

MSSA School Nutrition Committee  
Wednesday, May 25, 2016 – 11:00 a.m.  
Conference Call Meeting Minutes

Those Present: Chair Emil Genest, Tim Doak, Susan Pratt, Elaine Tomaszewski and Bill Webster. Absent: Andrew Dolloff

Others Present: Walter Beesley, Child Nutrition Program Coordinator

1. Introductions were made.
2. Student maximum pricing.

Facts/History student pricing:

The current maximum price for school year 2016 was set at \$3.00 per student paid lunch. Districts can still ask for a waiver to exceed this price, DOE has 5 requests for price waivers this year, and all were granted. (St. Brigid, RSU 60, Gorham, Five Town CSD and Spurwink).

Reimbursement rates for lunch SY 2015 were:

- Free \$3.07
- Reduced \$2.67
- Paid \$.29
- Plus approximately \$.06/lunch in Maine subsidy for public schools as part of State match requirement.
- USDA food offered value of product \$.28 per lunch.

The price equity law requirement/goal is in effect via a gradual process:

<http://maine.gov/doe/nutrition/financial/documents/PriceEquityTool2017SP09-2016-PLEMemo.pdf> for more information.

Upon recommendation of Walter Beesley, Bill Webster moved, Susan Pratt seconded, and the Committee unanimously voted to maintain the maximum student lunch paid price at \$3.00 with the understanding DOE/CN will review and grant student price waivers as appropriate. The purpose to set this \$3.00 price is to make meals affordable for students and parents.

USDA topics update:

- Professional standards requirements – Mr. Beesley explained multiple options for staff training (other than the August DOE training).
- Price equity law

It was also noted the percentage of free and reduced eligible students is increasing statewide. This year: 47.98% (v) SY 2011: 44.14% and SY 2006: 34.62%

Motion to adjourn by Bill Webster, seconded by Susan Pratt. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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