

MINUTES OF M.S.A.D. #46 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, February 6, 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 nine (9) members present: Richard Bilodeau, Jr., Steven Crane, Steven Foster, Shawn Lancaster, John Parola, Andrea Rollins, Allen Ross, Patricia Smith, and Barbara Wakefield.

Excused: Michael Bennett, Sherree Mitchell, Gary Perkins, and Gerrard Rudmin.

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

Excused: David Gudroe.

II. Approval of Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting – January 2, 2008

The Chairman declared the Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting - January 2, 2008, approved as printed.

III. Correspondence

None

IV. Public Participation

Paul Robinson

V. Reports by Administrators/Directors

Stephen Bell:

- Student Led Conferences were held today from 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- The 2008 Maine Principal's Association Award for Dexter Regional High School was awarded to Allyssa Crane of Exeter. She is the daughter of Jim and Brenda Crane. Allyssa placed fourth in her class with a grade point average of 3.62. She is a Key Club officer, a member of the National Honor Society, and participated in varsity soccer and softball during her four years.
- The Salutatorian of the Class of 2008 is Thomas Nokes of Dexter. He is the son of Ted and Eileen Nokes. Thomas finished with a 3.74 grade point average. He is a member of the National Honor Society and Key Club, a band officer, and he has been recognized many times as an All State caliber musician.
- The Valedictorian of the Class of 2008 is Rebecca Johnson of Garland. She is the daughter of Melvin and Polly Johnson. She finished with a 3.83 grade point average. She is a member of the National Honor Society and is the Vice President of her class. Rebecca is also a Key Club member and has participated in varsity field hockey and softball.
- Seniors will be placing their orders for graduation announcements, caps, and gowns on Thursday.
- A JV Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament will be held this Saturday in Dexter. Wrestling Class "C" East Regional at Howland and Cheering State Competition in Augusta on Saturday.
- Winter Carnival will be February 11 – 15, 2008, at Dexter Regional High School. Winter Carnival is sponsored by the Student Council and the theme this year is *Music*. The week begins with an opening ceremony on Monday and concludes with an assembly and dance on Friday. The event coincides with the Town of Dexter's Winter Carnival. Each day includes a dress up component and an after school activity for the students. There will be an ongoing class competition throughout the week with cash prizes awarded.
- The Spring Musical is in the early phases of rehearsal with performances scheduled for March 13, 14 and 15, 2008. "Bells are Ringing," is this year's play directed by Alyson Saunders.

Lucy Mallar:

Results of Special Education Review Process:

- From April 2005 through December 2007, we have been involved in a state review of our special education program. During the process we completed two corrective action plans designed to bring everything into compliance with new federal regulations, which went into effect in 2005. In July 2007, we moved on to come into compliance with Maine's new special education regulations and use of the new state special education forms. During the process we completed and submitted two corrective action plans: one in December 2006 and one in December 2007.
- We recently received notification that our program was given full approval as being compliant with the new state and federal regulations. With the use of mandatory special education forms in Maine, the review process should become easier in the future. Reviews will probably continue to occur once every five years or whenever a district's data is significantly different than the state average.

Juliana Richard:**Exeter School:**

- The fifty-one students of Exeter Consolidated School raised \$200. for the Pine Tree Camp EggStravaganza! This involved a week of different activities including hat day, sunglasses, backwards day, and pajama day at a participation fee of 25 cents.
- Students participated in a one and a half hour snowshoe hike where students found tracks of turkeys, bobcats, and coyote.
- Mr. Prescott's SOAR students have a weekly "Read to Others" session with Headstart students.
- A visiting author, Sara Thomson will help Exeter celebrate *Reading Across America* during the last week of February. Also other special guests will read, including Mr. Raymond. Exeter students will read to Garland students, ending with a birthday cake celebration honoring Dr. Suess.
- The fifth grade traveled with Dexter students to Portland to visit Gulf of Maine Research Institute.

Dexter Middle School:

- The Math Team attended a meet today. Grade seven landed a first place, grade eight placed first and second. Jane Strauch, Lauren Crane, Jordan Bell, and Casey Jordan placed first, second, third and fourth. Hunter Belanger placed third for grade seven.
- The Annual Spelling Bee was held February 1, 2008. Casey Jordan and Sarah Johnson battled for top honors in spelling. Ms. Johnson had the final win.
- The Civil Rights Team sponsored a Tolerance Week with activities including: No Name Calling, Mix it up at Lunch, Dress to Support Caring, Fairness, Citizenship, and Responsibility.
- Grade five traveled to Portland to visit Gulf of Maine Research Institute.
- The final cheering competition is scheduled for February 16, 2008, at Central Middle School.
- The winter athletic awards night occurred Monday evening.
- Mrs. Murray is sponsoring a Movie Club for students in grade seven. This group will meet during activity periods.
- Wrestling begins Monday at the Middle School.
- The Science Fair is set for February 27, 2008.
- Patriots Pen Winners were announced: Amy Jordan, Jordan Bell, and Jane Strauch.

Nicholas Vafiades:

- The Technical Center Skills Showcase was held January 23, 2007. About 100 students participated and twenty five will attend the state SkillsUSA conference on March 13 and 14 in Bangor. The sites will be the United Technology Center, Eastern Maine Community College and Penobscot Job Corps.
- The State Health Occupations Conference will be April 3 and 4, 2008, at a location to be announced in Portland.
- Two representatives of Penquis CAP visited the Center in reference to the replacement housing grant. Funding is lagging behind schedule; however the funds remain in the works. This is fine considering that we are building the storage facility at the Fern residence.
- John Guay and I completed a grant application to the Maine Community Foundation for funding to purchase steel I beams to be used at the Building Trades modular housing site.
- The Technical Center MELMAC grant development committee continues to prepare our application to be submitted at end of March.
- Judy Holt of the Training Development Corporation has worked several days with our disadvantaged student to help with transition services.

