

**MINUTES OF M.S.A.D. #46 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Wednesday, November 5, 2008 – 7:00 PM**  
**Exeter Consolidated School**

**I. Opening**

At 7:00 p.m., Chairman John Parola called the meeting to order and declared a quorum with ten (10) members present: Michael Bennett, Steven Crane, Steven Foster, Shawn Lancaster, Sherree Mitchell, John Parola, Gary Perkins, Andrea Rollins, Gerrard Rudmin, and Barbara Wakefield.

Excused: Richard Bilodeau, Jr., Allen Ross, and Patricia Smith.

Also in attendance: Superintendent, Kevin Jordan; Stephen Bell; Lucy Mallar; Thelma Regan; Juliana Richard; Nicholas Vafiades; and Terry Wood.

Excused: David Gudroe and Michael Keyte.

**II. Approval of Minutes – October 1, 2008, and October 22, 2008**

The Chairman declared the Minutes of Board of Directors Meetings of October 1, 2008 and October 22, 2008, approved as printed.

**III. Correspondence**

None

**IV. Public Participation**

None

**V. Reports by Administrators/Directors**

**Stephen Bell:**

- Dexter Regional High School Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, November 11, 2008, at 6:00 p.m.
- November Workshop days: Monday, November 24, 2008, Janet Allison from NEASC will spend the day with us; Tuesday, November 25, 2008, George Tucker from the Department of Education will spend the day with us working on SAT strategies in an effort to make AYP.
- Fall sports banquet will be held in the cafeteria on November 6, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. Congratulations to all the fall teams!
- We are in the process of surveying students, staff, parents and board members for NEASC. This is a necessary step in the self study process for Dexter Regional High School.
- Operation Graduation will be hosting a spaghetti dinner and auction fundraiser on November 14, 2008, and the Harlem Superstars on November 20, 2008.

**Juliana Richard:**

**Exeter Consolidated School**

- A Wax Museum was held on October 31, 2008, strong attendance from parents and grandparents.
- Exeter was part of the Maine Mock Election.
- Parent conferences will be November 19 and 20, 2008.

**Dexter Middle School**

- Dexter Middle School was part of the Maine Mock Election- results mirrored the rest of the Maine students.
- Parent conferences will be November 18 and 19, 2008.
- Athletic awards night concluded the fall season on October 29, 2008. Practices for basketball and cheering started Monday.
- Science and Language Arts faculty have each had a curriculum work day with high school faculty. These sessions have been very successful and are highly valued by the teachers. Science faculty actually worked well past the end of the day to deliberate some final items.
- Grade six faculty attended MEA data and test interpretation sessions.

**Terry Wood:**

- October was a very busy month for us at Garland Elementary and Dexter Primary School. We had our Terrific Kids kick-off assembly. Our third graders work on meeting personal goals and are recognized at monthly meetings when they meet their goals.
- Dexter Primary School was involved in Red Ribbon Week last week. Students were involved in a variety of activities that focused on making healthy decisions. Mrs. Peakes did special presentations in the classrooms about drug and alcohol awareness and students were given an activity book to take home. The week ended with a school-wide assembly and prizes were given out to the classes that had the most participation. Stop by the bulletin board in the hallway before entering the primary school to enjoy several pictures of the students involved in the various activities.
- K-Kids, a Kiwanis-sponsored youth group that tries to build leadership skills by engaging students in volunteering in the local school and the community, begins on Monday, November 10, 2008. They have several activities planned and will meet monthly.

- Our Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for Garland Elementary on November 17 and 20, 2008, from 3:30-6:30 p.m. and November 18 and 20, 2008, from 5:00-8:00 pm. for the Dexter Primary School.
- On November 24 and 25 grades k - 3 teachers will be involved in professional development directly related to the literacy/library grant we received last summer. Grade four teachers will be working with grade five teachers in the middle school focusing on PLC's (Professional Learning Communities).

