

Maine School Administrative District No. 49

School Board Meeting Minutes

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

MINUTES

September 21, 2017

A meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of School Directors was held on September 21, 2017 at Benton Elementary 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	: Arrived @ 7:05	Michaud	: Present
Caverly	: Present	Knox	: Present	Rudnicki	: Present
Chesley	: Arrived @ 7:03	Kugelmeyer	: Absent	Tompkins	: Present
Dumont	: Absent	Liberty	: Present	Toto-Lawrence	: Present
		Martin	: Present		

Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

17-09-10

Motion by Mr. Martin, 2nd by Mr. Liberty to vote to accept the minutes from the September 7, 2017 board meeting. Passed: 7-0-2.

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. Old Business

6. New Business

Discussion on Saturday afternoon varsity football game. District resident Mr. Gary Goldsmith addressed the board about his desire to schedule football games on Saturday afternoons. He stated that Friday night games require extra expense for lights and provide a cold and uncomfortable environment for senior citizens to watch the game. He also noted that visibility is better during the day. Mr. Eric Lunt spoke in opposition to that proposal citing the low actual cost for lights, the long tradition at Lawrence and reserving Saturdays for family time. Much discussion followed and the board thanked Mr. Goldsmith for bringing his concerns to the Board

Chair Rudnicki directed that the board consider the agenda in different order. Principal reports on the 2016-17 Instructional Improvement Plans as the last item for the meeting.

Resignations:

Appointments:

17-09-11

Motion by Ms. Tompkins, 2nd by Mr. Martin to vote to approve the Superintendent offering 2017-18 co-curricular positions as listed below. Passed: 9-0-1.

Name	Position	Stipend
Sarah Hebert	National Honor Society	\$1560
Heather Fuller	LJHS Robotics	\$1100
Marc Maheu	LJHS Robotics	\$1100
Mason Peterson	LJHS Drama Coach	\$2080

8. Committee Reports

Policy Committee Chair Michaud reported the policy committee had recently considered several items. Those included rules and procedures for the use of Chrome Books, finalizing details on the athletic policy, including a proposal to delete existing Policy IGDK on eligibility, update child abuse reporting and the proposed report cards.

Mr. Liberty, representative to the Mid Maine Technical Center Governance Board, reported on its recent meeting and noted the year started well although there are concerns about state proposal to change the management and organizational structure of centers.

Finance Committee Boyden noted that the committee had met immediately prior to the board meeting. The committee met new finance director Tara Thompson, reviewed the status of the on-going audit and discussed proposed state changes shifting responsibility for preschool special education costs to local districts.

Mr. Martin noted the Lawrence High School Hall of Fame Committee met and selected 11 inductees for the current year. The Alumni Association will host an event October 1 at 2pm at the T&B Event Center in Waterville. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact Mr. Martin

9. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Baker reported on the broken sewage pipes at the entrance to the Lawrence complex. The district had to block the road while crews located, repaired and disinfected the area. Two breaks in the pipes were repaired.

Superintendent Baker informed the board that grades 7-12 practiced an evacuation drill by walking to the Fairfield Village Park. Dr. Baker commended the student body for its serious and purposeful demeanor during the drill. Elementary schools will be conducting similar drills in coming weeks.

Dr. Baker reminded board members that the MSMA Fall Conference will be held October 26 and 27. The preliminary agenda is available online and he encouraged members to attend.

The Superintendent discussed a state department proposal to shift responsibility and cost of special education for children ages 3-5 to local school budgets. He expressed serious concern that this will become another un-funded state mandate with the cost escalating each year to local districts while the state reduces their support, similar to our experience with the teacher retirement system. He urged board members to contact local legislators to oppose proposed regulations or to ensure complete state funding of them.

Dr. Baker noted the district writing prompt has been administered to students and faculty will score writing prompts on October 5.

Dr. Baker distributed various grade level samples of the proposed standards based report cards. The board reviewed and discussed the proposed system of assessments and parental reporting on progress toward mastery.

17-09-12

Motion by Mr. Liberty, 2nd by Mr. Caverly to vote to approve the standards based system for assessment and reporting to parents as presented. Passed: 11-0-0.

Principal Campbell reported that homecoming activities will run throughout next week, culminating in a parade and football game Friday evening.

Principal Wedge reported Mr. Dangler, Benton's new phys. ed. teacher is launching the Benton Bulldog Running Club for grades 4-6. LC Bates visited for the first time this year to inform 2nd graders about different habitats of Maine. The Principal's Summer Challenge had 183 student participants this year.

Principal Gordon informed the board that Clinton students and staff raised \$384 to contribute to relief efforts in Texas. The Clinton PTO won 2nd place in the float contest this year at the Clinton Fair. Clinton is fortunate to have such a great group who are already planning future activities for the students.

Principal Lee reported that Fairfield Primary and Albion Elementary have been practicing lock down drills and fire drills.

10. Other Business

Conflict of Interest Statement (No Motion Necessary)

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Company</u>
Jenny Boyden	HealthReach Community Health Centers
Neal Caverly	Caverly Farms, LLC
Katrina Dumont	Personali-Tease Hair Styles
Katie Flood-Gerow	Let's Get Ready
Shawn Knox	Mestek-Formtek Inc.
Kara Kugelmeyer	Colby College
Caroline Toto-Lawrence	Caring Hands
Timothy Martin	Cornerstone Insurance & Knockerball Maine LLC
Shelley Rudnicki	Shelley's Used Cars
Sherry Tompkins	Maine Department of Transportation

5 Minute BREAK: 8:15 pm

Principals presented their reports on 2016-17 Instructional Improvement Plan Results. The presentations gave board members the opportunity to learn more detail about the plans and ask questions.

Adjournment

17-09-13

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dean P. Baker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'D' and 'B'.

Dean P. Baker, Secretary to the Board

The next regular meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of Directors will be October 5 at Lawrence Junior High School at 7:00 pm.