

MINUTES OF M.S.A.D. #46 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, May 7, 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 ten (10) members present: Richard Bilodeau, Jr., Steven Foster, Shawn Lancaster, John Parola, Gary Perkins, Andrea Rollins, Allen Ross, Gerrard Rudmin, Patricia Smith, and Barbara Wakefield.

Absent: Michael Bennett, Steven Crane, and Sherree Mitchell.

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

Excused: Juliana Richard.

II. Approval of Minutes – April 2, 2008 and April 16, 2008

The Chairman declared the Minutes of Board of Directors Meetings-April 2, 2008, and April 16, 2008, approved as printed.

III. Correspondence

None

IV. Public Participation

None

V. Reports by Administrators/Directors

Stephen Bell:

- Washington, D.C. trip: Ten juniors and seniors along with three chaperones went to Washington, D.C. on March 21, 2008. By all accounts, the trip went very well and the students had the opportunity to see all of the monuments and toured both the Capital building (arranged through Senator Snowe's office) and the Holocaust Museum.
- The SAT's were taken by all of our juniors this past Saturday. Nancy's crew fed them a large breakfast from 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. and the students tested from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. NCLB requires that we test all juniors (95% to make AYP). It appears we are at approximately 98% with this year's group.
- The 2008 Prom is Saturday evening. If you would like to see the students as they arrive and see the gym with all the decorations, the best time for viewing is 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Brewster Inn: David Holmes, a teacher in our day treatment room, has been taking his Tiger Team students to the Brewster Inn on a regular basis where they perform a number of tasks including cleaning and gardening. Mark, the owner of the Brewster, personally stopped in this week to thank the high school for our cooperation in this venture.
- Spring Concert: The annual spring concert took place on Tuesday. The band, chorus and other musical ensembles participated in the event.
- NWEA's: The spring testing window is now open and all freshman and sophomores are currently being tested. The students and teachers will now have four sets of data to look at to help make academic decisions.
- Academic Awards Banquet: This year's banquet is being held on May 15. The dinner will be at the Tri-County Technical Center and the awards ceremony will be held in the cafeteria. Mr. Prickett will be the guest speaker this year.
- Tiger Awards Banquet: The Tiger Awards banquet will be held at TJ's Restaurant on Sunday, May 18. This is a special night to recognize senior athletes who have earned more than six letters in their career at Dexter Regional High School and have been selected by a committee of coaches who evaluate their individual contributions to the school and sports.
- Dance Production and River Keepers Trip: On May 20, our sophomores will be traveling to the Penobscot River to spend a day canoeing and studying the river. Alyson Saunders our biology teacher has organized this trip for the second year in a row. That evening, Margaret Veazie's dance class will be performing their spring semester production in the cafeteria.

- Key Club Induction: The Key Club inducted 30 new members on April 27. The event was well attended according to Mr. Whitney the Key Club advisor. Over one hundred-sixty people attended the ceremony.
- Year Book Dedication Ceremony: The ceremony will take place on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.
- Senior Banquet: This year's banquet is set for May 29, 2008, at TJ's Restaurant. The Class Will will be shared and the senior slide show will be presented that night.
- Advisory Fun Day (team building): The high school will be empty on the May 28, as all students will be involved in some type of team building activity/fun day away from the school with their advisors.
- Abbott Hill Ramblers: The Abbott Hill Ramblers and a fiddle group from Farmington performed for the high school students at an assembly on Friday, May 2. They also performed at an evening benefit concert in the high school gym. All reports from the assembly and concert were great - a big "thank you" to Mr. Prickett.
- Staff Appreciation Week: If the board would like to stop in or call/email to let the staff know how much they are appreciated, this is the week to do it!