Terry Wood:

- The K-Kids under the direction of high school Key Club members, Rick Whitney and Melissa Peakes have been meeting once a month and have been involved with two projects for January. They collected two boxes of food to deliver to a family that lost their home to a fire last month. They have also collected 97 pairs of mittens and delivered them to Dexter Health Care where they will be distributed to families in need.
- Positive Action for kindergarten students is continuing at the Garland Elementary School this semester.
- Terrific Kids, a grade three program, had their mid-year assembly with several parents in attendance. Students who met their goals were recognized and I gave a little speech to those who have not yet met their goals about assessing their goals and making the decisions and choices needed to attain their own goals.
- The fourth grade Principal's Role Model monthly assembly is continuing. Students chosen have their pictures taken with the principal and placed in the hallway. They also have lunch in the principal's office with the principal providing desserts. The reward for last month was ice skating at the town rink.
- Mrs. Roderka's and Mrs. Nuite's second grade classes did presentations on Famous Americans. Parents were invited to attend the presentations. The students read biographies of famous Americans to their family members. They also made puppets resembling their famous Americans. The students also sang many

patriotic songs they had learned with Mrs. Roderka accompanying on guitar. The presentation was taped and is available for viewing.

- The High School Key Club under the direction of Mr. Whitney, teacher volunteers and myself are also involved with an after school project that involves k - 4 students. The project is called the BUGS program I mentioned earlier in the year. BUGS is a tutorial hour from 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. with a snack provided. Students work individually and in small groups to practice whatever skills the classroom teacher deems appropriate. The materials are provided by the teacher with directions for the high school students and/or adults to follow. Currently we have 34 students involved in BUGS.

VI. Committee Reports

1. Negotiations Committee – Steven Foster
2. Facilities/Transportation/Construction Committee – Shawn Lancaster
3. Policy Committee – Barbara Wakefield
4. Budget and Finance Committee – Steven Crane

VII. Educational Report

None

VIII. Items Requiring Board Action

A. Superintendent's Add-ons

1. Item IX: 3 Retirement: Betty Towle, Secretary-Superintendent's Office
2. Item VIII: B Co-Curricular Appointments – 2007-2008: Holly Desmarais; Head Track Coach-DRHS; \$2,080.81.

B. Co-Curricular Appointments – 2007-2008

Richard Bilodeau, Jr. moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent's appointments for the 2007-2008 school year as listed below:

Michael Gudroe	Head Wrestling Coach – DMS	\$1,489.91
Chad Graffam	JV Baseball Coach – DRHS	\$2,553.53
Holly Desmarais	Head Track Coach – DRHS	\$2,080.81

Seconded by Shawn Lancaster. The motion was unanimously approved. (9/0/0)

C. First Reading of the Following Policy

A first reading was held of the following policy:

Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) Code – EBCF New Policy

D. Owner's Representative

Shawn Lancaster moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent's hiring of Rodney Boynton as Owner's Representative for the Pre-k – 8 New School Project as recommended by the Facilities/Transportation/Construction Committee.

Seconded by Steven Crane. The motion was unanimously approved. (9/0/0)

E. New School Change Orders

Steven Foster moved that the Board of Directors give permission to the Facilities/Transportation/Construction Committee to authorize any Change Order for the new school project or refer the Change Order to the Board of Directors.

Seconded by Shawn Lancaster. The motion was unanimously approved. (9/0/0)

F. Scholarship

Steven Foster moved that the Board of Directors authorize the Superintendent of Schools to open the Tyler Wintle Scholarship at Dexter Regional High School.

Seconded by Barbara Wakefield. The motion was unanimously approved. (9/0/0)

G. Executive Session

At 8:14 p.m., Steven Foster 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 Patricia Smith. The motion was unanimously approved. (9/0/0)

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

Any Action As a Result of Executive Session

None

H. Executive Session

At 8:41 p.m., Steven Foster 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 Andrea Rollins. The motion was unanimously approved. (9/0/0)

At 8:46 p.m., the Chairman declared the Board out of Executive Session.

Any Action As a Result of Executive Session

None

I. Executive Session

At 8:47 p.m., Shawn Lancaster 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 Barbara Wakefield. The motion was unanimously approved. (9/0/0)

At 9:39 p.m., the Chairman declared the Board out of Executive Session.

Any Action As a Result of Executive Session

Andrea Rollins moved that the Board of Directors rehire and extend Juliana Richard's contract as Principal of Dexter Middle School and Exeter Consolidated School in SAD #46 through June 30,

2010.

Seconded by Barbara Wakefield. The motion was unanimously approved. (9/0/0)

IX. Superintendent's Report(s)

1. Resignations

2. Meetings

- **Negotiations Committee: Tuesday, February 12, 2008**
7:00 PM – Superintendent's Office
- **Budget and Finance Committee: Wednesday, February 13, 2008**
7:00 PM – Superintendent's Office

3. Retirement

- Betty Towle, Secretary-Superintendent's Office

X. Chairman's Report(s)

None

XI. Adjournment

At 9:48 p.m., the Chairman of the Board declared the Board meeting adjourned.

Attested a true record:

Kevin T. Jordan
Secretary