

AMENDED MINUTES OF M.S.A.D. #46 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, September 3, 2008 – 7:00 PM
Dexter Regional High School ATM Room

I. Opening

At 7:00 p.m., Vice-Chairman Shawn Lancaster called the meeting to order and declared a quorum with eleven (11) members present: Michael Bennett, Richard Bilodeau, Jr., Steven Crane, Steven Foster, Shawn Lancaster, Sherree Mitchell, Andrea Rollins, Allen Ross, Gerrard Rudmin, Patricia Smith, and Barbara Wakefield.

Excused: John Parola and Gary Perkins.

Also in attendance: Stephen Bell, David Fournier, David Gudroe, Michael Keyte, Lucy Mallar, Thelma Regan,

Juliana Richard, Nicholas Vafiades, and Terry Wood.

II. Approval of Minutes – August 20, 2008

The Vice-Chairman declared the Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting of August 20, 2008, approved as printed.

III. Correspondence

IV. Public Participation

V. Reports by Administrators/Directors

Stephen Bell:

- The official count at the high school as of September 2, 2008, was 287 students. The staff is adjusting well to the overall reduction in teaching positions at the high school. Mrs. Hartel and Mrs. Mountain did an excellent job of creating the master schedule and keeping class sizes manageable.
- The staff at the high school has been very receptive to the idea of placing study halls in the regular classroom. Schedules and rosters have been distributed and this initiative begins on Monday. A reminder to the Board that this eliminates the study hall monitor position from Dexter Regional High School based on her resignation, which should result in some savings for this year's budget.
- The opening of school went smoothly with several staff members remarking this was the best opening they have experienced. The Borestone Mountain outing/teambuilding went great on Monday. The staff obtained a lot of useful information from the advisory training Tuesday afternoon (thanks to Peter Devine). The freshmen/new student orientation day on Wednesday was its usual success with both the Key Club and Student Council helping out throughout the day. Thursday and Friday were business as usual with very few problems. Add/Drop ends on Thursday.
- Homecoming weekend will be September 26 and 27, 2008. All of the information regarding games and activities will be distributed as the weekend approaches. Color Games, a Seeds of Peace initiative, will take place on September 25, 2008, and most will likely become an annual part of homecoming.
- In the upcoming AYP reports, you will see that DRHS has made AYP in the following areas: Graduation Rate, Participation, Economically Disadvantaged for both Reading and Math and whole school for Math. We did not make AYP in Reading for the whole school and in the sub category of Students with Disabilities. We are pending Safe Harbor in four categories that may or may not change our AYP status.
- The teaching staff's focus at the high school for the year is to rewrite and update our Local Assessment Plan (LAP). Staff meetings and department meetings will have time dedicated to this purpose. Regardless of the state's moratorium on LAP's, we are going to have a complete set of updated core assessments in all core classes at DRHS.
- There is a small grass roots effort to create an Adam Craig (local Olympic bike racer) Day in the near future. This would involve the whole district from Exeter to the High School and is in the very early phases of planning. Anyone who has idea or would like to have some input can contact Robyn Keyte or Peter Devine at the High School.

Julie Richard:

Exeter Consolidated School:

- Great start to the school year. Room shifts which were made to adjust to the additional third grade class are working well. We are looking forward to Open House on September 11, 2008, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Exeter school will attend the Common Ground Fair on September 19, 2008.
- Exeter Consolidated has 64 students this year up from 52 students last year.

Grade 3 (2 classrooms 13 & 14)	27
Grade 4	20
Grade 5	17

6 students from last year transferred

1 student - home schooled
9 new students

Dexter Middle School:

