

# Maine School Administrative District No. 49

## School Board Meeting Minutes

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207-453-4200

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April 27, 2017

A meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of School Directors was held on April 27, 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	Michaud	: Present
Caverly	: Present	Knox	: Present	Rudnicki	: Present
Chesley	: Present	Kugelmeyer	: Present	Tompkins	: Present
Dumont	: Present	Liberty	: Present	Toto-Lawrence	: Present
		Martin	: Present	Student Gibson	: Absent

### Pledge of Allegiance

### 3. Approval of Minutes

17-04-10

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Martin to vote to accept the minutes from the April 6, 2017 board meeting. Passed: 12-0-1.

### 4. Citizen Input

Elon Firmage addressed the board with his concerns about budget cuts. In particular he addressed concern about elimination of freshman sports teams.

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

### 5. Student Report

### 6. Old Business

#### Second Reading

17-04-11

Motion by Ms. Thompson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Liberty to vote to approve the second reading of Policy EBCD Unscheduled Closings by the policy committee. Passed: 13-0-0.

## 7. New Business

Student Recognition – James LeBlanc – the board commended Mr. LeBlanc, MPA award winner.

17-04-12

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Kugelmeyer to vote to approve a 2017-18 budget of \$26,202,792.84 including an adult education budget of \$265,241.14. Passed: 13-0-0.

17-04-13

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Caverly to vote to approve that the Superintendent be authorized to have the budget meeting warrant include an article to establish a capital reserve fund and to transfer \$500,000 from unallocated balances and/or MainePERS funds to that capital reserve fund, provided that the capital reserve fund shall only be expended upon approval of the RSU budget meeting or other RSU meeting of voters. Passed: 13-0-0.

17-04-14

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Martin to vote to approve that the Superintendent be authorized to have the budget meeting warrant include an article, or as recommended by legal counsel, articles, to provide for the disposition of unanticipated state aid as follows: for local tax reduction; for additional expenditures; and to transfer to the capital reserve fund. Passed: 13-0-0.

### Resignations:

Anne Haywood – Elementary Special Education Teacher – retirement 5/2017

### Appointments:

## 8. Committee Reports

Finance Committee Chair Boyden reported that the committee has met repeatedly and completed the 2017-18 budget proposal.

## 9. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Baker reported the district held early release on April 10. Faculty worked on developing the format for reporting student progress to parents using both traditional and standards based information. Proficiency committee will meet again to follow up their work on May 2.

MEA testing is on-going in science.

Principal Lee reported high school theater teacher Kailey Smith brought her class to Fairfield Primary – they presented *Adaptations of Jack in the Beanstock, The Three Little Pigs* and *The Paper Bag Princess* for all the kindergarten children. High school students were Hannah Crommett, Lizzie Murray, Jillian Thompson, Blaise Garcia and Noah Grindstaff.

Mrs. Lee reported Albion Elementary held student led conferences with an art show before the April break.

Principal Gordon reported Clinton Elementary pre-K students celebrated the Week of the Young Child with a myriad of activities.

Principal Wedge reported Benton Elementary had 47 students in grades 4-6 receive a \$100 scholarship from the Future of Maine from Taconnet Federal Credit Union. The manager of Hannaford notified Mr. Wedge that the Benton PTO has been selected to receive \$1000 from Hannaford Helps Schools – this will be used to support future student activities.

Principal Hersom reported Grade 8 student Zachary Delile has qualified for the National History Bee competition in Atlanta, Georgia on June 1-4.

## **10. Other Business**

Principal Brian Wedge and Assistant Principal Pam Blais facilitated a discussion on the effects of stress on cognitive development as well as discussion on individual differences in brain function and structure, the effects of motivation and interest on memory formulation.

## **Adjournment**

17-04-15

Motion by Ms. Tompkins, 2nd Mr. Michaud to vote to adjourn the meeting. Passed 13-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 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 May 4, 2017 at Lawrence Junior High School.