

MINUTES OF M.S.A.D. #46 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, September 2, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.
Dexter Regional High School - Library

- I. At 7:00 p.m. Chairman John Parola called the meeting to order and declared a quorum with eleven (11) members present: Michael Bennett, Steven Crane, Steven Foster, Sherree Mitchell, John Parola, Gary Perkins, Andrea Rollins, Allen Ross, Gerrard Rudmin, Patricia Smith, and Barbara Wakefield.

Excused: Richard Bilodeau, Jr. and Nicole Schobel.

Also in attendance: Superintendent, Kevin Jordan; Stephen Bell; Lucy Mallar; Dusty Nelson; Juliana Richard; and Nicholas Vafiades.

II. **Approval of Minutes – August 19, 2009**

The Chairman declared the Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting of August 19, 2009, approved as amended.

III. **Correspondence**

None

IV. **Public Participation**

None

V. **Reports by Administrators/Directors**

Stephen Bell:

- MLTI laptops: We have scheduled parent nights for September 8 and 9, 2009, at the high school. At the parent nights, we will explain the new laptop program and the paperwork and fees associated with a student taking one home. The fees are essentially an insurance program for broken or lost parts on the new machines. As with any new program, we are experiencing and will continue to experience some growing pains. We feel confident that using the SAD #4 (Guilford) model for paperwork and dispensing of the machines was the best decision for us based on their years of experience with one to one laptops.
- We are at 304 students currently and we have some pretty large classes and study halls (25-30 students). The anticipated drop in current enrollment did not occur based on several factors, but we are dealing with it and the schedules for both staff and students seems to be working out.
- September 18 and 19, 2009, is our homecoming weekend at DRHS. Color Games will take place during the day on the 18th followed by our traditional student pep rally at the end of the day. The community events (parade, pep rally and bon-fire) take place Friday evening. The games and dance will take place on Saturday.
- The opening day workshops went well for the high school staff. A majority of the staff participated in the NWEA presentation (thanks to Mr. Jordan and Mr. Fournier) and worked on climbing the data wall ladder. The non-core teachers at the high school worked on curriculum and our mission statement in preparation for our NEASC visit.

Lucy Mallar:

Students with IEPs moving in:	15
Students with IEPs moving out	9
Students newly identified	2
Dropouts returning	1
Incoming K	8
Graduated	15
Total number of students with IEPs or 504 plans	185

- No out of district placements.
- Day treatment programs continue to operate, but we anticipate Medicaid regulations for schools switching to fee for service billing.
- We are continuing with 13 teachers, 21.5 educational technicians, our speech therapist Kylie Spratt, and our social worker, Karen Gudroe.
- We continue to have an atypical profile. Over 10% of students with disabilities have mental retardation compared with the state average of just over 2%.
- The special education staff will continue work through this year and next with our consultant on data analysis and ways to improve student achievement. We are using stimulus money for this project.

Dusty Nelson:

- We are in the first full week of school. As of Monday, Dexter Primary had 249 students registered and Garland Elementary has a population of 66 students who were registered.
- We will be interviewing potential candidates for the long-term office substitute. There are several qualified applicants and we hope to have someone on board by next week.
- First grade teachers are planning on taking their students to Mullis Orchards. The trip is planned for September 18, 2009. The trip is an activity that ties in with Kindergarten Parameters of Essential Instruction.
- Open House for Dexter Primary School will be on Tuesday, September 15, 2009, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., while Garland plans to host their Open House on September 17, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. If you have the opportunity, please stop by for a visit.
- We have scheduled the fall Reading Recovery Family Night for October 7, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. and I am extending an invitation to each of you to attend. This is prior to the scheduled Board meeting. Come visit with the families and have something to eat prior to the Board meeting.

Juliana Richard:

Exeter Consolidated School:

- Exeter has 66 students enrolled, up 4 students from last year.
- Open House and Book Fair both are scheduled for September 10, 2009.
- Students are anticipating the Common Ground Fair.
- NWEA's will begin September 14, 2009.

Dexter Middle School:

- Smooth opening to both Exeter and Dexter Middle Schools.
- Fifty-one percent of the student body is involved in fall sports (122 students).
- Open House and Book Fair will be on September 15, 2009.
- First meeting with CIPS Coach, Fran Farr, to prepare for AYP improvement occurred today.
- We have 289 students enrolled to date: grade five, 52 students; grade six, 87 students; grade seven, 82 students; and grade eight, 68 students.

