

MINUTES OF M.S.A.D. #46 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, March 4, 2009 – 7:00 PM
Dexter Regional High School ATM Room

I. Opening

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, Shawn Lancaster, Sherree Mitchell, John Parola, Gary Perkins, Andrea Rollins, Patricia Smith and Barbara Wakefield.

Excused: Richard Bilodeau, Allen Ross and Gerrard Rudmin.

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

Excused: Lucy Mallar.

II. Approval of Minutes – February 4, 2009

The Chairman declared the Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting February 4, 2009, approved as printed.

III. Correspondence

Susan Collins Letter

IV. Public Participation

None

V. Reports by Administrators/Directors

Stephen Bell:

- Third-quarter progress reports went out on Friday, February 27, 2009, and we have streamlined the process at the high school by using the Report Writer software that Mr. Shaw purchased this year. Teachers no longer have to individually print out the various reports saving them time and effort (teachers are only responsible for having their electronic grade book up to date). We have also eliminated homerooms as a means to distribute rank cards and progress reports. We now use the advisor/advisee program saving time and energy in the main office.
- We have scheduled a Teen Issue Day at the high school for March 18, 2009. Students will be in regular classes in the morning and following lunch they will attend four forty-minute sessions of their choice all related to teen issues. This is an every other year program and is organized by the advisory coordinator, Mr. Devine.
- The performances for this year's school musical are scheduled for March 19, 20, and 21, 2009.
- A theatre group from the University of Maine performed a short play based on *The Red Badge of Courage* for our junior history students on Tuesday morning. The performance was well received and the students participated in a question and answer session with the cast immediately following the production.

Juliana Richard:

Exeter School

- MEA Exams.
- Interactive Iditarod Race - talks with the racers.
- Author's visit by Amy MacDonald.

Dexter Middle School

- MEA Exams.
- Builders Club held a hat day to benefit Equine Rescue \$66. plus a donation for \$100. donation was raised.

Nicholas Vafiades:

- SkillsUSA State Conference will be on Friday, March 13, 2009, in Bangor. The competition sites will be United Technology Center, Eastern Maine Community College, and Penobscot Job Corps. We will have twenty-eight competitors this year. Students will leave on Thursday morning to complete technical exams and attend the opening ceremony. Competitions will begin early Friday morning and the awards will be at the Bangor Auditorium at 5:00 p.m.
- Eighteen new members have been inducted into the Tri-County Technical Center Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society. The ceremony was held Wednesday, February 25, 2009, at 5:30 p.m.
- The Technical Center MELMAC grant supported two sessions for TCTC students and parents to come in and complete FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) on line. TCTC staff members were on hand to offer assistance. Twelve families completed applications. All seniors are registered and have PIN numbers.

Terry Wood:

- We celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday on Tuesday and the PTF provided a wonderful cake for the occasion. Teachers have been reading his books in the classrooms and while the students were eating cake, I read a few stories also.

- Carolyn Vavro completed a virtual field trip with a gentleman from a NASA program in Alabama. It directly related to the grade one curriculum. This has been made available through the Literacy/Library Grant.
- Garland students will be attending a performance by the Hampstead Players in Exeter on March 16, 2009. This year's performance is *Pinocchio*. The PTF is also funding this activity.
- Garland will be celebrating "March Madness" this month with a variety of activities to help the long month pass a little quicker, especially when the weather is preventing us from going outdoors.
- Both schools will participate in "Pennies For Patients" again this year to help fund programs and patient needs. This is sponsored by the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society. I will give a tally collected for both schools on my next report.
- Maine author, Amy McDonald will be visiting both schools in March. There will be workshops for the students and an evening for parents and students.
- Both schools will be participating in "Read Across America" beginning next week. We have a variety of community members who will be visiting our schools and reading to the classes. We have collected several theme books if any of you would be interested in joining us. You can pick up your choice of a book from the office or you may bring your own.
- Approximately 75 parents and students attended the Literacy Night on February 11, 2009. Parents and students were exposed to a variety of books and technology pieces. There were several opportunities for the students to actively try out new things.
- February was Dental Health Awareness month and there were several presentations in the classrooms as well as free dental prizes for the students.
- MEA's are well underway for grade three this week and grade four next week. We have ample time to make up the snow day with all testing to be completed by March 20, 2009. I am hoping that the changes we have implemented last year will give us better scores overall.
- The Maine Discovery Museum has been awarded a year's membership which was sponsored by the Bank of America Charitable Foundation Grant. We have three membership cards that allow four people per card to attend the Maine Discovery Museum free of charge. Dexter Primary was chosen initially due to the number and age of the students, distance from the museum, and visitation history. Additional information is in our monthly newsletter and we have already signed up parents and students. We also have a monthly planner posted in the school.

