

**Minutes of MSAD #46 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, April 2, 2008 – 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 twelve (12) members present: Michael Bennett, Steven Crane, Steven Foster, Shawn Lancaster, Sherree Mitchell, John Parola, Gary Perkins, Andrea Rollins, Allen Ross, Gerrard Rudmin, Patricia Smith, and Barbara Wakefield.

Excused: Richard Bilodeau, Jr.

Also present: Superintendent, Kevin Jordan; Stephen Bell; Donna Gillette; Michael Keyte; Juliana Richard; Nicholas Vafiades; and Terry Wood.

Absent: David Gudroe.

II. Approval of Minutes – March 12, 2007

The Chairman declared the Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting – March 12, 2008, approved as printed.

III. Correspondence

John Parola

IV. Public Participation

None

V. Reports by Administrators/Directors

Stephen Bell–Dexter Regional High School:

- Wednesday, April 9, 2008, is a very busy day for Dexter Regional High School students. Seniors will be presenting their senior exhibitions to a group of teachers and underclassmen (this is a graduation requirement). Juniors will be participating in a Financial Fitness Fair, organized by Maine Highland Federal Credit Union. Diane Parola from the Credit Union heads up this event which brings in many local businesses to help educate the juniors on upcoming financial decisions. Sophomores will tour several colleges and universities in the Bangor/Orono area including the University of Maine and Eastern Maine Technical Center. Freshmen are involved in a variety of community service projects for the day. Many of the projects are coordinated with the Town of Dexter.
- The March 21, 2008, workshop focusing on technology went extremely well. The staff was very pleased with the four individual sessions presented by Richard Whitney, Susan Abel, David Fournier and Gary Smith with the assistance of Mary Lightbody. We are very fortunate to have professionals in the district that are willing to train others.
- Key Club Convention: This past weekend, nineteen Key Club members and Mr. Whitney traveled to Springfield, Massachusetts, with several other local schools. They came home the following awards: 1 of 38 schools to receive an Early Bird Dues Award; Governor's Outstanding Club Award; 1st Place Single Service Award for "Hats for Bekah"; 2nd Place Annual Achievement Award; 1 of 12 clubs to win Distinguished Club Award; 2nd Place Traditional Scrapbook; 3rd Place in Club Poster; 2nd Place in Project Awake Award working with Kiwanis family; Rebecca Fick won the Sandy Nininger Award; and Jana Kenney received the Outstanding President's Award. Congratulations to the entire Key Club and Mr. Whitney!
- Sue Cyr will be taking six high school students to a smoking cessation seminar next week. The intent is to train individual students to help others with this problem.

- Spring sports are up and running. The track team which has been small in recent years had over 40 students sign up this year.

Lucy Mallar–Special Services:

- Education technicians and Life Skills teachers attended a workshop with Kylie Spratt on use of the Picture Exchange Communication System on the early release day. Elementary behavior teachers and education technicians attended a workshop with Karen Gudroe on behavioral interventions in general and with specific students. Other special education teachers and education technicians attended building activities.
- A bill to extend the moratorium on implementation of Medicaid rules that disallow schools as Medicaid providers was to be discussed the next day by the Health Subcommittee of the Energy and Commerce Committee. The bill was H.R. 5613. It would allow us to continue billing Medicaid through April 1, 2009.

Juliana Richard–Exeter Consolidated School:

- Finished MEA testing.
- Computer Lab has been busy with grades three – five students working on Investigation activities in LogoPaths.
- Third grade students have adopted a polar bear after studying biomes.
- Fourth grade students are studying government in Social Studies. They have published President Biographies in Little Books or Data Disks.
- Fifth grade students have finished their Iditarod unit by publishing an Iditarod Alphabet Book. The unit included video conferencing with the Bering Strait School District in Alaska, seeing and speaking with former musher and author Gary Paulsen and direct interaction with the two hosts of the conference. Our students asked many interesting questions during the broadcasts and learned a great deal about Alaska and the Iditarod.
- SOAR students read an editorial from the Bangor Daily News on Peregrine Falcons and because it was similar to a book they had just read, they wrote a letter to the Bangor Daily News editor. He responded with a nice letter to them thanking them for their interest in reading.
- Exeter K-Kids created a Staff Appreciation bulletin board in the entryway of the school.