Lucy Mallar:

- We have eleven incoming kindergarten students who have disabilities. Two have moderate to severe disabilities. The others are identified as students with speech or language impairments.
- We continue to see the results of the Response to Intervention services at the K-4 level. We have had thirteen referrals so far this year, down from twenty-six two years ago and seventeen last year. Most referrals were made because of low reading skills or generally low academic skills.
- Alternative Education: Seven members of the alternative education committee will be visiting the Real School in Falmouth on Monday. The Real School offers experiential and adventure-based learning to students with behavior problems. We want to know how they manage their curriculum and link with the general curriculums of the sending schools, among other things. We will be reporting back to the alternative education committee.
- Medicaid update: The House passed HR 5613, called the Protecting Medicaid Safety Net Act, which delays the implementation of Medicaid rule changes until April 2009. This would allow us to continue to bill for the medically necessary services we provide until then.
- On Wednesday, May 21, 2008, there will be a nation-wide live conference on the impact of recent CMS cuts of reimbursement for school services and the current state of legislation that would impose a moratorium on the cuts. Speakers will include Medicaid policy experts, a representative of school administrators, a representative of special education directors, and others.

Nicholas Vafiades:

- TCTC Spring Yard Sale of donated items was held on April 19, 2008. The sale raised \$700 to support our student leadership activities. The TCTC softball tournament will be held on May 24, 2008, at a cost of \$120 per team. I challenge the board to participate. If you are interested, call Steven Spaulding at 924-7670.
- Commercial Truck Driving conference and competition will be held in Westbrook on Thursday, May 8 and Friday, May 9, 2008. Ten students have attained their CDL. We are still working on the others. Eleven students qualified for the CNA certification test next week. Four automotive students passed the Maine State Inspection License examination. Computer Systems Repair students will take the CompTIA A+, Network Plus, and Microsoft VISTA certification exams at KVCC on May 19 and 20, 2008. Culinary Arts students will complete Serve Safe Certification this week.
- Spring Program advisory meetings were held April 17, 2008. We had sixty-five members present with good representation in all program areas.
- The steel foundation is in place for our Building Trades program to begin construction of modular houses. George Arsenault and Brad Vanidestine of Cainbro brought in a boom truck, set up the steel, and demonstrated some basic rigging for our students.
- A Future for "ME" was held on April 30, 2008, with fourteen employers attending. Our students were well prepared and participating representatives were pleased with our students and with the event.
- Awards Assembly will be May 22, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in the Dexter Regional High School gymnasium.
- The TCTC staff will host Eighth Grade Exploratory on June 9, 10, and 11, 2008.

Terry Wood:

Dexter Primary School

- This week is Teacher Appreciation Week and Nurse's Day was also celebrated.
- We've completed the after school BUGS program and the parents were invited for a ceremony to receive certificates on Monday, May 5, 2008.
- We had an author's night on Tuesday, April 29, 2008. Parents were invited to hear what author Sarah Thomson shared in the classrooms on Monday, April 28. The parents were given the opportunity to purchase books and the students had drinks and popcorn and listened as Sarah shared reading some of her books to

the group. Books were raffled off and it was a good night for all. This was supported in part by the Title IA Parent Project Fund.

- We will be having our final Terrific Kids Assembly on May 19, 2008, to celebrate all the students who reached their goals. These are third grade students with the sponsorship of the Kiwanis Club who have been recognized throughout the year for meeting their goals.
 - Today, May 7, 2008, is ACES Day (All Children Exercising Simultaneously). At 10:00 a.m. all classrooms participated in various activities.
 - Ocean Adventure will be visiting us on Monday and Tuesday, May 19 and 20. Students will be able to learn more about our "ocean friends."
 - The Northern Star Planetarium will be visiting our third graders on May 23.
 - The kindergarten classes hosted a "Dinosaur Museum" on Wednesday, April 30. The students shared songs, videos and had lots of fun activities for family members to be involved in: fossil finding, puzzles and snacks for carnivores and herbivores. This was in conjunction to the unit of study with dinosaurs that they just completed.
 - We also have several field trips planned for the rest of the month:
 - Grade one will be visiting the Planetarium and Page Farm.
 - Grade two will be visiting Colby College for Art.
 - Grade four will be visiting the State Capital.
 - The Spring Concert will be May 29, 2008, in the afternoon (12:45-1:00 p.m. start time).
- Garland School**
- The Spring Concert will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. at the Exeter School.
 - The school will be attending a presentation of *Sleeping Beauty* on May 20. The entire school will be attending this event.
 - Students in second grade will be attending Leonard's Mills Childrens' Day on June 3 and will be having their celebration day on June 10.

