

Maine School Administrative District No. 49

School Board Meeting Minutes

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

MINUTES
CORRECTED

March 1, 2018

A meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of School Directors was held on March 1, 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	: Present	Flood-Gerow	: Present	Michaud	: Present
Boyden	: Present	Knox	: Present	Rudnicki	: Present
Caverly	: Present	Kugelmeyer	: Present	Toto-Lawrence	: Present
Chesley	: Absent	Liberty	: Present		
Dumont	: Present	Martin	: Present	Student Short	: Present

Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

18-03-01

Motion by Mr. Martin, 2nd by Ms. Boutin to vote to accept the minutes from the February 15, 2018 board meeting. Passed: 11-0-1.

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.

5. Student Report

LHS Guidance is holding an 8th grade parent night on March 14 to give students an opportunity to visit the high school. Juniors will take SAT's on April 10 and parent teacher conferences are March 7 and 8. The Maine Drama Festival is scheduled for the Williamson Center on March 9 and 10, LHS performs Saturday evening.

6. Old Business

SECOND READING

18-03-02

Motion by Mr. Martin, 2nd by Mr. Michaud to vote to approve the second reading of revised Policy IHBAC – Child Find, as presented by the policy committee. Passed: 12-0-0.

7. New Business

Executive Session: Passed over.

2018-2019 Budget Discussion – The board reviewed the superintendent’s proposed cuts to the budget. The initial 7% increase would be reduced to about 3.5%. Finance Committee Chair Boyden reviewed the impact of recent and proposed changes in EPS distribution. She noted, for instance, that the new system calls for the state funding of vocational centers directly rather than subsidizing districts for their respective costs. That change would show in the local budget as a reduction in both revenue and expenditure. It is also still unclear how much of those costs would still need to be paid for through local taxation. The finance committee will meet on Tuesday, March 6 to review the budget and develop a budget adoption time line.

Correction (added 3/16/18):

Motion by Mr. Liberty, no second to direct the superintendent to obtain secure main entrances at the Lawrence Complex.

Resignations:

Appointments:

8. Committee Reports

The finance committee will meet on Tuesday, March 6 at 4:30 to continue the budget development.

Negotiations Chair Martin noted that collective bargaining has begun with the teachers’ association and the committee would meet following this regular board meeting.

Board Chair Rudnicki reported that the public discussion meetings regarding changing school start time at district schools have continued and that meetings are scheduled at Clinton on March 12 and Benton on March 26 at 6:00 PM.

9. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Baker reported to the board that he sent a letter to parents regarding current state of heightened anxiety about school safety.

Principal Wedge reported that he and Ms. Blais asked Benton students to participate in the Winter Reading Challenge – 80 students participated. The student council raised \$4,500 during the read-a-thon to go towards upgrading Benton’s playground equipment.

Principal Boynton along with Mrs. Heinrich and other teacher volunteers are offering three weeks of intramural sports at the junior high. It will be a time to keep active during the break between winter and spring sports.

Principal Gordon reported that Clinton Elementary celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday with a week-long celebration of some of their favorite books. Clinton students raised over \$600 for the American Heart Association by participating in Jump Rope for Heart.

Principal Lee reported Fairfield Primary and Albion have been celebrating Read Across America. On March 3 Albion will hold an annual community readers day where they invite community members to participate in reading to small groups of students.

10. Other Business

Adjournment

18-03-03

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 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 March 15, 2018 at Lawrence Junior High School at 7:00 pm.