Juliana Richard–Dexter Middle School:

- The newly formed advisory team at the Middle School has met three times and has explored ways to increase communication between parent groups and the Middle School. The March meeting centered on student transitions from grade four to grade five and grade eight to grade nine. As a result of the March meeting Dexter Regional High School has added a panel discussion to the Frosh Night on April 14, 2008. Also, a course registration clinic for eighth grade students anticipating ninth grade will be held at the Middle School from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on April 15 and 16, 2008. The counselor from the High School will team with the Middle School counselor to provide information to eighth grade students and their parents for course selections.
- Three teachers from the Middle School attended a literacy workshop in Benton. The purpose was to identify successful practices which we could adopt and facilitate literacy progress here.
- On March 21, 2008, the Middle School completed the first draft of our curriculum alignment to the updated Learning Results.
- The Hampstead Players will present an Introduction to Shakespeare for Students on April 7, 2008.
- Sixth grade will have a geology speaker from University of Maine on April 9, 2008.
- Spirit week is set for April 14-18, 2008.
- The Skowhegan Savings Bank will hold a presentation for fifth and sixth graders encouraging college attendance will be on April 8, 2008.

- Most improved student awards will be recognized at a Seadogs game on April 19, 2008. Students will have their name on the scoreboard and be recognized as most improved. About 55 Middle School students plan to attend.

Nicholas Vafiades–Tri-County Technical Center:

- SkillsUSA conference was held on Friday, March 14, 2008, in Bangor. Twenty-four students from the Tri-County Technical Center competed in the SkillsUSA competition held at United Technology Center, Eastern Maine Community College, and Penobscot Job Corps. Twelve medals we won among the students participating.
- Seventeen Health Occupations students, Ms. Weatherbee, and Ms. Herring are leaving Thursday morning to attend the HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) State, 2008 conference and competitions in Portland.
- Commercial Truck Driving conference and competition will be held in Westbrook on May 8 and 9, 2008
- The four steel I beams to be used at the Building Trades modular housing site have arrived.
- Cainbro was about a month ahead of schedule. Upon completion of the Fern Project we will be ready to begin the modular units at the Center.
- The Technical Center MELMAC grant development committee has submitted our grant.
- The Career Center and Training Development Corporation are assisting the Technical Center staff with an employment fair “A Future for ME” for seniors on April 30, 2008. The students have been prepared with employment portfolios and interview skills for this event.
- In collaboration with Penquis Higher Education located in Dover-Foxcroft, twenty four Technical Center students took the Accuplacer. The Accuplacer is an academic placement exam required by all of the community colleges. Cut off scores need to be attained or students will be required to take a remedial course at their expense and no credit is awarded towards a degree.

Terry Wood–Garland Elementary:

- Students raised \$522.78 for *Pennies for Patients* this year. Last year the school raised \$392.32.
- Kindergarten screening will be April 15, 2008. We have 17 students currently registered for next year.
- Dental Health Poster Contest District Winners are:
 - Kindergarten: Katelyn Babine (Dexter)
 - Grades 1-2: Samantha Bishop (Garland)
 - Grades 3-4: Ashley Reynolds (Dexter)
 - Grades 5-6: Sarah Vigue (Dexter)

These posters are now on display in Augusta at the Maine Center for Disease Control & Prevention Office. The winners will be chosen and announced by the end of April for the state competition.

- The PTF continues to provide funds for various activities and outings. Thank you PTF!
- WomanCare, a community based organization working to end domestic violence, did three presentations devised to establish healthy relationships and promote social change. The presentations focused on raising children's awareness to the negative impacts of using violence to solve conflicts, developing the necessary skills to form and maintain healthy relationships and introducing differences and emphasizing the importance of individuality.

Terry Wood–Dexter Primary School:

- Students raised \$917.35 for *Pennies for Patients* this year. The amount raised last year was \$875.00.

- Kindergarten screening is scheduled for April 18, 2008. We currently have 32 students registered.
- K-Kids will continue to meet the first Monday of the month. Students will be working on a planting project at the next meeting.
- The BUG's program continues to grow with a total of 35 students presently enrolled. The Key Club members from the high school continue to help volunteer their time to help tutor students in grades K-4 in reading and math activities. The tutoring is from 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. with a snack provided for the students.
- The MEA's are all completed and have been mailed out. Schools were given an extension this year because of the weather and cancellations.
- Fourth grade teachers as well as parents continue to meet to plan the annual 4th grade outing. The raffle will continue until Friday, April 18, 2008. No final decisions have been made as to the destination and/or activities.
- The PTO continues to support the school with a variety of projects. The most recent was a project involving the art teacher, Mr. Inch. Students worked on art projects that were later produced into refrigerator magnets-Display My Art. Parents were able to purchase these magnets. The PTO is now taking orders for birthday calendars and they are also continuing the sale of Dexter Tiger fleece jackets. Order forms are available in the office. Thank you PTO!