VI. Committee Reports

1. Budget and Finance Committee: Steven Crane
2. Facilities / Transportation / Construction Committee: Shawn Lancaster
3. TCTC Regional Council: Michael Bennett

VII. Educational Report(s)

VIII. Items Requiring Board Action

A. Superintendent's Add-ons

1. Item VIII C – Add Shelia Walker, JV Tennis Coach – DRHS, \$2,739.25.
2. Item VIII B – Amend Gorham Leasing Group to read: "Gorham Savings Leasing Group, LLC."

B. Technology Lease

Sherree Mitchell moved that the Board of Directors under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 20-A M.R.S.A. Sections 1001 and 1055, the Superintendent of Schools be and hereby is authorized to execute and deliver a lease purchase agreement with Gorham Savings Leasing Group, LLC, or its nominee, in the name and on behalf of Maine School Administrative District No. 46 for computer and related technology equipment, with an aggregate purchase price of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Seven Dollars and Eighty Three Cents (\$119,357.83), in such form as the Superintendent may approve (the "Lease Purchase Agreement"); and that the appropriate officials of Maine School Administrative District No. 46 be and hereby are authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of Maine School Administrative District No. 46 such other documents and certificates as may be required in connection with the Lease Purchase Agreement.

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

C. Extra-Curricular Appointment for 2008-2009

Sherree Mitchell moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent's extra-curricular appointment, as written below with the addition of Sheila Walker, for the 2008-2009 school year.

Michael Martin	A-Team Baseball Coach – DMS	\$1,651.35
Michael Haskell	A-Team Softball – DMS	\$2,405.51
Andrew Conway	B-Team Baseball Coach – DMS	\$1,126.91
Leilani Cyr	B-Team Softball – DMS	\$1,395.63
David Gudroe	Assistant Wrestling Coach – DMS	\$1,202.75
Galen Chapman	Varsity Softball Coach – DRHS	\$3,554.09
Brent Day	Varsity Baseball Coach – DRHS	\$3,684.11
Regan McPhetres	Varsity Track Coach– DRHS	\$4,009.18
Chad Graffam	JV Baseball Coach– DRHS	\$2,739.25
Lisa Cronin	JV Track Coach – DRHS	\$1,733.70
Peter Murray	Tennis Coach- DRHS	\$3,608.27
Robert Ranquist	JV Softball Coach – DRHS	\$2,201.80
Sheila Walker	JV Tennis coach – DRHS	\$2,739.25

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

D. Dexter Regional High School World Language Trip to Quebec City, Canada.

Patricia Smith moved that the Board of Directors approve a trip Quebec City, Canada, by members of the Dexter Regional High School World Language Club in May 2009 as recommended by the Curriculum Committee.

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

E. Regional School Consolidation

Steven Foster moved that the Board of Directors authorize the Superintendent of Schools to pursue the formation of an Alternative Organizational Structure (AOS) with the Harmony School District.

Seconded by Sherree Mitchell. The motion was unanimously approved. (10/0/0)

F. Executive Session

At 8:14 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 Teamsters Union Local #340 for MSAD #46 Bus Drivers pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D).

Seconded by Shawn Lancaster. The motion was unanimously approved. (10/0/0)

At 8:25 p.m., Chairman John Parola declared the Board out of Executive Session.

Any Action As A Result of Executive Session

Shawn Lancaster moved that the Board of Directors approve and ratify the Comprehensive Contract between the MSAD #46 Board of Directors and Teamsters Union Local #340 for MSAD #46 Bus Drivers from July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2011.

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

IX. Superintendent's Report(s)

1. Resignations

2. Meetings

Budget & Finance Committee: Monday, March 9, 2009

7:00 PM – Superintendent's Office

Budget & Finance Committee: Wednesday, March 11, 2009

7:00 PM – Superintendent's Office

Budget & Finance Committee: Monday, March 23, 2009

7:00 PM – Superintendent's Office

Budget & Finance Committee: Wednesday, March 25, 2009

7:00 PM – Superintendent's Office

TCTC Regional Council: Thursday, March 16, 2009

7:00 PM – TCTC

Facilities / Transportation / Construction Committee: Tuesday, March 17, 2009

6:00 PM – Superintendent's Office

PVAEC: Thursday, March 26, 2009

6:30 PM - SeDoMoCha

X. Chairman's Report(s)

XI. Adjournment

At 8:40 p.m., the Chairman of the Board declared the Board meeting adjourned.

Attested a true record:

Kevin T. Jordan
Secretary