

**Minutes of MSAD #46 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, September 5, 2007 – 7:00 PM
Dexter Regional High School ATM Room**

I. Opening

At 7:02 p.m., Chairman John Parola called the meeting to order and declared a quorum with eleven (11) members present: Michael Bennett, Richard Bilodeau, Jr., Steven Crane, Lois Field, Steven Foster, Jill Jones, Shawn Lancaster, Sherree Mitchell, John Parola, Andrea Rollins, and Barbara Wakefield. Gary Perkins arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Excused: Gerrard Rudmin.

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

II. Approval of Minutes – August 22, 2007

The Chairman declared the Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting - August 22, 2007, approved as printed.

III. Correspondence

None

IV. Public Participation

None

V. Reports by Administrators/Directors

Stephen Bell:

- School is off to a great start with approximately 320 students. The freshmen and new student day went smoothly with 61 freshmen and about 10 new students in attendance. Elections for freshmen class officers and student council representatives will take place during lunch on Thursday.
- The staff at the high school spent two workshop days training in the areas of conflict resolution (Seeds of Peace) and Asperger's syndrome (freshmen teachers only). The staff also spent time working on reviewing and revising the written curriculum. For many departments the goal for the year is to add the non-core classes to the curriculum booklet.
- The new staff members are settling in well. It is early, but all of the feedback has been positive from the staff and students concerning our new teachers and administration.
- The fall NWEA testing window begins on the 17th of this month and we are looking forward to receiving information that will show us how much information was retained over the summer vacation. The English and Math departments are having discussions about trends in the NWEA data from the 2006-07 tests that will help us make informed decisions when it comes to curriculum and unit designs for this year.
- On the 26th of this month we will be sending a team of five staff members to SAD #4 for training focused on the MLTI (Maine Learning Technology Initiative). This training is in conjunction with the incoming laptops for all high school teachers and administrators.
- Homecoming this year is October 5 and 6, 2007. The usual events will include: a parade, pep-rally, dance and many athletic contests. The class of 1987 is celebrating their 20th reunion that weekend as well. We are aware that this is a national SAT date. Mrs. Hartel is working with individual student athletes for alternative test dates and times.

Juliana Richard:

- Exeter School is off to a smooth start.
- Registration is at 52 students.
- Open House is planned for Thursday, September 13, 2007, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- The school is scheduled to attend the Common Ground Fair.
- Dexter Middle School also had a smooth start this year.

- Enrollment is at 271 students: grade five, 66 students; grade six, 67 students; grade seven, 71 students; and grade eight, 67 students.
- Open House is scheduled for September 18, 2007, at 6:00 p.m.
- Athletic season has begun with 99 participants in grades 6-8 (nearly 50% participation level).
- The new faculty is settling in nicely.
- There is great excitement surrounding the additional computers.

Nicholas Vafiades:

- The two days of opening in-service appeared to be effective. We were able to get beyond the routine schedule and get to training on the Grade Quick Web and Rediker software.
- School has started smoothly. We currently have 222 students enrolled. This is near our capacity of 228 students.

Terry Wood:

- School is off to a wonderful start. Schedules and routines are being revamped and smoothed out. We had our first fire drill on the first day of school. Things went very well and there were no incidents.
- PTO president and vice president have been in to meet with me. The first scheduled PTO meeting will be on Wednesday, September 12, 2007.
- The badge system that was implemented last year has been continued this year for the safety of staff and students. There was an opportunity to photograph all kindergarten parents at the orientation. Orientation was very well attended with a total of five missing in Dexter and a total of two students missing in Garland.
- The total enrollment for Dexter Primary is 276 students in grades k-4.
- The total enrollment for Garland is 83 students (25 kindergarten students, 31 first grade students, and 27 second grade students).
- I am scheduled to go to Garland on Wednesday afternoons and to attend an assembly on Friday mornings. The first assembly went very well and things are off to a great start.
- There are a few concerns regarding the lunch schedules/procedures. I met with Nancy Price this morning and we are working on a few changes that will increase the amount of lunch time for the students and prevent some of the congestion in the hallways and cafeteria.
- Dennis Hoskins is currently working on getting the bells to ring at scheduled times. We are working on a schedule that will not be too disruptive to students.

