

Minutes of MSAD #46 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, November 7, 2007 – 7:00 PM
EXETER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

I. Opening

At 7:00 p.m., Chairman John Parola called the meeting to order and declared a quorum with eleven (11) members present: Richard Bilodeau, Jr., Steven Crane, Lois Field, Steven Foster, Jill Jones, Shawn Lancaster, Sherree Mitchell, John Parola, Andrea Rollins, Gerrard Rudmin and Barbara Wakefield.

Excused: Michael Bennett and Gary Perkins

Also in attendance: Superintendent, Kevin Jordan; Stephen Bell; Donna Gillette; David Gudroe; Michael Keyte; Nicholas Raymond; Juliana Richard; Nicholas Vafiades; and Terry Wood.

Excused: Lucy Mallar

II. Approval of Minutes – October 3, 2007

The Chairman declared the Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting - October 3, 2007, approved as printed.

III. Correspondence

SAD #5

Maine Learning Results

IV. Public Participation

Garnett Robinson and Paul Robinson

V. Reports by Administrators/Directors

Stephen Bell:

- Open House: Wednesday, November, 14, 2007, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the high school. The evening will include many demonstrations, presentations and performances.
- Rick Whitney and Peter Devine: On October 19, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. we had a school-wide assembly to recognize Rick Whitney as the Wal-Mart State Teacher of the Year. He received many gifts and a \$10,000. grant for this honor. On November 13, 2007, Peter Devine will attend a banquet at Colby College to recognize the State Teacher of the Year finalist sponsored by the Maine State Department of Education. (Peter did not win the Teacher of the Year award, but was one of the top two or three finalists).
- Boys and Girls State Candidates: The Dexter American Legion Post hosted a dinner for the Boys and Girls State candidates on October 23, 2007. This was a very nice evening and each student was able express their gratitude for the financial support provided by the Legion and other local clubs and organizations. The students also had the opportunity to share their experiences at Boys and Girls State.
- Army Band: The band *Avalanche* will perform at a school assembly on Friday, November 9, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. They are playing at Nokomis on November 8, 2007. This is an ensemble of the 10th Mountain Division Band out of Fort Drum, NY. The soldiers will also be speaking to our band and chorus members about being part of a military band and performing their mission as a soldier.
- Melmac Grant: Mrs. Hartel has pursued and received a \$5,000. planning grant from the Melmac foundation. If successful in the next phase, we would receive up to \$65,000. for the purpose of increasing the percentage of graduates who go on to college and increasing the percentage of students who stay in college to complete their education.
- Fall Banquet and Winter Sports: The fall sports banquet is next Tuesday, November 13, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Winter sports try-outs begin on Monday, November 19, 2007.
- Holiday Concert: December 5, 2007, at the high school. This is a district-wide concert with groups from the middle and high school performing.

- NWEA Training: Several administrators attended a Growth and Goals conference in Freeport on November 1, 2007.
- Math Meet: The meet was held this afternoon, at 3:00 p.m. Eleven teams from central Maine showed up for the meet.
- Mountain Cats: Regan McPhetres is starting a group to investigate and prove the existence of mountain lions in Maine.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 Dexter's Got Talent–November 17, 2007
 Spaghetti Supper–November 16, 2007
 Dance–November 16, 2007
 Margit Studio School Picture Retakes–November 8, 2007
 Differentiation Workshop–November 19 and 20, 2007
 Science Fair–April 9, 2008

Juliana Richard:

Exeter Consolidated School

- Exeter Consolidated School held a Hunter's Breakfast on November 3, 2007, from 4:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. One hundred percent of the school faculty and staff participated with many parent volunteers. The \$1,300. profit will support enrichment activities at the Exeter Consolidated School.
- On October 31, 2007, Exeter held a Readers' Wax Museum. Students dressed as a book character and posed as a wax figure while Mr. Prescott explained the book. Very large parent turnout for this program.
- The school visited the Penobscot Marine Museum as a follow-up activity to a school-wide Maine Heritage Unit.
- Bus and Fire Safety weeks went well. The Dexter Fire Department visited the school.

