

Maine School Administrative District No. 49

School Board Meeting Minutes

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

MINUTES

March 15, 2018

A meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of School Directors was held on March 15, 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	: Absent	Knox	: Present	Rudnicki	: Present
Caverly	: Present	Kugelmeyer	: Present	Toto-Lawrence	: Present
Chesley	: Present	Liberty	: Present		
Dumont	: Absent	Martin	: Present	Student Short	: Present

Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

18-03-04

Motion by Ms. Kugelmeyer, 2nd by Ms. Boutin to vote to accept the corrected minutes from the March 1, 2018 board meeting. Passed: 11-0-1.

Correction: Mr. Liberty would like it noted under new business that the minutes omitted a discussion on school security and his motion to direct the superintendent to obtain secure main entries at the Lawrence Complex. The motion failed to receive a second and the topic was placed on the March 15 agenda for discussion.

4. Citizen Input

Student Caroline Lawrence currently enrolled in the USM nursing program relayed her experience as a first year student in the program. 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.

Board member Tim Martin relayed plans to obtain monetary donations to fund a district food pantry to be located in the Lawrence Complex. The program will be administered by the LHS Alumni Association.

5. Student Report

LHS juniors are preparing for the SATs. March 20 community colleges will hold a program called Early College for ME – participating students will be eligible for a \$2000 scholarship if they attend a community college. JMG held a regional career development conference at Thomas College. All District Chorus Concert is rescheduled for March 19, Jazz Combo is performing at the State Festival, and Lawrence Theatre Company received third place at the district festival. The girls track team was awarded the Northern Maine Class B Sportsmanship Award.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

Discussion on access at Lawrence Complex. The Superintendent reported that Cayer Security supplied an estimate of approximately \$15,500 to provide voice and video surveillance with automated locking for the four main entry points at the Lawrence Complex. Those are the high school and junior high main entrances, the Williamson Auditorium and the annex entry closest to the main building. The Superintendent pointed out that although the proposal would increase security on the main level, significant student traffic in and out of the building occurs throughout the day at the cafeteria entrance on the lower level. The district also can implement automatic locking software that is synchronized with the bell schedule, which would allow open access during class changes but would require buzz in once class was in session. Board members and the Superintendent noted that this proposal would not guarantee security and it has no provision for individual student identification for building entry between classes. The woodshop at the rear of the building would be locked and opened by the teacher for individual entry. Dr. Baker noted that the proposal would require substantial work for school secretaries to monitor the buzz in system and additional help might be required to maintain smooth office functions. The Superintendent observed that the buzz in proposal would provide deterrence but will not ensure safety.

18-03-05

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Mr. Knox to vote to direct the Superintendent to install the recommended buzz in system for the four main entry points plus the cafeteria and to activate a synchronized door locking program. Passed: 9-2-0.

Resignations:

Dan Bernardini, Ed. Tech. III – In House Suspension, Resignation Mach 2018

Appointments:

18-03-06

Motion by Ms. Boutin, 2nd by Ms. Kugelmeyer to vote to approve the Superintendent offering the following co-curricular spring positions as listed below. Passed: 10-0-1.

Name	Position	Stipend
Rusty Mercier	Baseball Varsity Coach	\$4680
John Hersom	Baseball JV Coach	\$2574
Joey Marcoux	Softball Varsity Coach	\$5070
Stacey Ramer	Softball JV Coach	\$2574
Tim Alberts	LHS Track Varsity Coach	\$4680
Peter Spears	LHS Asst. Track Coach	\$2574

TJ Hebert	LHS Asst. Track Coach	\$2340
Bill McKenzie	Lacrosse Boys Varsity Coach	\$2080
Gail Bucklin	Lacrosse Girls Varsity Coach	\$2080

18-03-07

Motion by Ms. Boutin, 2nd by Mr. Michaud to vote to approve the Superintendent offering the following co-curricular spring positions as listed below. Passed: 11-0-0.

Name	Position	Stipend
Stan Trombley	Baseball Grade 7 Coach	\$1040
Greg Chesley	Softball Grade 8 Coach	\$2080
Robert Morison	JHS Track Coach	\$2496
Sue Morris	JHS Track Asst. Coach	\$1300
Heather Johnson	Softball Grade 7 Coach	\$1040

8. Committee Reports

Chair Rudnicki reported that she had held two more informational sessions on the school start time and that another is scheduled for March 26 at 6:00 pm in Benton. Her committee will make recommendations to the board for action on March 29. The board will hold a workshop on April 5 at 7:00 pm in the Williamson Conference Room.

9. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Baker reported the district used snow days on March 8 and March 14. State law requires that we make a day up for seniors and he requested direction from the board. After discussion of various plans, the board directed we stay an extra hour for one week to make up one snow day.

18-03-08

Motion by Ms. Martin, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to vote to extend the school day for one hour for a week to make up a snow day. Passed: 10-0-1.

Dr. Baker reported the district has received its license and state approval to conduct a bus driver training school. He commended the transportation department and the adult education director for collaborating to make this happen.

Superintendent Baker proposed a time line for the 2018-19 budget development process. He also reported that the MEA notified us that the highest insurance premium increase would be 9% and possibly less if our experience factor is favorable.

Benton Principal Wedge reported the MEA test sessions will begin March 20 and continue until April 5. Mrs. Blais and Mr. Wedge had a hot cocoa social with grades 1-3 students. The annual PTO Father Daughter Dance is March 24 – the theme for the night is Ties and Tiaras. The PTO is selling Dunkin Donut Cards for \$25 – you get a free coffee each Sunday per location.

Principal Boynton recently had a former Clinton Elementary teacher visit the science classes. Mr. Willie Grenier taught at Clinton Elementary for 35 years and happened to be Mr. Rodrigue's 7th grade

science teacher. Mr. Grenier was an active member of Trout Unlimited and played a huge role in the restoration of the Kennebec Watershed and the conservation of Atlantic salmon. Mr. Grenier's visit was timely and provided students with a real life application of the curriculum they are currently studying.

Principal Gordon reported the Clinton students have been preparing for the state assessments. The Clinton Masons are sponsoring the reading program Bikes for Books again this year. Students can enter a lottery by reading and then a boy and a girl from each grade level receive a new bike and helmet in May.

Ms. Lee reported the students from Albion had a visit from Unity College students who presented two theater performances based on Dr. Seuss books. Fairfield Primary pre-K invited families to attend their annual math event. Developmental milestones and tips to help children become more independent as they prepare to transition to kindergarten were reviewed.

10. Other Business

Executive Session: passed over

Adjournment

18-03-09

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd Mr. Michaud to vote to adjourn the meeting. Passed 11-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 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 March 29, 2018 at Lawrence Junior High School at 7:00 pm.