

Maine School Administrative District No. 49

School Board Meeting Minutes

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

MINUTES

October 5, 2017

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

Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

17-10-01

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Mr. Michaud to vote to accept the minutes from the September 21, 2017 board meeting. Passed: 10-0-1.

Lawrence High School Student Cody Short will join the board as student representative for the 2017-18 school year.

4. Citizen Input

Chair Rudnicki reminded everyone to participate in the Hannaford Schools Donations program, to continue bringing in the box tops for education and to continue donating to the Bulldog Clothes Closet for grades K-12.

5. Student Report

Mr. Short reported that last week was spirit week, with participation and activities involving staff and students. Fall sports are wrapping up. Mr. Firmage at student assembly shared that Lawrence is ranked #2 across central Maine high schools in SAT scores. Marching Band is hosting a competition on October 21, guidance is scheduling visits from colleges and student attendance is at 94%. Students and teachers are working to make our school a great place to be.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

First Reading

17-10-02

Motion by Ms. Tompkins, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to vote to approve the first reading of Policy JLF – Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect as presented by the Policy Committee. Passed: 11-0-0.

17-10-03

Motion by Ms. Tompkins, 2nd by Mr. Martin to vote to approve the first reading to delete Policy IGDK – Eligibility for Athletic/Co-Curricular Activities as presented by the Policy Committee. Passed: 11-0-0.

Resignations:

Appointments:

17-10-04

Motion by Mr. Caverly, 2nd by Ms. Kugelmeyer to vote to approve the superintendent offering Tam Patenaude a position as custodian, as his 90-day probation is complete. Passed: 11-0-0.

8. Committee Reports

Facilities Committee Chair Caverly reported they had toured the house adjacent to the superintendent's office and will discuss the property at a future committee meeting. The committee also discussed maintenance of vehicles, installation of a lift in the bus garage, status of new school application and bids for snow plowing. The district only received one bid which as for \$110,000. Operations Director Brackett stated that the Fairfield Town Manager had contacted her regarding the town's practice of plowing the Lawrence Complex. She said that the town noticed the district was going out to bid for plowing and determined that in that case the school's should add Lawrence to the bid and the town may stop plowing. Following the discussion, the board directed the superintendent to contact the town manager to discuss the situation and determine what the issues are. He will then send an email to the board detailing his findings.

9. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Baker reported that district teachers participated in the grade 1-12 common district writing prompt scoring workshop today. Dr. Baker also met with all district special education teachers to discuss proficiency reporting for students on IEPs on the new report card format starting this fall.

Superintendent Baker informed the board that parent/teacher conferences took place over the last two nights.

Dr. Baker reported that the district-wide school evacuation drills have gone smoothly and commended the students and staff for their purposeful demeanor during the drills.

The Superintendent announced the district plans for an early release on October 18. The teachers and staff have planned workshops in NEWSELA and NEO, new programs involving student data.

Dr. Baker noted the State School Facilities Site Visit is confirmed for November 14.

Dr. Baker reminded the board that MSMA Fall Conference is October 26 and 27. He distributed information and a sign-up sheet to all who are interested in attending.

Principal Wedge reported Lynn Hamlin, Benton's technology teacher is starting a 6th grade Robotics Club. Mrs. Hamlin put in for a grant and received approximately \$800 worth of equipment. Mr. Wedge also shared that Benton Elementary was recognized as one of the most improved schools in the state for Science. The state MEA average is 62% proficient, Benton students scored 72% proficient.

Assistant Principal Boynton reported the junior high has been working on service projects. Homerooms have been working on aiding those affected by recent hurricanes, building a community book-lending library, and breast cancer awareness.

Principal Gordon announced that two Clinton Elementary students won bikes from the Department of Education as participants in the summer readers program. Congratulations to Jayla Jandreau and Wyatt Pelletier for reading 600 minutes over the summer.

Principal Lee reported Fairfield Primary and Albion Elementary are working on improving work habits and positive statements by displaying proficiency statements throughout the classrooms. i.e.: I can work hard and never give up, I can play safely, I can respect myself and others, I can make responsible choices.

10. Other Business

17-10-05

Motion by Ms. Tompkins, 2nd by Mr. Caverly to go into executive session to interview a candidate for LJHS principal under 1MRSA § 405(6)D. Passed: 11-0-0.

Time In: 7:50 pm
Time Out: 8:28 pm

17-10-06

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Ms. Tompkins to offer Sean Boynton the position of principal of Lawrence Junior High School as negotiated. Passed: 11-0-0.

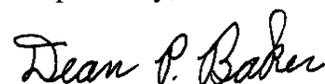
Adjournment

17-10-07

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 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 October 19 at Clinton Elementary School 7:00 pm.