to complete almost all of the second and third assessments for each of the core objectives being assessed as proficiency measures.

Dr. Baker reported that Clinton Elementary School will complete an additional hour beyond the normal school day for the week. That time will count as state approved make up for a storm day.

Dr. Baker stated that the Holiday Concert for Clinton and Albion was held on December 6 with Benton to follow on December 11 and the Junior and Senior High School concerts would be following on December 12 and 13.

The Superintendent noted the NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) process for accreditation is starting. The school will send home a parent survey within the next few weeks and accreditation officials from NEASC will meet with Lawrence staff on December 12.

Operations Director Cheryl Bracket conveyed that the district recently applied for and was approved by Maine Power Options to purchase 6000 energy saving LED bulbs at no cost to the district. LED's are normally \$10 each. The district has been installing LED lights throughout the district over the past two years. The bulbs will amount to a great deal of savings over the next several years.

Principal Boynton reported the Lawrence Junior High School's Student Council held a food drive for the Fairfield Food Pantry. In addition, a group of 8th graders went to the Fairfield Food Pantry as a service project to help clean and organize – those who run the pantry were especially grateful, remarking that the students were able to organize in two hours what may have taken volunteers much more time. JHS Guidance received a donation from New Balance of 88 pairs of shoes and 110 items of apparel for our students.

Principal Lee reported Fairfield Primary's kindergarten classes met their Benton Buddies to share a book or work on an activity. The Albion PTA is sponsoring a Pot Luck Holiday Dinner December 15. This annual event includes photos with Santa and a grade level themed basket raffle.

Principal Gordon reported Clinton's Student Council completed their annual 'Hats for the Homeless' day, and collected over \$180 in donations and 3 large boxes of new hats along with scarves that were delivered to the Home for Little Wanderers. A trip to the Festival of Tress as Goodwill Hinckley is scheduled for next week and Miss Nutting's class will put on the play 'Hansel and Gretel'.

Principal Wedge congratulated the 82 Benton students in grades 4-6 who earned high honors and the 136 students who earned honors this quarter. The student council sponsored a food drive, collecting 1685 items to donate to the Fairfield Inter-Faith Food Pantry. The annual Benton Elementary craft fair is December 9. Historically this has been a huge success and the biggest fundraiser for the PTO.

10. Other Business

17-11-14

Motion by Ms. Tompkins, 2nd by Mr. Caverly to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue under 1MRSA § 405(6)D. Passed: 12-0-0.

Time In: 7:49 pm
Time Out: 8:10 pm

Adjournment

17-11-15

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully,



Dean P. Baker, Secretary to the Board

The next regular meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of Directors will be January 4, 2018 at Lawrence Junior High School at 7:00 pm.