Nicholas Vafiades:

- The two days of opening in-service were very useful. We were able to get beyond the routine things and get to important updates and reviews. We did a detailed review of our Emergency Management Plan. Steffan Duplessis gave an overview of this summer's Drop-out Prevention Workshop. Bob Mosca and Sarah MacGown provided updates for literacy strategies from workshops they attended. We also worked on model student career plans for use in our portfolios, the staff shared tips on the effective use of Grade Quick, and Jennifer McKenzie provided an Introduction to Google Docs.
- School has started smoothly. Our enrollment is 244 students. This is near our capacity of 248. We have nine of last year's Pre-Technical students enrolled in other technical programs this year.
- We have twenty-eight students enrolled in Virtual High school online classes. Our membership has twenty-five seats and we were awarded three free additional seats. As a requirement of our membership Sarah MacGown is teaching essay writing. Barb Herring is our site coordinator. She monitors student progress in courses and assists students when difficulties arise.
- TCTC events based on activities included in the MELMAC Foundation Grant are:

09-17-2009	Melmac Committee Meeting
10-15-2009	Regional Council w/ Gay Grant for Presentation
10-22-2009	Career and College Fair
10-28-2009	Student Led Demonstrations
11-10-2009	Financial Aid Informational Night
02-10-2010	Financial Aid Breakfast
02-11-2010	Financial Aid Dinner

VI. Committee Reports

1. Facilities / Transportation/ Construction Committee – Gary Perkins

VII. Educational Report(s)

None

VIII. Items Requiring Board Action

A. Superintendent's Add-ons

1. Add Item G: Extra-Curricular Appointments: Megan Clukey and Bill Pearsall

B. Election of Delegate to the Maine School Boards Association Annual Delegate Assembly

Gerrard Rudmin moved to elect John Parola as the Delegate to the Maine School Boards Association Annual Delegate Assembly.

Seconded by Sherree Mitchell. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

Election of Alternate Delegate to the Maine School Boards Association Annual Delegate Assembly

Sherree Mitchell moved to elect Gerrard Rudmin as the Alternate Delegate to the Maine School Boards Association Annual Delegate Assembly.

Seconded by Allen Ross. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

C. 403(B) Plan Adoption

Sherree Mitchell moved that the Board of Directors authorize the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a 403(B) plan agreement with CPI Qualified Plan Consultants, Incorporated as recommended by the Negotiations Committee.

Seconded by Michael Bennett. Voting in favor of the motion were: Michael Bennett, Steven Crane, Steven Foster, Sherree Mitchell, John Parola, Gary Perkins, Andrea Rollins, Gerrard Rudmin, and Nicole Schobel.

Opposed: Allen Ross and Barbara Wakefiled. The motion passed. (9/2/0)

D. First Reading of Policies

A First Reading was held of the following policies:

Code – IGDK	Extra-Curricular Eligibility – DRHS	Policy Revision
Code – IGDK – A	Extra-Curricular Eligibility – DMS	Policy Revision
Code – IHBH	Alternative Education Options/Programs	New Policy

E. Influenza Vaccines

Steven Crane moved that the Board of Directors approve the administration of seasonal influenza vaccines in SAD #46 Schools.

Seconded by Gary Perkins. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

F. School Consolidation

To see what action the Board of Directors wishes to take regarding consolidation discussions with SAD #68.

No action taken.

G. Extra Curricular Appointments 2009-2010

Sherree Mitchell moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent’s extra-curricular appointments, as listed below, for the 2009-2010 school year as printed:

Megan Clukey	Girls B-Team Soccer Coach – DMS	\$892.84
Bill Pearsall	Boys A-Team Soccer – DMS	Volunteer

Seconded by Gerrard Rudmin. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

IX. Superintendent’s Report(s)

a. Resignations

b. Meetings

Curriculum & Instruction Committee: Wednesday, September 16, 2009

7:00 PM – Superintendent’s Office

Facilities/Transportation/Construction Committee: Monday, September 21, 2009

5:30 PM – New School Site

Policy Committee: Wednesday, September 30, 2009

7:00 PM – Superintendent’s Office

AOS #94 Board of Directors: Wednesday, October 7, 2009

6:00 PM – Dexter Regional High School Library
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X. Chairman's Report(s)

XI. Adjournment

At 8:43 p.m. the Chairman of the Board declared the Board meeting adjourned.

Attested a true record:

Kevin T. Jordan
Secretary