**VI. Committee Reports**

1. Facilities / Transportation / Construction Committee – Shawn Lancaster
2. TCTC Regional Council – Michael Bennett
3. Negotiations Committee – Steven Foster
4. Policy Committee – Barbara Wakefield
5. Curriculum Committee – Sherree Mitchell
6. Regional Planning Committee – Kevin Jordan

**VII. Educational Report(s)**

1. MEA and AYP Reports: Steve Bell, Juliana Richard, and Terry Wood

**VIII. Items Requiring Board Action**

**A. Superintendent's Add-ons**

1. Delete Item B – Executive Session
2. Item E VIII – Add: Corinna Caron, After School Study Lab-ECS

**B. Executive Session**

(Item Deleted)

**C. Extra-Curricular Appointments for 2008-2009**

Sherree Mitchell moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent's extra-curricular appointments, as listed below, for the 2008-2009 school year.

Mark Melvin	Girls B-Team Basketball Coach-DMS	\$1,376.12
Kasey Watson	B-Team Cheering Coach-DMS	\$ 892.86

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

**D. Nomination(s) – 2008-2009**

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

Jeffrey Small	Special Education Life Skills Teacher-DRHS	\$31,784.00
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Seconded by Sherree Mitchell. Voting in favor of the motion: Michael Bennett, Steven Crane, Shawn Lancaster, Sherree Mitchell, John Parola, Gary Perkins, Andrea Rollins, Gerrard Rudmin, and Barbara Wakefield. Opposed: Steven Foster. Motion approved. (9/1/0)

**E. Appointment(s) – 2008-2009**

Gerrard Rudmin moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent's appointments for Extended Day Program Study Labs funded by Title IA for grades K-8 at the extra pay for extra work rate of \$23.21 per hour as per the 2008-2011 Education Association Agreement as listed below:

Suzanne Whitmore	After School Study Lab-DMS
Amanda Sibley	After School Study Lab-DMS
Susan Belanger	After School Study Lab-DMS
Carol Sherburne	After School Study Lab-DMS
Karen Murray	After School Study Lab-DMS
Jennifer Thomas	After School Study Lab-DMS
Susan Killam	After School Study Lab-DMS
Catherine Wyman	After School Study Lab-DMS
Sally Nuite	After School Study Lab-DPS
Bryant Farrar	After School Study Lab-DPS
Cheryl Lynch	After School Study Lab-DPS
Jennifer Batron	After School Study Lab-DPS

Seconded by Sherree Mitchell. The motion was unanimously approved. (10/0/0)

**F. Notice of Intent-Reorganization**

Steven Foster moved that the Board of Directors approve the provisions included in the school reorganization plan prepared by the Regional Planning Committee to reorganize SAD #4, SAD #46, and Willimantic into a regional school unit with an operational date of July 1, 2009, are determined to be necessary within the meaning of Section XXXX-36(5)(M) and that the Superintendent of Schools be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to submit the school reorganization plan to the Commissioner of Education on behalf of this school administrative unit by January 30, 2009.

Seconded by Sherree Mitchell. The motion was unanimously approved. (10/0/0)

**G. Approval of TCTC Cooperative Agreement**

Sherree Mitchell moved that the Board of Directors approve the TCTC Cooperative Agreement as approved by the TCTC Regional Council at the October 16, 2008, meeting.

Seconded by Barbara Wakefield. The motion was unanimously approved. (10/0/0)

**H. Executive Session**

At 9:00 p.m., Gerrard Rudmin moved that the Board of Directors go into Executive Session for the purpose of Labor Contract discussions with the MSAD #46 Teamsters Local #340 Bus Drivers pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D).

Seconded by Sherree Mitchell. The motion was unanimously approved. (10/0/0)

At 9:14 p.m., the Chairman declared the Board out of Executive Session.

**Any Action As A Result of Executive Session**

Sherree Mitchell moved that the SAD #46 Board of Directors authorize the Superintendent of Schools to proceed to mediation with the Teamsters Bus Driver Union #340.

Seconded by Barbara Wakefield. The motion was unanimously approved. (10/0/0)

**I. Executive Session**

At 9:17 p.m., Sherree Mitchell moved that the Board of Directors go into Executive Session to discuss a settlement pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A).

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

At 9:30 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. Meetings**

**Facilities / Transportation / Construction Committee: Wednesday, November 12, 2008**

7:00 PM – Superintendent's Office

**Curriculum Committee: Wednesday, November 19, 2008**

7:00 PM – Superintendent's Office

**X. Chairman's Report(s)**

**XI. Adjournment**

At 9:40 p.m., the Chairman of the Board declared the Board meeting adjourned.

Attested a true record:

Kevin T. Jordan  
Secretary