Dexter Middle School

- On November 8, 2007, eighth graders will visit the University of Maine at Farmington to see the art museum, fitness center and take a campus tour. The Shuttleworth display is a feature at the museum and is connected to the Language Arts poetry in grade eight.
- Laptop computers are headed home! Two parent meetings have been held to explain rules for using laptops at home. An additional meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2007, at 6:15 p.m. in the Art Room.
- Builders Club collected more than \$1,300. with their Trick or Treat drive for Unicef during the Halloween season.
- The recent PTO fund raiser was a success at both the Primary and Middle School. Mrs. Sherburne's room won first place with seventy-five percent of the students participating.
- Eighty students are involved with winter athletic tryouts. One-third of our students are participating.

Nicholas Vafiades:

- On October 5, 2007, Michael Woodbury, a student at Tri-County Technical Center and Nokomis Regional High School, was elected to the Maine State SkillsUSA slate of state officers. He will serve as Reporter for the 2007-08 school year. Michael is a Criminal Justice student at TCTC and competed this past June in the Crime Scene Investigation Competition at the National SkillsUSA Championship in Kansas City. He and his team placed fourth in the nation.
- Health Occupations Students participated in the Fall Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Leadership Conference on Friday, October 26, 2007. Christopher Eastman and Carol Wing both from Dexter Regional High School presented information on last year's National HOSA Conference. Students also elected their new state HOSA officers. Tri-County Technical Center State officers are: Christopher Whittington, Nokomis – President; Allison Burr, Nokomis – Vice-President; Ashley Richardson, Dexter – Secretary; Christopher Eastman, Dexter – Treasurer; Alicia Norris, Nokomis – Historian; and Kezzie Webber, Nokomis - Parliamentarian.

- Graphic Design and Communications students are selling holiday wreaths until November 16, 2007. Orders can be given to TCTC students.
- Health Occupations students will conduct the Annual Holiday Auction on December 6, 2007. Bargains and snacks will be available.
- MELMAC Planning Grant
- Tri-County Technical Center was awarded a \$5,000. Development Grant. The Center will send a team made up of Leilani Cyr, Gayle Talbot, and David Giles to an informational session on the Grant development.
- Math tutoring is planned to begin on November 27, 2007, twenty-four students have returned contracts.

Terry Wood:

- Monday, October 22, 2007, was our “Terrific Kids” kick off assembly. This is a program for third graders that rewards students for meeting personal goals. Classroom teachers meet with the students to help set their goals. Every other week a different student will be chosen from each class. This program is sponsored by the Dexter Sunrise Kiwanis. We had our first set of goal winners on Monday, November 5, 2007. The parents were invited and the students received a certificate and a few tokens. The pictures will be posted in different businesses in the town.
- We also have another program being sponsored by the Key Club at the high school, the Dexter Community K-Kids. They meet twice a month to help build leadership skills at an early age and to teach the importance of volunteering in your school and community.
- Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for next week from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. In Garland they begin earlier so parents that have students in both schools can have time to travel. I will be in Garland at 11:00 a.m. to attend a PET meeting and will stay until about 5:30 p.m. and then head to Dexter to finish off the week.
- We are continuing to work on the curriculum for the district. We are making sure that the curriculum is going to line up with the Maine State Learning Results. I attended a NWEA workshop with Julie and Steve and we are focusing on using the data from assessments to guide instruction. We will continue to address this during staff meetings and curriculum meetings.

VI. Committee Reports

1. Facilities/Transportation/Construction Committee – Shawn Lancaster
2. Policy Committee – Barbara Wakefield
3. Building/Mechanical Systems Sub-Committee – Shawn Lancaster

VII. Educational Reports

None

VIII. Items Requiring Board Action

A. Superintendent’s Add-ons

1. Item VIII C. Co-Curricular Appointment 2007-2008 Addition:
Kasey Watson / B-Team Cheering Coach-DMS / \$832.36

B. Executive Session

At 7:34 p.m. Richard Bilodeau, Jr. moved that the Board of Directors go into Executive Session for the purpose of an Expulsion Hearing pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (B).

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

At 9:13 p.m., the Chairman declared the Board out of Executive Session.