- 2008-2009 enrollment is 290 compared to last year which was 268 up an overall of 22 students. We have enrolled 22 new students.
13 former students have transferred to other schools.
3 students - home schooled.
Grade 5 65 down from 67 in 2007-2008
Grade 6 83 up from 65
Grade 7 65 down from 69
Grade 8 77 up from 67
- Both Dexter Middle School and Exeter Consolidated began the school year with anti-bully activities, some classes used cooperative games and created visual demonstrations of positive student behaviors.
- Open House is scheduled at the Middle School on September 16, 2008, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Grade 5 will go to Cole's Transportation Museum on Sept 12, 2008, as part of a recent grant.
- October 1, 2008, is school picture day.
- Sports have begun with 91 students participating: Football 30; Soccer-boys 15, girls 31; and Field Hockey 15.
- Teachers were busy during the two days of faculty preseason. In addition to regular preparations faculty learned how to use the document camera and LCD projector, designed a template for communications to parents, toured the new school site, began RTI work, learned several shortcuts for EdLine reporting, the Middle Level Institute group reported on their summer plans, reviewed the discipline stats from last year, established Middle School goals for the year and learned how to apply an observation tool from Dr. Ross Green for improved student behaviors. Teachers have also considered/discussed MEA and AYP results. Exeter and DMS staff worked together on many of these items and joined the Primary School for content discussions.

Nicholas Vafiades:

- The two days of opening in-service appeared to be effective. We were able to get beyond the routine and get to training on our software for Grade Quick Web and Rediker software.
- School has started smoothly. Our enrollment is 250 students. This is near our capacity even though we have not enrolled the Pre-Technical Class as of this time.
- We received the letter of approval from the Commissioner for our Pre-Technical Program. The selection committee will be reviewing student recommendations for the Pre-Technical Program on Thursday, September 4, 2008.
- Currently we are enrolling students in the Virtual High School on line classes. We have released three seats to each high school for use at their discretion. As a requirement of our membership, Sarah MacGown is teaching essay writing to twenty-four students from around the world in such places as Malaysia, Brazil, Puerto Rico, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and other places.
- A calendar of TCTC events based on activities included in the MELMAC Foundation Grant was distributed.

VI. Committee Reports

1. Policy Committee – Barbara Wakefield

VII. Educational Report(s)

1. Exeter School Trip to Boston

VIII. Items Requiring Board Action

A. Superintendent's Add-ons:

1. Item I: New School Bonding:

RECOMMENDATION: That in connection with the school construction project previously approved by Maine School Administrative District No. 46 (the "District") in accordance with applicable law, the District be and it hereby is authorized to execute and deliver a Loan Agreement between the Maine Municipal Bond Bank (the "Bond Bank") and the District to effect a borrowing from the Bond Bank in the principal amount not to exceed \$30,467,000, which Loan Agreement shall be substantially in the form presented to the Board at this meeting, and such Loan Agreement hereby is approved in all respects.

RECOMMENDATION: That the District be and it hereby is authorized to assign its rights to reimbursement from the State of Maine for school construction costs to the Bond Bank or its designee, and, in connection therewith, to execute and deliver an Assignment from the District to the Bond Bank with respect to the same, which Assignment shall be substantially in the form presented to this meeting, and such Assignment is hereby approved in all respects.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Chair of the Board of Directors and the Treasurer be, and each of them acting singly hereby is authorized in the name and on behalf of the District to execute and deliver the Loan Agreement and such other instruments, documents, certificates and agreements, and to take or cause to be taken such further actions for and on behalf of the District as may be necessary, convenient or appropriate to effect the transactions contemplated by the foregoing votes and the documents referenced therein, and that the Secretary of the District be and hereby is authorized to attest to the foregoing and attach the District's seal to any of the foregoing.

B. Extra-Curricular Appointments for 2008-2009

Gerrard Rudmin moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent's extra-curricular appointments, as listed below, for the 2008-2009 school year.

Luis Ayala	Co-Coach – DMS Boys Soccer	\$ 866.85
David Wilks	Co-Coach – DMS Boys Soccer	\$1,300.28
George Grant, III	Coach – DMS A Team Girls Soccer	\$1,432.22

Seconded by Richard Bilodeau, Jr. Voting in favor of the motion: Michael Bennett, Richard Bilodeau, Jr., Steven Crane, Steven Foster, Shawn Lancaster, Andrea Rollins, and Gerrard Rudmin. Opposed: Sherree Mitchell, Allen Ross, Patricia Smith, and Barbara Wakefield. Motion approved. (7/4/0)

Executive Session

At 7:55 p.m., Allen Ross moved that the Board of Directors go into Executive Session to discuss the employment of officials/appointees/employees pursuant to 1M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A).