VI. Committee Reports

1. Curriculum Committee – Sherree Mitchell
2. Facilities/Transportation/Construction Committee – Shawn Lancaster

VII. Items Requiring Board Action

A. Superintendent's Add-ons

None

B. Nominations 2007-2008

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

Patricia Faley	Technology Teacher-DMS	\$51,922.00
Kristy Veazie	1/3 Health Teacher-DMS	\$10,000.00

Seconded by Richard Bilodeau, Jr. The motion was unanimously approved. (12/0/0)

C. Co-Curricular Appointments 2007-2008

Jill Jones moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent's appointments for 2007-2008 as listed below:

William Pearsall	Boy's Soccer-DMS	Volunteer
Steven Spaulding	Football-DRHS	Volunteer
Kristy Veazie	A-Team Field Hockey Coach - DMS	\$1,248.53
Michael Wallace	Football-DRHS	Volunteer

Seconded by Barbara Wakefield. The motion was unanimously approved. (12/0/0)

D. Disposal of Surplus Items

Sherree Mitchell moved that the Board of Directors approve the disposal of the following item from the Garland Elementary School:

Full set of metal monkey bars

Seconded by Shawn Lancaster. The motion was unanimously approved. (12/0/0)

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

Richard Bilodeau, Jr. moved to nominate John Parola as the Delegate to the Maine School Boards Association Annual Delegate Assembly. Seconded by Michael Bennett. Richard Bilodeau, Jr. moved that nominations cease. Seconded by Shawn Lancaster. The motion to cease nominations was unanimously approved. (12/0/0) Voting in favor of the original motion were: Michael Bennett, Richard Bilodeau, Jr., Steven Crane, Lois Field, Steven Foster, Jill Jones, Shawn Lancaster, Sherree Mitchell, John Parola, Gary Perkins, Andrea Rollins, and Barbara Wakefield. (12/0/0)

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

Sherree Mitchell moved to nominate Richard Bilodeau, Jr. as an Alternate Delegate to the Maine School Boards Association Annual Delegate Assembly. Seconded by Jill Jones. Jill Jones moved that nominations cease. Seconded by Shawn Lancaster. The motion to cease nominations was unanimously approved. (12/0/0) Voting in favor of the original motion were: Michael Bennett, Richard Bilodeau, Jr., Steven Crane, Lois Field, Steven Foster, Jill Jones, Shawn Lancaster, Sherree Mitchell, John Parola, Gary Perkins, Andrea Rollins, and Barbara Wakefield. (12/0/0)

G. Approval of Carl Perkins Grant for 2008

Shawn Lancaster moved that the Board of Directors approve the Carl Perkins Grant for 2008 in the amount of \$113,469.00 as approved by the Tri-County Technical Center Regional Council.

Seconded by Gary Perkins. The motion was unanimously approved. (12/0/0)

H. Approval of a Half-time Educational Technician III Position

Gary Perkins moved that the Board of Directors approve the addition of a half-time educational technician III position for the district K-8 physical education program as recommended by the Curriculum and Instruction Committee.

Seconded by Steven Crane. The motion was unanimously approved. (12/0/0)

I. Approval of Dexter Middle School Math Curriculum

Steven Foster moved that the Board of Directors approve the addition of Pre-Algebra and Algebra to the Dexter Middle School math curriculum as recommended by the Curriculum and Instruction Committee.

Seconded by Richard Bilodeau, Jr. The motion was unanimously approved. (12/0/0)

J. Approval of the MLTI Laptops to Go Home

Sherree Mitchell moved that the Board of Directors approve that the MLTI laptops can be taken home by grades seven and eight students as recommended by the Curriculum and Instruction Committee.

Seconded by Jill Jones. Motion was approved. (11/1/0) Voting in favor of the motion were: Michael Bennett, Steven Crane, Lois Field, Steven Foster, Jill Jones, Shawn Lancaster, Sherree Mitchell, John Parola, Gary Perkins, Andrea Rollins, and Barbara Wakefield. Opposed: Richard Bilodeau, Jr.

VIII. Superintendent's Report(s)

1. Resignation(s)

Terry Sylvester, Food Service – ECS

2. Meeting(s)

Facilities/Transportation/Construction Committee: Wednesday, September 12, 2007

7:00 PM – Superintendent's Office

Negotiations Committee: Wednesday, September 19, 2007

7:00 PM – Superintendent's Office

Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Wednesday, September 26, 2007

7:00 PM – Superintendent's Office

IX. Chairman's Report(s)

X. Adjournment

At 8:36 p.m., the Chairman of the Board declared the Board meeting adjourned.

Attested a true record:

Kevin T. Jordan
Secretary