VI. Committee Reports

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

VII. Educational Report(s)

None

VIII. Items Requiring Board Action

a. Superintendent's Add-ons

None

B. Co-Curricular Appointment for 2007-2008

Gary Perkins moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent's appointment for the 2007-2008 school year as listed below:

Barbara Herring	Skills USA Advisor (1/2)	\$535.35
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Seconded by Gerrard Rudmin. The motion was unanimously approved. (10/0/0)

C. Extra-Curricular Appointment for 2007-2008

Gerrard Rudmin moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent's appointments for the 2007-2008 school year as listed below:

Damien Pickel	Asst. B Softball Coach – DMS	Volunteer
William Pearsall	Asst. A Baseball Coach – DMS	Volunteer

Seconded by Richard Bilodeau, Jr. The motion was unanimously approved. (10/0/0)

D. Request by MSAD #46 2008 Project Graduation Committee for Two Busses and Drivers

Richard Bilodeau, Jr. the Board of Directors allow the MSAD #46 2008 Project Graduation Committee to use two busses and drivers to transport graduating seniors to Bethel, Maine, to participate in activities at the Big Adventure Center on June 8 and 9, 2008.

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

E. Approval of Contract Extension for Administrators – 2008-2009

Richard Bilodeau, Jr. moved that the Board of Directors grant extensions to the following administrator contracts as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Susan Abel, Administrative Librarian - Extend through June 30, 2010
Leilani Cyr, Director of Student Support Services, TCTC - Extend through August 15, 2009
Deanna Eaton-Hartel, Guidance Counselor, DRHS - Extend through August 31, 2009
Sandra Emerson, Assistant Principal, DRHS – Extend through June 30, 2010
David Fournier, MSAD #46 Technology Coordinator - Extend through June 30, 2009
Karen Gudroe, Social Worker - Extend through June 30, 2009
Anne Jordan, Reading Recovery Teacher Leader - Extend through June 30, 2009
Melissa Peakes-Stevens, Behavior Specialist/Positive Action Coordinator - Extend through June 20, 2009
Nicholas Raymond, Asst. Principal/Athletic Director, DMS - Extend through June 30, 2010
Paul Shaw, Technology Coordinator, DRHS - Extend through June 30, 2009
Nicholas Vafiades, Director of Tri-County Technical Center - Extend through June 30, 2010

Seconded by Shawn Lancaster. Voting in favor of the motion were: Richard Bilodeau, Jr., Steven Foster, Shawn Lancaster, John Parola, Gary Perkins, Andrea Rollins, Gerrard Rudmin, Patricia Smith, and Barbara Wakefield. Opposed: Allen Ross. The motion was approved. (9/1/0)

F. Approval of Teacher Nominations for 2008-2009

Steven Foster moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent's nominations of the following teachers on probationary and continuing contracts for the 2008-2009 school year:

Probationary Contracts (2nd year)

Heather Burnett	Elementary Teacher
Corinna Caron	Elementary Teacher
Rebecca Gaw	Elementary Teacher
Angela Gibney	Elementary Teacher
Susan Griffith	Elementary Teacher
William Jackson	Literacy Specialist
Mary Lightbody	Art Teacher
Mark Philips	Music Teacher
Ginna Thomas	Elementary Teacher
Carolyn Vavro	Elementary Teacher

Continuing Contracts (3rd year)

Michael Ames	Science Teacher
Patricia Faley	Computer Technology
Deborah Fournier	Music Teacher
David Holmes	Special Education Teacher
Gary Larson	Mathematics Teacher
Sandra Lowry	Reading Recovery
Jessica Mallar	Special Education Teacher
Deborah McPhail	Guidance Counselor
Valerie Michaud	Elementary Teacher
Deborah Roderka	Elementary Teacher
Kylie Spratt	Speech & Language Clinician
Kristy Veazie	Health Teacher
Kathleen Welch	Mathematics Teacher

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

G. Tri-County Technical Center Properties Disposal

Barbara Wakefield moved that the Board of Directors approve for disposal the following list of surplus equipment as listed on page 3 of the Agenda at the Tri-County Technical Center as recommended by the Tri-County Technical Center Regional Council.