Seconded by Steven Foster. Voting in favor of the motion: Michael Bennett, Steven Foster, Sherree Mitchell, Andrea Rollins, Allen Ross, Gerrard Rudmin, Patricia Smith, and Barbara Wakefield. Opposed: Richard Bilodeau, Jr., Steven Crane, and Shawn Lancaster. Motion approved. (8/3/0)

At 8:08 p.m., Vice-Chairman Shawn Lancaster declared the Board out of Executive Session

Any Action as a Result of Executive Session

None

C. Co-Curricular Appointment for 2008-2009

Sherree Mitchell moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent's co-curricular appointment, as listed below, for the 2008-2009 school year.

Kathleen Welch	Class Advisor – DRHS Class of 2010	\$ 866.84
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Seconded by Richard Bilodeau, Jr. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

D. Every Fifteen Minutes

Gerrard Rudmin moved that the Board of Directors approve the Dexter Regional High School Key Club request to sponsor the *Every 15 Minutes* awareness program as recommended by the SAD #46 Curriculum Committee.

Seconded by Barbara Wakefield. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

E. Abbott Hill Ramblers Trip

Steven Foster moved that the Board of Directors approve a trip to West Springfield, Massachusetts, by the Abbott Hill Ramblers on September 26 and 27, 2008, to perform at the Big Eastern Expo.

Seconded by Barbara Wakefield. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

F. Selection of Delegate to the Maine School Boards Association Annual Delegate Assembly

Richard Bilodeau, Jr. nominated John Parola to be the delegate to the Maine School Boards Association Annual Delegate Assembly.

Seconded by Sherree Mitchell. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

G. Selection of Alternate Delegate to the Maine School Boards Association Annual Delegate Assembly

Richard Bilodeau, Jr. nominated Sherree Mitchell to be the Alternate Delegate to the Maine School Boards Association Annual Delegate Assembly.

Seconded by Patricia Smith. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

H. **First Reading of Policies**

Code – GCLA	School Day	New Policy
Code – GCMA	Professional Staff Planning Time	New Policy

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Seconded by Richard Bilodeau, Jr. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

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Seconded by Michael Bennett. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

Patricia Smith moved that the Chair of the Board of Directors and the Treasurer be, and each of them acting singly hereby is authorized in the name and on behalf of the District to execute and deliver the Loan Agreement and such other instruments, documents, certificates and agreements, and to take or cause to be taken such further actions for and on behalf of the District as may be necessary, convenient or appropriate to effect the transactions contemplated by the foregoing votes and the documents referenced therein, and that the Secretary of the District be and hereby is authorized to attest to the foregoing and attach the District's seal to any of the foregoing.

Seconded by Steven Foster. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

J. **Executive Session**

At 8:44 p.m., Gerrard Rudmin moved that the Board of Directors go into Executive Session for the purpose of

Labor Contract discussions with the MSAD #46 Teamsters Union Local #340 Custodians pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D).

Seconded by Sherree Mitchell. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

At 8:54 p.m., Vice-Chairman Shawn Lancaster declared the Board out of Executive Session.

Any Action As A Result of Executive Session

Steven Crane moved that the Board of Directors approve and ratify the Comprehensive Contract between the MSAD #46 Board of Directors and the Teamsters Union Local #340 for the MSAD #46 Custodians Unit from July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2011.

Seconded by Sherree Mitchell. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

K. **Executive Session**

At 8:55 p.m., Sherree Mitchell moved that the Board of Directors go into Executive Session for the purpose of updating the Board on negotiations with the MSAD #46 Teamsters Local #340 Bus Drivers pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D).

Seconded by Patricia Smith. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

At 9:14 p.m., Vice-Chairman Shawn Lancaster declared the Board out of Executive Session.

Any Action As A Result of Executive Session

None

IX. Superintendent's Report(s)

1. Resignation(s)

2. Meetings

Curriculum Committee: Thursday, September 4, 2008

7:00 PM – Superintendent's Office

Facilities / Transportation / Construction Committee: Wednesday, September 10, 2008

7:00 PM – Superintendent's Office

Policy Committee: Wednesday, September 17, 2008

7:00 PM – Superintendent's Office

X. Chairman's Report(s)

XI. Adjournment

At 9:25 p.m. the Vice-Chairman of the Board declared the Board meeting adjourned.

Attested a true record:

Kevin T. Jordan
Secretary