Any Action As a Result of Executive Session

Richard Bilodeau, Jr. moved that the Board of Directors expel Student "M" for the peace and usefulness of the school and direct the Superintendent to provide the student and parents with the Board's findings of fact. Seconded by Jill Jones. Voting in favor of the motion were: Richard Bilodeau, Jr., Steven Crane, Steven Foster, Jill Jones, Shawn Lancaster, Sherree Mitchell, John Parola, Andrea Rollins, Gerrard Rudmin, and Barbara Wakefield. Opposed: Lois Field. Motion was approved. (10/1/0)

C. Co-Curricular Appointment 2007-2008

Sherree Mitchell moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent's appointment for the 2007-2008 school year as listed below:

Mark Pullen	Asst. A Team Boys Basketball Coach-DMS	Volunteer
Kasey Watson	B-Team Cheering Coach-DMS	\$832.36

Seconded by Shawn Lancaster. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

D. Regional Planning Committee Consolidation Recommendation

Steven Foster moved that the Board of Directors approve the Regional Planning Committee's recommendation to pursue a new Regional School Unit partnership with SAD #4, Harmony, and Willimantic. Seconded by Shawn Lancaster. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

E. First Reading of Policies

Gerrard Rudmin moved that the Board of Directors hold a first reading of the following policies:

Code - KHB	Advertising in Schools
Code - JLCB	Immunization of Students
Code - JLF	Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect

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

F. Extra-Curricular Appointment 2007-2008

Richard Bilodeau, Jr. moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent's appointment for the 2007-2008 school year as listed below:

Gordon Canning	After School Math Tutor-TCTC	\$1,280.00
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Seconded by Sherree Mitchell. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

G. Appointments 2007-2008

Richard Bilodeau, Jr. moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent's appointments for Extended Day Program Study Labs funded by Title IA at the extra pay for extra work rate of \$22.02 per hour as per the 2007-2008 Education Association Agreement at Dexter Middle School, Dexter Primary School, Exeter Consolidated School, and Garland Elementary School for grades k-8 for the 2007-2008 school year as listed below:

Allyson Gudroe	After School Study Lab-GES
Kimberly Grant	After School Study Lab-ECS
Corinna Caron	After School Study Lab-ECS
Bryant Farrar	After School Study Lab-DPS
Sally Nuite	After School Study Lab-DPS

Jennifer Batron	After School Study Lab-DPS
Karen Murray	After School Study Lab-DMS
Jennifer Thomas	After School Study Lab-DMS
Susan Killam	After School Study Lab-DMS
Catherine Wyman	After School Study Lab-DMS
Carol Sherburne	After School Study Lab-DMS
Donald Grillo	After School Study Lab-DMS
Cassady Regan	After School Study Lab-DMS
Susan Belanger	After School Study Lab-DMS

Seconded by Shawn Lancaster. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

H. Acceptance of MELMAC Planning Grant – Dexter Regional High School

Richard Bilodeau, Jr. moved that the Board of Directors accept a MELMAC Planning Grant in the amount of \$5,000. on behalf of Dexter Regional High School.

Seconded by Shawn Lancaster. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

I. Acceptance of MELMAC Planning Grant – Tri-County Technical Center

Jill Jones moved that the Board of Directors accept a MELMAC Planning Grant in the amount of \$5,000. on behalf of the Tri-County Technical Center.

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

IX. Superintendent’s Report(s)

1. Resignation(s)

- Patricia Bell – Bus Driver
- Norma Chabot – Bus Driver
- Paul Shaw – JV Baseball Coach, DRHS

2. Retirement(s)

- Martha White – English Teacher, DRHS (effective at the end of this contract year)

3. Meeting(s)

Student Relations Committee: Thursday, November 8, 2007

6:00 PM – Superintendent’s Office

Negotiations Committee: Wednesday, November 14, 2007

7:00 PM – Superintendent’s Office

Curriculum Committee: Wednesday, November 28, 2007

7:00 PM – Superintendent’s Office

X. Chairman’s Report(s)

None

XI. Adjournment

At 9:58 p.m., the Chairman of the Board declared the Board meeting adjourned.

Attested a true record:

Kevin T. Jordan
Secretary