

MINUTES OF M.S.A.D. #46 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, December 2, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.
EXETER SCHOOL - CAFETERIA

I. Opening

(10) At 7:00 p.m. Vice-chairman Steven Crane called the meeting to order and declared a quorum with ten members present: Michael Bennett, Steven Crane, Steven Foster, Gary Perkins, Andrea Rollins, Allen Ross, Gerrard Rudmin, Nicole Schobel, Patricia Smith and Barbara Wakefield. Richard Bilodeau, Jr. arrived at 7:20 p.m.

Excused: John Parola.

Also in attendance: Superintendent, Kevin Jordan; Stephen Bell; Michael Keyte; Juliana Richard; and Nicholas Vafiades.

II. Approval of Minutes – November 4, 2009

as The Vice-chairman declared the Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting of November 4, 2009, approved printed.

III. Correspondence

None

IV. Public Participation

Dexter Representative Douglas Thomas and Senator Debra Plowman: Proclamation of State Champions - Regional High School Field Hockey Team

V. Reports by Administrators/Directors

Stephen Bell:

- Upcoming events at DRHS: December 3, 2009, Dance Production at 7:00 p.m. cafeteria; December 10, 2009, Holiday Concert at 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium; December 17, 2009, Ramblers Holiday Concert at 7:00 p.m. at DMS.
- Both workshops on November 23 and 24, 2009, were a great success for the high school staff. A big thank you to Nick Vafiades for allowing the high school staff to attend and participate in Chris Trout's presentation on Monday. His message about building on a student's individual strengths as opposed to focusing on their deficiencies certainly had an impact on the staff members in attendance. Elaine Bartley, a computer expert/teacher from UMO worked with the staff on Tuesday on how to make greater connections with the new laptops in the classroom. Both sessions received great feedback from the teachers
- NEASC: Executive Summaries will be voted on and approved by the staff next Wednesday. We should be getting our visiting committee Chair assignment soon. Some of the steering committee will be attending an Evaluation Seminar in Ellsworth on December 10, 2009. A reminder that the staff, administration and board members will need to be in attendance on Sunday afternoon April 11, 2009. The steering committee is in the process of organizing materials and schedules for the visiting committee.

Juliana Richard:

Exeter Consolidated School:

- Students held a Wacky Week to benefit two students who recently lost their homes to fires – teachers and students raised \$300.
- Exeter teachers attended the Maine Math Science presentation on the November 23, 2009, faculty in-service day. The presentation included best practice techniques. They also toured the new school on Tuesday with the Dexter Primary, Dexter Middle and Garland School staff. Staff then joined one of the ten discussion groups facilitated by the transition team. Faculty brainstormed new ideas and procedures for additional discussions regarding the new school. In the spirit of cooperation, we had a potluck lunch.

Dexter Middle School:

- Three students were honored by the VFW and American Legion for their essays: Michaela White, Jordon Gudroe, and Josh Thornley. They received cash, a certificate of recognition and supper with their families at the TCTC.
 - DMS used November 23, 2009, to review our CIPS plan and how to adjust curriculum to NECAP standards. The data team and leadership teams met to discuss grade level issues and NWEA results. All teachers were required to discard unused materials.
 - Both Exeter and Dexter have strong attendance- today three students were out with flu like symptoms.

Nicholas Vafiades:

- The Building Trades and Pre-Technical students attended the 2009 Associated Builders and Contractors of Maine (ABC) Craft Championships at the Augusta Civic Center. This is a great way for students to have hands on experience in a wide range of construction trades.
- On November 1 and 2, 2009, thirteen TCTC students attended leadership training in Augusta. At the conference Amy Macomber of Nokomis and Katie Knowlton of Foxcroft Academy were elected to the State SkillsUSA officer team.
- Mila Tappan of FAME gave a financial aid presentation for our students and families on November 3, 2009. Ninety students and parents attended.
- Workshop activity on Monday, November 23, 2009, included a presentation by Chris Trout focusing on student strengths by reframing language, therefore, supporting student motivation and confidence. On Tuesday the Center staff participated in the Department of Public Safety Driving Dynamics Course.
- With the support of MELMAC grant funds all TCTC programs will participate in two college campus visits. As of this date we have been to: Husson University, New England School of Broadcasting, Thomas College, Eastern Maine Community College, Central Maine Community College, and Southern Maine Community College, and Washington County Community College.
- With the assistance of Penquis Valley Adult Education Cooperative in Dover Foxcroft, twenty-four TCTC seniors have taken the Accuplacer exam. The Accuplacer is an academic placement exam used by many colleges to assess the need for remedial courses. We hope to be able to help students with test preparation and retests to avoid having to take remedial courses at college.
- The Criminal Justice and Metals Manufacturing students have completed National Occupational Certification Testing Institute (NOCTI) pre-tests. Post tests will be conducted in May. This means all TCTC programs have a third-party occupational skill assessment. Mr. Pelletier the automotive instructor is currently completing the application process to have our program certified by National Automotive Technician Education Foundation (NATEF). This would make Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification available to our students and also increase the number of dual enrollments with technical colleges.

VI. Committee Reports

1. Facilities/Transportation/Construction Committee – Gary Perkins
2. AOS #94 – Steven Foster
3. TCTC Regional Council – Michael Bennett

VII. Educational Report(s) - None

VIII. Items Requiring Board Action

A. Superintendent's Add-ons

1. Add Item VIII – E: Executive Session

B. Extra-Curricular Appointment(s) 2009-2010 School Year

Gerrard Rudmin moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent's extra-curricular appointment, as listed below, for the 2009-2010 school year:

Kevin Armstrong	Asst. Wrestling Coach-DRHS	\$2,008.89
-----------------	----------------------------	------------

Seconded by Gary Perkins. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

C. Dexter Regional High School Band and Chorus Trip to Washington, D.C.

Gerrard Rudmin moved that the Board of Directors approve a trip to Washington D.C. by members of the Dexter Regional High School band and chorus in the Spring of 2010.

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

D. Letter of Intent

Gary Perkins moved that the Board of Directors authorize the Superintendent of Schools to author a Letter of Intent for Cooperation to the Penobscot County Soil and Water Conservation District in support of seeking grant funds for water quality improvement as recommended by the Facilities/Transportation/Construction Committee.

Crane,
and
Seconded by Richard Bilodeau, Jr. Voting in favor of the motion: Richard Bilodeau, Jr., Steven
Steven Foster, Gary Perkins, Andrea Rollins, Gerrard Rudmin, Nicole Schobel, Patricia Smith
Barbara Wakefield. Opposed: Michael Bennett and Allen Ross. The motion passed. (9/2/0)

E. Executive Session

At 8:16 p.m. Gerrard Rudmin moved that the Board of Directors go into Executive Session to discuss
employment of an Assistant Principal at Dexter Regional High School pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)
(A).

Seconded by Allen Ross. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

At 9:08 p.m. Vice-chairman Steven Crane declared the Board out of Executive Session.

Any Action As A Result of Executive Session

None

Dexter Regional High School Assistant Principal

Allen Ross moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent's nomination, for the position
of Dexter Regional High School Assistant Principal for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year:

Bruce Bailey Assistant Principal – DRHS \$325./day per diem

Motion was not seconded. Motion failed.

F. New School Name

Gerrard Rudmin moved that the Board of Directors consider a name for the new SAD #46 Pre-K–8
School. Seconded by Barbara Wakefield.

No action was taken and motion was tabled for the January 2010 Board meeting.

IX. Superintendent's Report(s)

A. Resignations

B. Meetings

Piscataquis Valley Adult Education Cooperative (PVAEC): Thursday, December 3, 2009

6:30 PM – SeDoMoCha

AOS #94 Board of Directors Meeting: Tuesday, December 8, 2009

6:00 PM – Harmony Elementary School

Facilities/Transportation/Construction Committee: Wednesday, December 16, 2009

7:00 PM – Superintendent's Office

SAD #46 Board of Directors Meetings: Wednesday, January 6, 2010

7:00 PM – DRHS Library

X. Chairman's Report(s)

XI. Adjournment

9:40 p.m. the Vice-chairman of the Board declared the Board meeting adjourned.

Attested a true record:

Kevin T. Jordan
Secretary