

MINUTES OF M.S.A.D. #46 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, December 3, 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 eleven (11) members present: Richard Bilodeau, Jr., Steven Crane, Steven Foster, Shawn Lancaster, Sherree Mitchell, John Parola, Gary Perkins, Andrea Rollins, Allen Ross, Gerrard Rudmin, and Patricia Smith. Excused: Michael Bennett and Barbara Wakefield.

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

II. Approval of Minutes – November 5, 2008

The Chairman declared the Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting of November 5, 2008, approved as printed.

III. Correspondence

None

IV. Public Participation

None

V. Reports by Administrators/Directors

Stephen Bell:

- Monday's workshop with Janet Allison from NEASC was very successful. We are well on our way with the self-study process. Our advisory program, leadership team and commitment to heterogeneous grouping put us in good shape this time around. The lack of a curriculum coordinator could be costly. Tuesday we continued the NEASC work and moved into departments for some curriculum work in the afternoon because George Tucker couldn't come due to a family emergency. We may schedule George for a workshop in March.
- The annual holiday concert will be held at the high school gymnasium on December 9, 2008. This is a combined affair for the high school and middle school music programs.
- Open house was a great success on November 12, 2008. Many students were involved in demonstrations or performances throughout the evening. We collected over 90 parent surveys for NEASC during the evening. Mrs. Mountain, our community coordinator, continues to do a great job organizing the community fair.
- Senior SLC's (student led conferences) are being held this week at the high school.

Juliana Richard:

Exeter Consolidation School

- The pasta drive for the food bank is ongoing. Our goal is one pound of pasta to represent each student at Exeter.
- Both Dexter grade 5 and Exeter School will attend "Frog and Toad" at the Penobscot Theater by Kenneth Graham.

Dexter Middle School

- The Builders Club has collected nearly \$750 in their "Coins for the Food Closet" charity event. They are on track to beat their earlier donation records.
- Dexter Middle School and Exeter Consolidated School had two very successful workshop days. Faculty discussed anti-bully techniques, curriculum adjustments, shared the middle school and high school work as well as grade four and five curriculum and multiple technology applications.

Nicholas Vafiades:

- On Friday, November 7, 2008, ten female students from the Center attended Totally Trades. Workshops and activities were designed to support young ladies that may want to consider non traditional career choices.
- The building trades and pre-technical students attended the 2008 Associated Builders and Contractors of Maine (ABC) craft championships at the Augusta Civic Center. This is a great way for students to experience a wide range of construction trade areas.
- Workshop activities included: First Aid/CPR with Beth Weatherbee, Mac Lap top training with Jen McKenzie and the "cart", Literacy and Numeracy Techniques staff share what is working and offering tips, a presentation on Financial Aid for Educators by Mila Tappan from FAME, and College Application Essay writing with Sarah MacGown.
- MELMAC grant funds made it possible for all TCTC programs to participate in two college campus visits. We have toured Husson University, New England School of Broadcasting, Eastern Maine Community College,

Central Maine Community College, and Southern Maine Community College. In the next couple of weeks we will be visiting Washington County and Kennebec Community Colleges.

- The Center held a financial aid work shop for our students and families on November 13, 2008. Thirty students attended with parents and or guardians.
- Fifty of our seniors signed up to take the Accuplacer exam with the Penquis Higher Education Center in Dover- Foxcroft. The Accuplacer is an academic placement exam used by many colleges to evaluate student placement and need for remedial courses. We hope to be able to help students with preparation and retest if needed. This is designed to avoid students needing remedial courses at college.

Terry Wood:

Dexter Primary School and Garland Elementary School

- Our after school program is up and running. We have a total of twenty-three students in Dexter and nine students in Garland who are receiving services in math, reading and writing.
- Exeter Consolidated School will be hosting Garland's Winter Concert on December 16, 2008, at 1:00 p.m.
- Dexter will be having their Winter Concert on December 11, 2008, at 1:00 p.m.
- Our third graders received brand new dictionaries from the Seabasticook Grange. This program has provided our students with dictionaries for at least the past three years.

VI. Committee Reports

1. Facilities / Transportation / Construction Committee – Shawn Lancaster
2. Curriculum Committee – Sherree Mitchell
3. TCTC Regional Council – Michael Bennett

VII. Educational Report(s)

None

VIII. Items Requiring Board Action

A. Superintendent's Add-ons

None

B. Executive Session

At 7:21 p.m., Sherree Mitchell 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 Shawn Lancaster. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

At 8:13 p.m., Chairman John Parola 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 "N" 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 Steven Foster. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

At 8:15 p.m. Richard Bilodeau, Jr. left the meeting.

C. Extra-Curricular Appointment for 2008-2009

Steven Foster moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent's extra-curricular appointment, as listed below, for the 2008-2009 school year.

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| Gavin Cote | Boys A-Team Asst. Basketball Coach-DMS | Volunteer |
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Seconded by Allen Ross. The motion was unanimously approved. (10/0/0)

D. Co-Curricular Appointments for 2008-2009

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

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| Alyson Saunders | Drama Coach-DRHS | \$1,171.81 |
| Gary Smith | Yearbook Advisor-DRHS | \$1,213.58 |

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

E. Dexter Regional High School French III and IV Trip to Quebec City

Sherree Mitchell moved that the Board of Directors approve a trip to Quebec City, Canada, by members of the French III and IV classes in December 2008, as recommended by the SAD #46 Curriculum Committee.

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

F. Executive Session

At 8:37 p.m., Sherree Mitchell moved that the Board of Directors go into Executive Session for the evaluation of Kevin T. Jordan, Superintendent of Schools, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A).

Seconded by Patricia Smith. The motion was unanimously approved. (10/0/0)

At 9:26 p.m., Chairman John Parola declared the Board out of Executive Session.

Any Action As A Result of Executive Session

Andrea Rollins moved that the Board of Director’s rehire Kevin Jordan as Superintendent of Schools in SAD #46.

Seconded by Gary Perkins. The motion was unanimously approved. (10/0/0)

IX. Superintendent’s Report(s)

1. Resignations:

- **Karen Murray, Girls Varsity Asst. Soccer Coach, DRHS**

2. Meetings

PVAEC: Thursday, December 4, 2008

6:30 PM – SeDoMocha

Facilities / Transportation / Construction Committee: Tuesday, December 9, 2008

5:30 PM – Superintendent’s Office

School Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 7, 2009

7:00 PM – DRHS-ATM Room

X. Chairman’s Report(s)

XI. Adjournment

At 9:44 p.m. the Chairman of the Board declared the Board meeting adjourned.

Attested a true record:

Kevin T. Jordan
Secretary