

**MINUTES OF M.S.A.D. #46 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Wednesday, April 1, 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 thirteen (13) members present: Michael Bennett, Richard Bilodeau, Jr., Steven Crane, Steven Foster, Sherree Mitchell, John Parola, Gary Perkins, Andrea Rollins, Allen Ross, Gerrard Rudmin, Nicole Schobel, Patricia Smith, and Barbara Wakefield.

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

**School Board Recognition – Shawn Lancaster**

Recognition postponed until May School Board Meeting

**II. Approval of Minutes – March 4, 2009 and March 16, 2009**

The Chairman declared the Minutes of Board of Directors Meetings March 4, 2009 and March 16, 2009, approved as printed.

**III. Correspondence**

Commissioner of Education – Approval of the AOS Plan

**IV. Public Participation**

None

**V. Reports by Administrators/Directors**

**Stephen Bell:**

- The spring musical, *Teen Issues Day*, and the Red Cross Blood Drive all went well during the month of March.
- The Math and Science augmentation tests for 2009 will be administered to all eleventh grade students during the week of April 6, 2009. This is required testing mandated by the NCLB Act in support of the SAT test which will be taken by all third-year students on May 2, 2009.
- We have scheduled our annual incoming Freshmen Parent Night for Monday April 13, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. Starting at 6:30 p.m. there will be a panel of current freshmen students, parents and teachers who will meet with interested parents to discuss the freshman year and what to expect in the transition from eighth grade.
- The band and chorus will be holding the annual spring Cabaret on April 2, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.
- The high school has scheduled senior exhibitions, the junior financial fitness fair, sophomore college visits, and freshmen community service projects for Wednesday, April 15, 2009.
- The academic awards banquet and National Honor Society induction will take place on May 14, 2009. The prom will be on May 16, 2009. The spring concert is scheduled for May 19, 2009.

**Lucy Mallar:**

- We have been working on a new report that the state is requiring. It is a self-assessment of our status on several indicators of progress and compliance. The state collates the data districts send and reports to the federal office of special education programs, the source of our federal funds under IDEA.
- Two sections that were due are done and turned in. I really appreciate the help from the special education teachers, the principals, and the assistant principals in completing the report. We documented our policies and practices in the areas of dropout prevention, least restrictive environment, suspensions and expulsions, and measurable transition goals for high school students.
- A final improvement/corrective action plan that states what evidence-based practices we will use and how we will fund them has to be done next. Unfortunately, government and professional agencies dealing with special education disagree on what constitutes an evidence-based practice. There few educational practices that have strong evidence of effectiveness on the government website. The teachers and I will complete a plan the best we can given what there is to work with.
- Referrals due to slow academic progress remain low. Referrals for suspected emotional disturbance are up sharply.

**Juliana Richard:**

**Exeter Consolidated School**

- Central Maine Power presented Safety City to students. Students thought the demo was great!

- Amy McDonald, guest author, visited Exeter last week. The occasion was a success, Ms. McDonald loved Exeter School.
- Students are very busy with their preparations for science exhibitions which are set for April 16, 2009.

**Dexter Middle School**

- The winners of the Anti-Bully Video Contest were: Kaitlyn Paquin, Geneva Sherburne, and Phoebe Phillips. Runner-up prizes were awarded to Katie Batron and Laurel Desmarais with assistance from two grade four students! Congratulations!
- DMS faculty worked with a representative of the Office of Civil Rights at our workshop. The presentation was very moving, and folks were highly engaged with the speaker and his message.

**Nicholas Vafiades:**

- SkillsUSA conference was held in Bangor on Friday, March 13, 2009. Twenty-eight students from Tri-County Technical Center competed in the SkillsUSA competition held at United Technology Center, Eastern Maine Community College, and Penobscot Job Corps. The students won 15 medals, six gold, three silver, and six bronze. Two students from Dexter Regional High School earned medals; Katherine Weeks earned a Gold in Criminal Justice and Alexis Mitchell earned a Bronze in First Aid CPR.
- Commercial Truck Driving conference and competition will be held in Westbrook on April 30 and May 1, 2009.
- The Building Trades modular housing single-bedroom home is nearing completion. Penquis Cap is seeking a buyer for the unit. The project is designed to replace obsolete mobile homes. Special arrangements for financing will be made for low income applicants.
- In collaboration with Penquis Adult Education Collaborative located in Dover Foxcroft, eighty Technical Center students have taken the Accuplacer. The Accuplacer is an academic placement exam required by all of the Community Colleges. This is a distinct advantage for these students financially and virtually eliminates time and travel. Cut off scores need to be attained or students are required to take a remedial course at their expense and no credit is awarded towards a degree.

**Terry Wood:**

- Garland Elementary School raised \$207.75 and Dexter Primary School raised \$920.00 for Pennies for Patients sponsored by the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society.
- Garland's kindergarten classes visited the Corinna library to see a T-Rex fossil. They are doing a unit on dinosaurs and this field trip experience helped students gain information that will help them better understand the concepts being taught.
- We had several community readers attend the Garland Elementary School for the week of *Read Across America*. Students enjoyed readers from Channel II, Channel V, Channel VII, as well as Sheriff Sean McCue.
- Several readers in Dexter participated also. A poster has been placed in the hallway of DPS for everyone to see. A great big "thank you" to all of the volunteers at both schools.
- Dexter's kindergarten classes will be visiting the Maine Discovery Museum this Friday, April 3, 2009. There will be several hands-on activities that directly align with the kindergarten curriculum.
- Maine author, Amy McDonald visited schools in Dexter, Exeter and Garland. There was an Author/Parent Night, which included a book sale and access to some of the author's books in the middle school and a Parent Morning in Garland on Friday, March 27, 2009.
- The Dexter Primary K-Kids raised \$50.00 for Muscular Dystrophy. Melissa Peakes-Stevens has been our school volunteer working with the DRHS Key Club members.

