

MINUTES OF M.S.A.D. #46 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, February 4, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

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 seven (7) members present: Michael Bennett, Richard Bilodeau, Jr., Steven Crane, John Parola, Andrea Rollins, Patricia Smith, and Barbara Wakefield.

Excused: Steven Foster, Shawn Lancaster, Sherree Mitchell, Gary Perkins, Allen Ross, and Gerrard Rudmin.

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

II. Approval of Minutes – January 14, 2009

The Chairman declared the Minutes of Board of Directors meeting of January 14, 2009, approved as printed.

III. Correspondence

None

IV. Public Participation

None

V. Reports by Administrators/Directors

Stephen Bell:

- Congratulations to our cheerleaders who were the class "C" Eastern Maine Champions (first in school history) and the wrestlers who were the class "C" Eastern Maine Runners Up. Both teams are competing in state competitions this Saturday. Wrestling will be in Augusta all day and the cheerleaders will be performing sometime between 9:00 a.m. and 12 a.m. at the Bangor Auditorium.
- Winter Carnival is next week. The student council will be sponsoring activities during and after school each day including a dance on Friday evening. The snow sculpture competition is in conjunction with the town of Dexter's Winterfest.
- SLC's (student led conferences) for grades 9-11 will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2009, from 12:00 noon until 7:30 p.m. at the high school. Students will be released at 12:00 noon.
- The valedictorian for the class of 2009 is Megan Crane with a GPA of 3.62. She is the daughter of Steve and Becky Crane of Exeter. Josh Stanhope is the salutatorian of the class of 2009 with a GPA of 3.57. He is the son of David Stanhope of Exeter and Melodie Stanhope of Dexter.

Lucy Mallar:

- On January 15, the Committee on Appropriations released a summary of the stimulus bill. It will contain \$13 billion for formula grants to increase the federal share of special education costs and prevent these mandatory costs from forcing states to cut other areas of education.
- Medicare and Medicaid Regulations: The bill extends the moratorium on Medicaid and Medicare regulations.
- Dan Courter, attorney for our Medicaid billing service, met with regional special education directors last Friday. He was in Washington recently. He thinks that the O'Bara administration will revise the Medicaid rules that are currently under moratorium so schools can continue billing Medicaid for the medically necessary services we provide to students with disabilities. He said that the state will probably lose its bundled rate system, and we will be billing fee-for-service. When we get closer to the change, we will work with the billing service to see how the change may impact our Medicaid revenues.

Juliana Richard:**Exeter School**

- This is school spirit week which includes crazy hair day, wear red day for your heart, and other events. The school will use the money earned this week (\$150) to buy three eggs for the Egg Ride benefiting the Pine Tree Camp.
- Students completed the NWEA tests.
- Snowshoeing has been popular in PE classes.
- The children's author, Amy McDonald, will visit on March 26, 2009.

Dexter Middle School

- Basketball teams are involved in the play-offs.
- Cheering teams both scored third place in their competitions.
- Dexter Middle School and Exeter School completed MIYHS-(survey of healthy behaviors).
- Dexter Middle School raised \$125 for the American Cancer Society by collecting donations and as a contribution with our Basketball Officials board Pink Whistle Event.
- Math team had a competition today and did very well.

Nicholas Vafiades:

- The Technical Center Skills Showcase was a great success. We had a good turn out of parents and friends. There were one hundred and thirty-four contestants in twenty-three competitions. There will be thirty students competing at the state skills competitions. The staff appreciated the Superintendent and the members of the Board attending and helping judge the contests. The Skills USA conference and competitions will be in Bangor on Friday, March 13, 2009.
- With the assistance of our MELMAC Grant we will host two financial aid sessions for seniors. February 11, 2009, will be a breakfast session and on February 12, 2009, we will hold an evening session. During these sessions we will assist students and parents in completing the online FASFA form. All TCTC students have gone to the FASFA site to obtain pin numbers.
- On January 29, 2009, Beth Weatherbee and the Health Occupations students held a blood drive at the Center. Thirty-three pints of blood were collected.
- Twenty-two students have been nominated to the National Technical Honor Society. The committee will make the selections based on our criteria this week. The induction will be Wednesday, February 25, 2009, at 5:30 p.m.

Terry Wood:

- Progress reports went out for Dexter Primary and Garland Elementary on January 23, 2009. Teachers are pleased with the new format being used.
- We will have a kick off night on Wednesday, February 11, 2009, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Primary and Middle School to celebrate receiving the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Grant. SAD #46 was one of eighty school districts chosen from around the country for the 2008-2009 school year to receive this grant to help provide students access to up-to-date library materials and improved technology. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be food and door prizes.
- The 100th day of school will be February 10th and both schools will be having activities to celebrate this occasion. We are collaborating with the Maine Parent Federation and will be displaying a banner that states, "100 Parents on the 100th Day of School 100% Behind Their School." The banner will be displayed during the evening of February 11, 2009, for parents to sign.
- This grant has also enabled us to provide more interactive library services by providing an educational technician for the Garland Elementary School.

VI. Committee Reports

1. Facilities/Transportation/Construction Committee – Shawn Lancaster
2. TCTC Regional Council – Michael Bennett
3. Piscataquis Valley Adult Education Cooperative – Patricia Smith

VII. Educational Report – Sharon Imbert, Title I Coordinator

VIII. Items Requiring Board Action

A. Superintendent's Add-ons

None

B. Computation and Declaration of Votes

Richard Bilodeau, Jr., moved that the Computation and Declaration of Votes dated January 27, 2009, and attached hereto be and it is hereby approved.

Seconded by Michael Bennett. The motion was unanimously approved. (7/0/0)

Richard Bilodeau, Jr., moved that the Computation and Declaration of Votes be entered upon the records of the District.

Seconded by Steven Crane. The motion was unanimously approved. (7/0/0)

Richard Bilodeau, Jr., moved that a certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes be sent to each of the town clerks within the District.

Seconded by Patricia Smith. The motion was unanimously approved. (7/0/0)

C. Approval to Request Proposals for School Bus Purchase

Patricia Smith moved that the Board of Directors authorize the Superintendent to request proposals for the purchase of a new school bus for 2009-2010.

Seconded by Richard Bilodeau, Jr. The motion was unanimously approved. (7/0/0)

**D. Regional School Consolidation with SAD #4, Harmony and Willimantic
RECOMMENDATION: None**

E. Executive Session

At 8:00 p.m., Richard Bilodeau, Jr. moved that the Board of Directors go into Executive Session for the evaluation of Terry Wood, Principal of Dexter Primary School and Garland Elementary School, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (A).

Seconded by Patricia Smith. The motion was unanimously approved. (7/0/0)

At 8:40 p.m., Chairman John Parola declared the Board out of Executive Session.

Any Action As a Result of Executive Session

Patricia Smith moved that the board of Directors rehire and extend Terry Wood's contract as Principal of Dexter Primary School and Garland Elementary School in SAD #46 through June 30, 2011.

Seconded by Barbara Wakefield. The motion was unanimously approved. (7/0/0)

IX. Superintendent's Report(s)

1. Resignation(s)

- John Johnson, SAD #46 Bus Driver
- Kenneth Welch, DMS – Asst. Wrestling Coach

2. Meetings

X. Chairman's Report(s)

XI. Adjournment

At 8:50 p.m. the Chairman of the Board declared the Board meeting adjourned.

Attested a true record:

Kevin T. Jordan
Secretary