

**MINUTES OF M.S.A.D. #46 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, February 3, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**DRHS - Library**

- I. At 7:00 p.m. Chairman John Parola called the meeting to order and declared a quorum with ten (10) members present: Michael Bennett, Steven Crane, Steven Foster, John Parola, Gary Perkins, Andrea Rollins, Gerrard Rudmin, Nicole Schobel, David Sickles, and Barbara Wakefield. Chairman John Parola welcomed David Sickles, the newly appointed Board Member for the Town of Dexter.

Excused: Richard Bilodeau, Jr.; Allen Ross; and Patricia Smith.

Also in attendance: Superintendent, Kevin Jordan; Stephen Bell; David Gudroe; Michael Keyte; Lucy Mallar; Dusty Nelson; Juliana Richard; and Nicholas Vafiades.

II. **Approval of Minutes – January 6, 2010**

The Chairman declared the Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting of January 6, 2010, approved as printed.

III. **Correspondence**

None

IV. **Public Participation**

None

V. **Reports by Administrators/Directors**

**Stephen Bell:**

- The 2010 Winter Carnival sponsored by the student council will take place from Monday, February 8 through Friday, February 12. There is an opening ceremony on Monday morning and a closing ceremony on Friday afternoon. The week includes many class competitions including the snow sculptures which are created with the town's theme in mind.
- Winter sports are winding up with many post-season tournaments and competitions taking place around the February vacation. Dexter Regional High School is hosting the State Class "C" wrestling tournament on Saturday, February 13. This is a big statewide event and we are fortunate to be hosting it. It should bring a small financial boom to our town for the day with over twenty schools involved.
- Wednesday, February 10 is a half-day at the high school. Student led conferences run from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. in the evening.
- District V jazz festival will be held at DRHS on Wednesday, February 24. There will be a community concert that evening.
- The spring musical cast has started rehearsing and the performances this year are scheduled for March 18, 19, and 20.
- We are still waiting to have our visiting committee chair-person assigned. Once that is in place, we will receive the fifteen-member visiting committee assignments (a reminder of the visit starting Sunday, April 11, 2010).

**Lucy Mallar:**

- Our Medicaid revenues are in jeopardy due to a DHHS proposal to repeal School-based Rehabilitative Services and day treatment regulations and shift schools' billing to the medical provider rules. DHHS has issued a statement saying that there will be no fiscal impact with the repeals.
- The fiscal impact of repealing SBRS rules will be huge. Schools cannot bill under the medical provider rules. There are numerous deal-breakers for schools in the medical provider regs:
  - Copay
  - Access any private insurance the child may have
  - Schools are not in the medical provider regs as an approved setting for delivery of services
- Impracticalities include:
  - Physician has to sign off
  - DHHS decides duration of care, not the IEP Team
  - Re-evaluations every six months
  - Separate plan of care reviewed every three months
  - Prior authorization by DHHS

- The reason for the DHHS actions appears to be federal Medicaid auditors not approving of the bundled rate. Many people speaking at today's hearing suggested keeping school based regulations and allowing schools to bill on a fee-for service basis.

**Dusty Nelson:**

- Students are in the midst of taking the NWEA mid-year online assessment. The initial indication is that many students are showing large gains on this assessment. Testing will continue until the end of this month.
- Last week the password protected NECAP results were released to schools. I went to the interpretation workshop in Augusta on Monday of this week. On February 2, the public reports became available. These results can be found on the State website. Because this is the first year we have participated in the NECAP assessments, this year's results become baseline data for us. In the past, when we have received MEA results, we have had three years of data on the report. Due to this being the first year of Maine participation in the NECAP's, we will not have longitudinal data on student progress. It is important to note that NECAP and MEA results can't be compared. The reasoning is that the scaled scores are based on different point totals.
- Tuesday, March 2, and Thursday, March 4, DPS students in grades three and four will be having author Lea Wait visit their classrooms. Ms. Wait is the author of several historical fiction books, some of which take place in Maine. On Wednesday, March 3, Ms. Wait will be in Exeter and will also host a parent night at ECS from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Her books will be for sale before and after the presentation and she will make herself available to autograph the books. There will be refreshments available and a book will be raffled.
- Kindergarten registration will be held at DPS on Wednesday, March 3, and Thursday, March 4, from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and in Garland on March 2 from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. If you know parents with children who will be starting school in the fall, please let them know. Although we will be advertising in local area papers, not all parents may see the ads.
- Congratulations to the DRHS wrestling team on winning the PVC Championships. Go Tigers!

**Juliana Richard:**

**Exeter School:**

- Exeter completed the NWEA testing.
- Exeter students have been snowshoeing during their PE classes.
- One hundred and two pounds of pasta has been collected from students for donation to the Corinth Food Pantry.

**Dexter Middle School:**

- Building Club members of DMS collected \$175. for Cystic Fibrosis by sponsoring hat day and by a contribution from their treasury.
- "Blow the Whistle on Cancer" event at the Middle School raised \$150. for cancer - and will join contributions from other Penobscot area schools.
- Shayna Fogg organized DMS students to donate money for Red Cross Relief for Haiti. They have raised \$125. toward their \$135 goal. The student council will sponsor additional activities to contribute to Haitian relief.
- The student council has also planned a spirit day (contests) for the afternoon of February 12.
- The Abbott Hill Ramblers will join with The Beecher Hill Boys' "n" Girls' Hillbilly Band and Cloggers at the Middle School Thursday night beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- DMS is in the process of NWEA testing.
- Ms. Richard attended a workshop on NECAP report interpretation on February 3, 2010, in Bangor.