Surplus Equipment List 2008

Lot #	Program	Item	Description	Quantity
1	MM	Metal Lathe	Enco 10" 3Jaw Chuck, Face Plate	1
2	MM	Surface Grinder	Harig Super 612 with Mag Chuck	1
3	MM	Torit Dust Collector	Model 64	1
4	MM	Air Compressor	Speed air	1
5	MM	Lathe	Southbend 14" 4 Jaw Chuck	1
6	MM	Horizontal Band Saw	Jet	1
7	AT	Above Ground Lift	Rotary 7000 lb	1
8	AT	Wheel Balancer	Hoffman Geodyna 2400	1
9	AT	Portable Air Tank	Date of Use expired	1
10	AT	Work Station	Wooden	1
11	AT	Tool Racks	Black Hawk Display	5
12	AT	Cabinet	Wall Hanging Storage	1
13	AT	Locker	Under Bench	1
14	AT	Chair	Office/Assorted	6
15	CTD	Truck Seat	Air Ride	1
16	CTD	Truck Seat	Fixed	1
17	CA	Cash Register	Sanyo ECR-305	1
18	CA	Coffee Maker	Bun Two Burner	1
19	BT	Drills 14 Volt	Makita	2
20	BT	7 1/4 Skill Saw	Makita	1
21	OP	VCR	Magnavox	1
22	OP	Upright Vacuum	Castex	1
23	OP	Cargo Van	1985 Ford Econoline	1
24	OP	Miscellaneous	Assorted Scrap	1
25	OP	File Cabinets	Metal 4 Drawer	3

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

H. A First Reading was held for the following policies:

Truancy	Code JHB	New Policy
Use of Tobacco Products	Code ADC and ADC-R	Revision

I. SAD #46 Joining the Piscataquis Valley Adult Education Cooperative

Steven Foster moved that the Board of Directors approve the SAD #46 Adult Education Program joining the Piscataquis Valley Adult Education Cooperative as recommended by the SAD #46 Board of Directors Curriculum Committee.

Seconded by Richard Bilodeau, Jr. The motion was unanimously approved. (10/0/0)

J. Executive Session

At 8:00 p.m., Gerrard Rudmin moved that the Board of Directors go into Executive Session for the purpose of updating the Board on negotiations with the SAD #46 Education Association MEA/NEA for the Educational Support Staff pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D).

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

At 8:25 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 approve and ratify the Comprehensive Contract between the MSAD #46 Board of Directors and MSAD #46 Education Association MEA/NEA for the Educational Support Staff Employees Unit from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011.

Seconded by Richard Bilodeau, Jr. The motion was unanimously approved. (10/0/0)

K. Executive Session

At 8:26 p.m., Gerrard Rudmin moved that the Board of Directors go into Executive Session for the purpose of updating the Board on negotiations with the MSAD #46 Teamsters Union Local #340, Bus Drivers and Custodians pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D).

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

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

Any Action As A Result of Executive Session

None

IX. Superintendent's Report(s)

1. Resignation(s)

- ◆ Richard Ladd – Automotive Instructor - TCTC
- ◆ Maria Russell – English Teacher – DRHS
- ◆ Jason Hook – Special Education Teacher – DMS
- ◆ Paul Shaw – Boys' Varsity Soccer Coach – DRHS
- ◆ Dennis Burke – Custodian, DPS

2. Meetings

Board of Directors Meeting to approve Budget and sign Warrants – Wednesday, May 14, 2008

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

Negotiations Committee – Monday, May 19, 2008

Superintendent's Office – 7:00 PM

Negotiations Committee – Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Superintendent's Office – 6:00 PM

Negotiations Committee – Thursday, May 22, 2008

Superintendent's Office – 7:00 PM

SAD #46 2008-2009 District Budget Meeting – Wednesday, June 5, 2008

DRHS Gymnasium – 6:00 PM

Budget Validation Referendum In Each Community – Tuesday, June 10, 2008

X. Chairman's Report(s)

None

XI. Adjournment

At 8:55 p.m. the Chairman of the Board declared the Board meeting adjourned.

Attested a true record:

Kevin T. Jordan
Secretary