

Maine School Administrative District No. 49

School Board Meeting Minutes

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

January 7, 2016

A meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of School Directors was held on January 7, 2016 at the Lawrence 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	Grenier	: Present	Michaud	: Present
Caverly	: Absent	Kinley	: arrived @ 7:44	Rudnicki	: Present
Chesley	: Present	Knox	: Present	Tompkins	: Present
Dumont	: Present	Liberty	: Present	Student Dyer	: Present
Fitzpatrick	: Present	Martin	: Present		

Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

16-01-01

Motion by Ms. Tompkins, 2nd by Mr. Grenier to vote to accept the minutes from the December 3, 2015 board meeting. Passed: 10-0-1.

4. Student Report

Kayden Dyer reported that LHS guidance is holding a financial aid informational meeting tonight. FAME will provide an overview of financial aid for parents and students. KVCC will be holding "Admit in a Day" on January 14. Student transcripts will be reviewed by a KVCC representative and given an immediate decision regarding acceptance into the school. MMTC is holding an open house January 13, the Lawrence Theatre Company is presenting *Into The Woods* on January 14-16 at 7:00 PM. Final exams are January 20 and 21. Current students of the month are Kassie Lewis, freshman; Hannah Walsh, sophomore; Ryan Pellerin, junior; and McKenna Rogers, senior.

5. Citizen Input

Chair Rudnicki reminded members of the public that the box tops for education program is operating at all elementary schools and the bulldog clothes closet continues to provide free clothing and personal items for any student in need without question. Contributions can be made for both.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

Grant Possibilities: Shelby Rudnicki presented a PowerPoint on possible grant resources through donorschoose.org. The program allows teachers to post proposed projects needing grant support, particularly for small to mid-range projects. Principal Lori Lee reported that the program is very worthwhile and that teachers used the site last year to support classroom projects.

Ms. Rudnicki welcomed Mr. Tim Martin and Mr. Shawn Knox as new Fairfield board member representatives.

Resignations:

Gale Rodrigue, LJHS Special Education Teacher, Retirement, June 2016

Robert Colford, Maintenance Department, Retirement, August 2016

Appointments:

16-01-02

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Ms. Chesley to vote to authorize the Superintendent to issue a contract to Marcus Mixer as an Education Technician II for special education. Passed: 11-0-0.

8. Committee Reports

Mr. Fitzpatrick reminded board members that the Mid Maine Technical Center Local Skills Championships will be held at the center on January 13 from 4:30 – 7:30.

The facilities committee will meet January 19 at 4:30 pm in the Superintendent's Office to discuss projects for the 2016-17 budgets and issues related to new school approval.

Ms. Rudnicki indicated the finance committee would hold a meeting to invite public input for the 2016-17 budget before the board begins the budget development process.

9. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Baker reported that the LHS will present the play *Into the Woods* January 14-16 at 7:00 pm in the Williamson Center.

Principal Gordon reported the Clinton student council sponsored a PJ/movie day with a holiday concert – it was well attended.

Asst. Principal Packard informed the board that Benton band and chorus presented their annual holiday concert on December 14 to a near capacity crowd at the Williamson Center. The Benton Giving Tree program was successful this year. It provided gifts to approximately 135 students.

Principal Lee reported that Linda Williams (teacher Heather Salley's mother) knitted mittens for every student at Fairfield Primary. Mrs. Williams, with the help of her friends, also knitted hats for all the children at Fairfield Primary and Albion Elementary. Thank you Mrs. Williams!

Principal Hersom informed the board that all grade 8 students visited MMTC on January 20. Students will explore the programs offered and have the opportunity to ask questions.

10. Other Business

16-01-03

Motion by Mr. Grenier, 2nd by Ms. Tompkins to go into executive session to discuss contract negotiations under 1MRSA § 405(6)D. Passed: 11-0-0.

Time In: 7:35 pm

Time Out: 8:00 pm

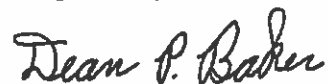
Adjournment

16-01-04

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 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 21, 2016 at Lawrence Junior High School.