

# Maine School Administrative District No. 49

## School Board Meeting Minutes

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

### MINUTES

November 2, 2017

A meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of School Directors was held on November 2, 2017 at Lawrence Junior High School.

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

**2. Roll Call & Declaration of Quorum**

Boyden	: Present	Flood-Gerow	: Present	Michaud	: Present
Caverly	: Present	Knox	: Present	Rudnicki	: arrived @ 7:08
Chesley	: Present	Kugelmeyer	: Absent	Tompkins	: Present
Dumont	: arrived @ 7:02	Liberty	: Absent	Toto-Lawrence	: Present
		Martin	: Present	Student Short	: Present

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

17-11-01

Motion by Ms. Tompkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Michaud to vote to accept the minutes from the October 19, 2017 board meeting. Passed: 9-0-1.

**4. Citizen Input**

**5. Student Report**

Mr. Short reported 22 students involved in JMG, Pride and NHS participated in a field trip to Hyde School to attend a student leadership workshop. LHS Football is in the playoffs, marching band ended their season with a final score of 4 stars out of 5 and the guidance department is scheduling visits from various colleges to speak to high school students.

**6. Old Business**

- Review of 2017-18 Instructional Improvement Plans: Principals were present to review the 2017-18 Instructional Improvement Plans that had been distributed at the last meeting.
- Snowplowing at Lawrence Complex: Board members had previously received the Town of Fairfield's response to the draft the board voted on at its last meeting.

17-11-02

Motion by Mr. Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Tompkins to vote to table the snowplowing issue for a future meeting. Passed: 11-0-0.

## **7. New Business**

### **Resignations:**

Cathy Oxley, Benton Librarian, Resignation June 2018

### **Appointments:**

## **8. Committee Reports**

Negotiations Committee Chair Martin reported that the negotiations committee met this week to start preparation for collective bargaining contracts with the teachers and the Employees' Association.

Facilities Committee Chair Caverly noted the committee met prior to the board meeting and had discussed plowing, responses to severe weather and air testing at Benton.

The dropout prevention committee met recently and noted an improving attendance rate with a positive impact by the BARR program, Adult Education and work study.

## **9. Superintendent's Report**

Assistant Superintendent Hersom reported that flu clinics are on-going across the district and some have been postponed as the result of the storm.

Dr. Baker noted the district schools lost power on Monday and there was no school district-wide. Power was gradually restored with Albion and Clinton closed on Tuesday and Clinton on Wednesday.

Superintendent Baker reported the science and social studies committees continue district work of creating the second and third backup assessments for proficiency reporting. Those will be due by early April.

Dr. Baker noted there were not enough students to fill the freshman girls basketball team and Athletic Director David Packard reported that very few high schools now offer a freshman girls basketball team. Dr. Baker stated that he plans to move the freshman coach, Rusty Mercier, to junior varsity unless someone reports concerns to him.

Dr. Baker reported that annual testing for lead in the water supply has been completed in all schools. All buildings are consistently very low and completely safe.

Principal Gordon reported Clinton kindergarten classes have visited the Clinton Fire Department and the Clinton Library over the past few weeks. Students had an opportunity to sit in a fire truck and obtain a library card. First graders traveled to Benton Elementary to visit the Planetarium.

Principal Wedge held Benton's first quarter school wide assembly, taking the opportunity to recognize students for great attendance and student of the week. He discussed DIP, explaining that it happens after the excitement of taking on new challenges wears off – teachers will be working with their students this quarter to help them push through the DIP. Grades 1-5 had classes in fire safety and the 4<sup>th</sup> graders had the opportunity to experience the Smoke House. Benton is very thankful for the time the Fire Department volunteered to work with Benton students.

Principal Lee reported Fairfield Primary's Mrs. Salley recently acquired funding at donorschoole.org for a classroom project called "Making Language Workshop Come Alive!". The resources will arrive soon.

## 10. Other Business

17-11-03

Motion by Mr. Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Michaud to go into executive session to interview a candidate for LJHS assistant principal under 1MRSA § 405(6)D. Passed: 11-0-0.

Time In: 7:29 pm

Time Out: 8:02 pm

17-11-04

Motion by Ms. Tompkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Martin to offer Laura Reynolds the position of assistant principal of Lawrence Junior High School as negotiated. Passed: 11-0-0.

## Adjournment

17-11-05

Motion by Ms. Tompkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Martin to vote to adjourn the meeting. Passed 11-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 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 November 16 at Lawrence Junior High School at 7:00 pm.