**Nicholas Vafiades:**

- The Technical Center Skills Showcase held on January 20 was a great success. We had a good turn out of parents and friends. There were one hundred and thirty-four contestants in twenty-three competitions. There will be thirty-eight students competing at the state skills competitions. The Skills USA conference and competitions will be on Friday, March 12 in Bangor. Again this year I would like to thank Barbara Wakefield for helping judge the commercial truck driving contest.
- Our MELMAC Grant will fund two financial aid sessions for seniors. There will be a breakfast session February 10, and an evening session on February 11. During these sessions we will assist students and parents in completing the online FASFA form. All TCTC students have gone to the FASFA site and obtained pin numbers.
- On Thursday, January 28, Beth Weatherbee and the Health Occupations students held a blood drive at the Center. Fifty-one pints of blood were collected.

- Fifty students have been nominated for the National Technical Honor Society. The committee will make the selections based on stringent criteria this week. The induction will be Wednesday evening February 24, 2010, at 5:30 pm.
- The automotive students will be taking the written exam for the AAA Automotive Troubleshooting Contest February 11, 2010. The hands-on event will be held in May at CMCC.

**VI. Committee Reports**

Policy Committee – Barbara Wakefield  
 Facilities/Transportation/Construction Committee – Gary Perkins  
 TCTC Regional Council – Michael Bennett  
 Budget Committee – Steven Crane  
 AOS #94 – Steven Foster  
 PVAEC – Patricia Smith to report next month

**VII. Educational Report(s)**

**VIII. Items Requiring Board Action**

**A. Superintendent's Add-ons**

**1. Item VIII – H: Leave of Absence**

**B. Approval to Request Proposals for School Bus Pricing**

Steven Foster moved that the Board of Directors authorize the Superintendent to request proposals for the purchase of a new school bus for 2010-2011 as recommended by the Facilities/Transportation/Construction Committee.

Seconded by Gary Perkins. The motion was unanimously approved. (10/0/0)

**C. Nomination(s)**

Gerrard Rudmin moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent's nomination, as listed below, for the 2009-2010 school year.

Lorie Raye	Special Education Teacher – DRHS	\$43,154.00 (pro-rated)
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Seconded by Michael Bennett. The motion was unanimously approved. (10/0/0)

**D. Exeter Consolidated School Trip to Boston**

Gary Perkins moved that the Board of Directors approve a trip to Boston, Massachusetts, for all Exeter Consolidated School students on May 20 – 21, 2010.

Seconded by Steven Crane. The motion was unanimously approved. (10/0/0)

**E. New School Name**

**DISCUSSION:** To see what action the Board of Directors wishes to take regarding the naming of the new pre-k – 8 school in SAD #46.

**Any Action As A Result of Discussion:**

Gary Perkins moved that the Board of Directors approve Ridge View Community School as the name for the new SAD #46 pre-k – 8 school opening in August of 2010.

Seconded by Barbara Wakefield. The motion was unanimously approved. (10/0/0)

**F. New School Transition Timeline**

**DISCUSSION:** To see what action the Board of Directors wishes to take regarding the timeline of transitioning to the new school.

**Any Action As A Result of Discussion:**

Steven Foster moved that the Board of Directors take no action on the agenda item.

Seconded by Gary Perkins. The motion was unanimously approved. (10/0/0)

***The Chairman moved to act on item VIII - H at this time.***

**H. Leave of Absence**

Gerrard Rudmin moved that the Board of Directors approve a 30 day leave of absence for Stanton McCourt as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Seconded by Steven Foster. The motion was unanimously approved. (10/0/0)

**G. Executive Session**

At 8:48 p.m. Steven Foster moved that the Board of Directors go into Executive Session for the purpose of employee discussion, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A).

Seconded by Michael Bennett. The motion was unanimously approved. (10/0/0)

At 9:42 p.m. Chairman John Parola declared the Board out of Executive Session.

**Any Action As A Result of Executive Session**

Gerrard Rudmin moved that the Board of Directors hire Ward Wittman as Assistant Principal/Athletic Director at Dexter Regional High School in SAD #46 beginning July 1, 2010, and extending through June 30, 2012, at a salary of \$67,000.

Seconded by Gary Perkins. Voting in favor of the motion: Michael Bennett, Steven Crane, John Parola, Gary Perkins, Andrea Rollins, Gerrard Rudmin, Nicole Schobel, and David Sickles. Opposed: Steven Foster and Barbara Wakefield. The motion passed. (8/2/0)

**IX. Superintendent's Report(s)**

**A. Resignations**

**B. Meetings**

**Student Relations Committee: Monday, February 8, 2010**

7:00 PM – Superintendent's Office

**Facilities/Transportation/Construction Committee: Wednesday, February 24, 2010**

7:00 PM – Superintendent's Office (tour of new school at 5:30 p.m.)

**X. Chairman's Report(s)**

**XI. Adjournment**

At 10:05 p.m. the Chairman of the Board declared the Board meeting adjourned.

Attested a true record:

Kevin T. Jordan  
Secretary