

**MSSA School Nutrition Committee**  
**Monday, June 22, 2015, 1:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Present: Bob Hasson, Tim Doak, Bill Webster, Emil Genest. Excused: Andrew Dolloff and Susan Pratt.  
Others: Walter Beesley, Child Nutrition Program Coordinator

Introductions were conducted.

Child Nutrition Program Coordinator reviewed the following agenda topics:

1. Student maximum pricing

Facts/History student pricing:

The current price max for school year 2015 was set at \$3.00 per student paid lunch. Districts can still ask for a waiver to exceed this price, it requires a simple one page of questions to make the district really think about the request. DOE had 3 requests for price waivers this year, and all were granted. (St. Brigid, Mt. Merici, Five Towns CSD)

Reimbursement rates for lunch SY2015 were:

- Free \$2.98
- Reduced \$2.58
- Paid \$.28
- Plus if district submitted for the Performance Based reimbursement, they got an additional \$.06 per lunch.
- Plus approximately \$.06/lunch in Maine subsidy for public schools as part of State match requirement.

The price equity law requirement/goal is \$2.70 per paid lunch school year 2016.

Upon recommendation of Walter Beesley, Webster moved, Doak 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
- Price equity law
- Community eligibility program

It is also noted that the Chair of the MSSA School Nutrition Committee should follow up and possibly attend future School Nutrition Directors Association meetings.

Chair, Emil Genest, will follow up with Bob Hasson to inquire how Superintendents can be better informed of Child Nutrition Program policy changes.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.