

Maine School Administrative District No. 49

School Board Meeting Minutes

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

January 5, 2017

A meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of School Directors was held on January 5, 2017 at the 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	Martin	: Present
Caverly	: Present	Knox	: Present	Michaud	: Present
Chesley	: Present	Kugelmeyer	: Present	Rudnicki	: Present
Dumont	: Absent	Liberty	: Present	Tompkins	: Present
				Toto-Lawrence	: Present

Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

17-01-01

Motion by Ms. Tompkins, 2nd by Mr. Martin to vote to accept the minutes from the December 15, 2016 board meeting. Passed: 10-0-2.

4. Citizen Input

Ms. Rudnicki thanked community members for supporting Christmas for Teens and elementary school projects to assist needy students. Ms. Rudnicki urged members and the public to participate in the box tops for education program.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

- Jobs for Maine Grads: Principal Mark Campbell introduced Dwight Littlefield, Chief Operating Officer of Jobs for Maine Grads. He explained the history and current implementation of the JMG program at Lawrence. Operating at Lawrence High School for the last three years the student centered program builds student skills and self-confidence. JMB serves 91 schools in Maine. Ms. Sherry Haney and JMG teacher Katie Wood explained aspects of the JMG curriculum and program of activities. Two students, Fernando Cuares and Kerstin Grant relayed their JMG experiences to the board.

17-01-02

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Ms. Tompkins to vote to direct the superintendent to explore interest and terms among possible providers of Worker's Compensation for 2016-17. Passed: 12-0-0.

The superintendent distributed an information packet on the structure of workers compensation and the rate structure from Maine School Management Association. The superintendent recommended that the district explore options and invite representatives from MSMA and any interested vendor to speak with the finance committee about their programs.

Resignations:

Appointments:

8. Committee Reports

Facilities Chair Caverly reported the committee had met prior to the board meeting. The committee reviewed current number of buses, bus routes, bus runs and associated transportation issues. The committee noted the district has reduced the number of buses and bus routes in order to maximize cost savings over recent years. Mr. Caverly also noted that Oak Point is scheduled to submit the new school applications to the state in January.

Negotiations Chair Martin reported the committee will meet on January 17.

Mr. Liberty reviewed actions by the Mid Maine Technical Center Board.

Ms. Rudnicki reviewed the Fairfield Primary Community Meeting results from January 2. She also announced that the informational meeting for Albion is rescheduled for January 24 at 7:00 pm in Albion.

9. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Baker reported that the Mid Maine Technical Skills Competition will be held on January 11 from 4:30 to 7:30 and invited interested board members to attend in order to see students' work and view the facility.

Dr. Baker updated members with policy manual inserts.

Principal Gordon reported that the student council's next service project, the "Souper Bowl" is starting. Students and staff collect items for the food pantry.

Principal Hersom reported that eighth graders will visit Mid Maine Technical Center on January 20. The visit is part of the school's effort to consider career choices and nurture aspirations. Winterfest is scheduled for January 27 this year. Mrs. Genness is again volunteering to organize and direct the upcoming show.

Principal Wedge reported that the Lawrence PRIDE students led by Elon Firmage and Brian Jones performed three 20 minute puppet shows for Benton Elementary students in grades 1-3. Benton students learned the importance of making good choices and staying away from drugs and alcohol.

10. Other Business

Adjournment

17-01-03

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 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 January 19, 2017 at Lawrence Junior High School.