**VI. Committee Reports**

1. Budget Committee – Steven Crane
2. Facilities / Transportation / Construction Committee – Kevin Jordan
3. PVAEC Committee – Patricia Smith

**VII. Educational Report(s)**

**VIII. Items Requiring Board Action**

**A. Superintendent's Add-ons**  
None

**B. Election of Officer**

Allen Ross moved to nominate Barbara Wakefield as the Vice-Chairman of the SAD #46 Board of Directors.

Seconded by Gerrard Rudmin.

Gary Perkins moved to nominate Steven Crane as the Vice-Chairman of the SAD #46 Board of Directors.

Seconded by Gerrard Rudmin.

Richard Bilodeau, Jr. moved that nominations cease.

Seconded by Sherree Mitchell.

Voting in favor to elect Barbara Wakefield as Vice-Chairman of the SAD #46 Board of Directors were: Allen Ross and Barbara Wakefield. Opposed: Micheal Bennett; Richard Bilodeau, Jr.; Steven Crane; Steven Foster; Sherree Mitchell; John Parola, Gary Perkins, Andrea Rollins, Gerrard Rudmin, Nicole Schobel, and Patricia Smith. Motion failed. (2/0/11)

Voting in favor to elect Steven Crane Vice-Chairman of the SAD #46 Board of Directors were: Micheal Bennett; Richard Bilodeau, Jr.; Steven Crane; Steven Foster; Sherree Mitchell; John Parola, Gary Perkins, Andrea Rollins, Gerrard Rudmin, Nicole Schobel, and Patricia Smith. Opposed: Allen Ross and Barbara Wakefield. Motion passed. (11/0/2)

**C. Approval of Warrant for District Meeting Referendum**

Sherree Mitchell moved that the warrant and notice of election presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved and that a District meeting referendum be and is hereby called for May 5, 2009, for the purpose of approving the purposes as described therein.

Seconded by Patricia Smith. The motion was unanimously approved. (13/0/0)

**D. Approval of Notice of Informational Meeting & Public Hearing**

Patricia Smith moved that the Notice of Public Hearing presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved and that a public hearing on the Alternative Organizational Structure plan will be held on April 16, 2009, at 6:00 P.M. at Dexter Regional High School.

Seconded by Richard Bilodeau, Jr. The motion was unanimously approved. (13/0/0)

**E. Co-Curricular Appointments for 2008-2009**

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

Chad Graffam	Varsity Baseball Coach – DRHS	\$3,424.06
Mark Pullen	JV Baseball Coach – DRHS	\$1,733.70

Seconded by Richard Bilodeau, Jr. The motion was unanimously approved. (13/0/0)

**F. Approval of 2009-2010 School Calendar**

Patricia Smith moved that the Board of Directors approve the 2009-2010 School Calendar.

Seconded by Sherree Mitchell. Sherree Mitchell rescinded her second. Patricia Smith rescinded her motion.

The 2009-2010 School Calendar will be sent back to committee.

**G. Approval of SAD #46 School Emergency Handbooks**

Sherree Mitchell moved that the Board of Directors approve the Dexter Regional High School, Dexter Middle School, Dexter Primary School, Exeter Consolidated School, Garland Elementary School and Tri-County Technical Center Emergency Plans.

Seconded by Steven Foster. Steven Foster rescinded his second. Sherree Mitchell rescinded her motion.

The SAD #46 School Emergency Handbooks will be sent back to committee.

**H. Executive Session**

At 8:20 p.m. Richard Bilodeau, Jr., moved that the Board of Directors go into Executive Session for the evaluation of Juliana Richard, Principal of Dexter Middle School and Exeter Consolidated School, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A).

Seconded by Patricia Smith. The motion was unanimously approved. (13/0/0)

At 9:30 p.m. Chairman John Parola declared the Board out of Executive Session.

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

None

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

**1. Resignations:**

- Brent Day – Varsity Baseball Coach, DRHS
- Chad Graffam – JV Baseball Coach, DRHS

**2. Meetings**

**Budget & Finance Committee: Tuesday, March 31, 2009**

7:00 PM – Superintendent' Office

**Budget & Finance Committee: Thursday, April 2, 2009**

7:00 PM – Superintendent' Office

**Budget & Finance Committee: Wednesday, April 8, 2009**

7:00 PM – Superintendent' Office

**TCTC Regional Council: Thursday, April 9, 2009**

7:00 PM - TCTC

**School Board Budget Workshop: Wednesday, April 15, 2009**

7:00 PM – DRHS-ATM Room

**Public Hearing – SAD #46/Harmony AOS: Thursday, April 16, 2009**

6:00 PM – DRHS

**Curriculum Committee: Monday, April 27, 2009**

7:00 PM – Superintendent' Office

**Policy Committee: Tuesday, April 28, 2009**

7:00 PM – Superintendent' Office

**Negotiations Committee: Wednesday, April 29, 2009**

7:00 PM – Superintendent' Office

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

**XI. Adjournment**

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

Attested a true record:

Kevin T. Jordan  
Secretary