VI. Committee Reports

1. Negotiations Committee – Steven Foster
2. Budget Committee – Steven Crane
3. Regional Planning Committee – Kevin Jordan
4. Curriculum Committee – Sherree Mitchell

VII. Educational Reports

None

VIII. Items Requiring Board Action

A. Superintendent's Add-ons

None

B. 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:

Patricia Faley	Yearbook Co-Advisor– DMS	\$301.27
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Seconded by Shawn Lancaster. The motion was unanimously approved. (12/0/0)

C. Approval of School Calendar 2008-2009

Gerrard Rudmin moved that the Board of Directors approve the 2008-2009 school calendar as recommended by the Curriculum and Instruction Committee.

Seconded by Michael Bennett. The motion was unanimously approved. (12/0/0)

D. Award of Bid for New Schol Bus

Gary Perkins moved that the Board of Directors award the bid for a new 77-passenger school bus to Dattco Sales & Service at a cost of \$67,657.00 as recommended by the Facilities/ Transportation/Construction Committee.

Seconded by Sherree Mitchell. The motion was unanimously approved. (12/0/0)

E. Approval of 2008-2009 Student Handbooks

Sherree Mitchell moved that the Board of Directors approve the 2008-2009 student handbooks for the following schools as recommended by the Curriculum and Instruction Committee:

Dexter Primary School
Garland Elementary School
Dexter Middle School
Exeter Consolidated School
Dexter Regional High School

Seconded by Michael Bennett. The motion was unanimously approved. (12/0/0)

F. Executive Session

At 8:05 p.m., Steven Foster moved that the Board of Directors go into Executive Session for the evaluation of Lucy Mallar, SAD #46 Special Services Director, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (A).

Seconded by Michael Bennett. The motion was unanimously approved. (12/0/0)

At 8:35 p.m., the Chairman declared the Board out of Executive Session.

Any Action As a Result of Executive Session

Shawn Lancaster moved that the Board of Directors rehire and extend Lucy Mallar's contract as Special Services Director in SAD #46 through June 30, 2010.

Seconded by Barbara Wakefield. The motion was unanimously approved. (12/0/0)

G. Executive Session

At 8:37 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 Education Association MEA/NEA for the Educational Support Staff pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D).

Seconded by Gary Perkins. The motion was unanimously approved. (12/0/0)

At 8:45 p.m., the Chairman declared the Board out of Executive Session.

Any Action As a Result of Executive Session

None

H. Executive Session

At 8:46 p.m., Gerrard Rudmin moved that the Board of Directors go into Executive Session for the purpose of updating the Board on pending litigation pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (E).

Seconded by Michael Bennett. The motion was unanimously approved. (12/0/0)

At 8:59 p.m., the Chairman declared the Board out of Executive Session.

Any Action As a Result of Executive Session

RECOMMENDATION: Shawn Lancaster moved that the Board of Directors authorize the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a Contingent Fee Agreement with Drummond Woodsum & McMahon to pursue civil litigation relating to a bid bond filed against The Hanover Insurance Group; Nitram Excavation & General Contractor, Incorporated; and Western Maine Associates.

Seconded by Michael Bennett. The motion was unanimously approved. (12/0/0)

IX. Superintendent’s Report(s)

1. Resignation(s)

Karen Murray, Boys Soccer Coach– DMS
Brittany Fariel, Educational Technician III– DMS
Kristin Gilbert, Spanish Teacher– DRHS
Michael Haskell, Girls Basketball A-Team Coach–DMS

2. Meeting(s)

Budget and Finance Committee: Wednesday, April 9, 2008

7:00 PM – Superintendent’s Office

Board of Directors Budget Workshop &

Adopt 2008-2009 School Budget: Wednesday, April 16, 2008

7:00 PM – Dexter Regional High School– ATM Room

Policy Committee: Wednesday, April 30, 2008

7:00 PM – Superintendent’s Office

X. Chairman’s Report(s)

XI. Adjournment

At 9:15 p.m., the Chairman of the Board declared the Board meeting adjourned.

Attested a true record:

Kevin T. Jordan
Secretary