

Maine School Administrative District No. 49

School Board Meeting Minutes

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

December 15, 2016

A meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of School Directors was held on December 15, 2016 at the Junior High School.

1. The school board meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Neal Caverly, at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call & Declaration of Quorum

Boyden	: Present	Flood-Gerow	: Absent	Liberty	: Present
Caverly	: Present	Kinley	: Present	Martin	: Present
Chesley	: arrived @ 7:07	Knox	: Present	Michaud	: Present
Dumont	: arrived @ 7:04	Kugelmeyer	: Present	Rudnicki	: Absent
				Tompkins	: Present

Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

16-12-08

Motion by Ms. Tompkins, 2nd by Mr. Martin to vote to accept the minutes from the December 1, 2016 board meeting. Passed: 9-0-1.

4. Citizen Input

Mr. Caverly indicated the Christmas for Teens donations are underway. Mr. Martin reported a \$200 gift from the LHS Alumni Association as well as individual gifts from the board members were donated. Mr. Caverly reminded the audience and board members of needs for the Lawrence Clothes Closet.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

- Discussion of Board Letter: The board discussed a draft of its letter to the public on facility planning and a state application for new school construction form. Mr. Kinley urged members to take input rather than stipulate positions while at the information meetings planned for January. Ms. Kugelemeyer and Mr. Martin echoed their preference for input before decisions are made on details of a proposed school.
- Discussion of Co-curricular Handbooks: Mr. Packard and Mr. Matulis answered questions regarding the co-curricular handbook. Board members offered comments and opinions stressing that the same rules should apply to all students with clear penalties laid out for violations.

Resignations:

Dennis West, Bus Driver, retirement – August 2017

Appointments:

16-12-09

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Mr. Martin to authorize the Superintendent to offer Bradley Carr a position in the maintenance department, as his 90 day probation period is complete. Passed: 11-0-0.

16-12-10

Motion by Ms. Tompkins, 2nd by Mr. Martin to authorize the Superintendent to offer Brittany Robbins a position as a mathematics teacher at Lawrence High School. Passed: 11-0-0.

8. Committee Reports

Finance Chair Ms. Boyden reported that the finance committee reviewed the 2015 audit with the auditor and the committee met prior to the board meeting. The auditor determined that revenues and expenses were shown appropriately and accurately. The auditor noted that the audit was late for 2015 because the bookkeeping department did not produce materials on schedule. A corrective action plan is in place and being followed. The auditor also noted that fiscal controls are strong in this district with multiple safeguards in place to prevent fraud or theft. The auditor also asked that the district request a waiver until January for the 2016 audit. All materials from the district have already been sent to the auditors.

9. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Baker reported the district social studies committee met on December 13. This is the year for social studies curricular cycle review. The group stated they were satisfied with the current curricular content and organization. The committee is not recommending changes except to review a possible sequence change in grade 7 and 8. Dr. Baker reported that the committee is preparing instructional pacing charts that will detail the anticipated amount of time required to teach the objectives in the curriculum. The committee will also prepare the proficiency assessments matrix. Other subjects have already completed their respective charts.

Mrs. Hersom reported on the 7-12 lockdown drill. Resource officers from area schools assisted in conducting the drills. Mrs. Hersom and Mr. Campbell noted they were very pleased with the serious response of students and staff.

Dr. Baker noted this is the final meeting of long-serving board member Stewart Kinley. The board and audience gave Mr. Kinley a standing ovation in recognition of his exemplary service.

The Superintendent distributed an article from the 'New Yorker' entitled 'Stop Humiliating Teachers' as food for thought on issues facing education.

Mrs. Hersom reported that the JHS robotics team earned 3's and 4's (accomplished and Exemplary) in all categories at the December 10 competition and scored first place in the Inspiration category. LJHS

has ten students performing at the KVMEA Festival hosted by Belfast Area High School in February and music teacher, Brittany Genness will be the conductor for the band that weekend.

10. Other Business

Vice Chair Caverly extended his thanks to Mr. Kinley and expressed the boards' wishes for a speedy recover for Mrs. Rudnicki.

Adjournment

16-12-07

Motion by Ms. Tompkins, 2nd Mr. Caverly to vote to adjourn the meeting. Passed 9-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 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 5, 2017 at Lawrence Junior High School.