

**Minutes of MSAD #46 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, August 22, 2007 – 7:00 PM
Dexter Regional High School ATM Room**

I. Opening

At 7:00 p.m., Chairman John Parola welcomed new board member Lois Field and called the meeting to order and declared a quorum with eleven (11) members present: Richard Bilodeau, Jr., Steven Crane, Lois Field, Steven Foster, Jill Jones, Shawn Lancaster, Sherree Mitchell, John Parola, Gary Perkins, Gerrard Rudmin, and Barbara Wakefield.

Excused: Michael Bennett and Andrea Rollins

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

Excused: Donna Gillette.

II. Approval of Minutes – July 11, 2007

The Chairman declared the Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting - July 11, 2007, approved as printed.

III. Correspondence

None

IV. Public Participation

None

V. Reports by Administrators/Directors

Stephen Bell:

- The high school staff is complete. The new staff members are as follows:
- Sandra Emerson, Assistant Principal; Mary Lightbody, Art; Deborah Fournier, Music; and Gary Smith, Math. Returning (in a full capacity): Michael Ames, Science and Holly Desmaris, Study Hall Monitor. Educational Technician transfers: Rebecca Gaw, Library and Kristin Caruso, Day Treatment.
- The Dexter Regional High School dance production class and Mrs. Veazie were invited to perform last Friday at the Center Theatre in Dover. The students and Mrs. Veazie practiced throughout the week. This is a great honor for the class and shows how much the class has grown in just two short years. All of the time given was on a volunteer basis by the students and teachers.
- A special thank you to David Gudroe, Michael Gudroe, Wilfred Murray, Ernie Woodbury, Brent Stewart, Gary Giles, Dennis Hoskins, Daren Wing, Dale Thompson, Galen Tibbetts, Bob Thompson, and the students who worked hard to clean the school and grounds during the summer months.
- During the August workshop the high school staff will spend some time on curriculum development and special training on conflict resolution provided by the Seeds of Peace group.
- Dexter Regional High School is anticipating at least one foreign exchange student for the 2007-08 school year. We have a willing host and a company is working with her to place one or two students.
- The last enrollment count for Dexter Regional High School as of Friday the 17th was 316 students.
- Fall sports are up and running with most teams already playing at least one scrimmage. Team participant numbers are as follows: cheering, 15; field hockey, 26; football, 27; golf, 14; boy's soccer, 26; and girl's soccer, 15.

- August 29, 2007, is a freshmen only day where we take students through both red and white schedules and do some team building activities with advisory groups. We will also have a cookout for lunch and bring in the Student Council and Key Club to do a question and answer session with the freshmen.
- The Leadership team met on the August 1, 2007, at the Brewster Inn. Staff, students, administration, and community members were all present to discuss and plan for Dexter Regional High School's future. The five-year action plan was revisited and edited where necessary. The group also discussed the implementation of PLC's (professional learning communities) and the impending NEASC visit in 2010.
- Mindy Harding, Gavin Cote, Rebecca Fick, Jana Kenney, and Michelle Chapman attended the Seeds of Peace Camp this past summer. Our football coach Tim Wilson, a former director of the camp, was able to secure financial backing for these five students to attend. The camp is an international camp which focuses on empowering future leaders of the next generation.

Lucy Mallar: High points of the 2006-07 data:

- Referrals dropped by about 40%, thanks to an active, effective Student Assistance Team coordinating supplemental services to students experiencing difficulty with acquisition of early reading and math skills. The district's response-to-intervention program appears to be effective in reducing referrals to special education by making a variety of research-based instructional methods and materials available outside of the special education process.
- Overall, we continue to have about the same number of students with disabilities in district as the state average.
- We have significantly more students with mental retardation than the state average. We identify fewer children as speech-language impaired than the state average. Otherwise, our identifications in the different categories are within the expected deviations from the state average.
- Over the past three years, numbers of students with disabilities have remained stable.
- At this point we have nine students moving in and none moving out. _____

Juliana Richard:

- Dexter Middle School and Exeter School just finished registration. Exeter has a total of 53 students, 18 students in grade three, 17 students in grade four, and 18 in grade five; which is an increase of two from last year. Dexter Middle School enrollment is at 266 students, up 29 students from last year; 11 new registrations, approximately 65 students per grade level.
- Faculty is in place with only one vacancy in computer technology. Corinna Caron is the new grade five teacher in Exeter. Dexter Middle School has two new grade five teachers; Susan Griffith and Cassidy Regan. Mary Lightbody is the new Art instructor for grades six – eight. A nomination for a Literacy Coach for grades three – six is on the agenda for tonight. Grade five has already held two grade level meetings to coordinate programming.
- The custodial staff has worked tirelessly and the building looks great with just final touches remaining. Twenty-eight months to occupancy of our new school. Many of the teachers have been in to prepare their rooms for students.
- We will continue the visitor pass system which was initiated last year in coordination with the Primary School.

Nicholas Vafiades:

- The staff has attended several workshops and courses over the summer. Leilani Cyr, John Guay and I attended a two-day conference on alternative education. We came away with some good ideas to integrate into the Pre-Technical Program being developed for ninth and tenth grade students. We are also involved in the Professional Partnership

and Praxis Project with Arcadia Partners, Unity College, University of Maine, Mitchell Institute for Environmental and Watershed Research, MSAD # 48, and Waldo County Technical Center. The primary goal is to provide support to teachers to increase the amount of problem-centered learning in math and science. John Guay, Steven Spaulding, and I attended the kickoff workshop on Tuesday, August 21, 2007.

- Jeffery White, a Technical Center student in Graphic Design and Communications from Dexter Regional High School completed work this summer with Frank Spizuoco on a publication about Bert Call's photos of Thoreau's travel in the Maine woods. The book is on sale at the Dexter Historical Society.
- Thanks to David Gudroe and his staff. The summer work is going well and the facility is looking good. Work to make the lower level door landings frost proof and meet ADA standards is being completed.

VI. Committee Reports

1. Technology Sub-Committee – Richard Bilodeau, Jr.

VII. Items Requiring Board Action

A. Superintendent's Add-ons

1. Item VIII:1 Resignation(s) add Elaine Devine, Ed. Tech. I - DPS

B. Nominations 2007-2008

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

William Jackson	Literacy Coach Grades 3-6	\$41,617.00
Mark Phillips	Music Teacher 1/5 Position-DPS	\$ 6,000.00
Ginna Thomas	Reading Recovery/Title I-DPS	\$30,000.00
Angela Gibney	Kindergarten Teacher-GES	\$30,000.00
Gary Smith	Math Teacher-DRHS	\$31,906.00

Seconded by Steven Foster. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

C. Co-Curricular Appointments 2007-2008

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

Paul Shaw	Athletic Director-DRHS	\$ 6,242.70
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Seconded by Steven Foster. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

D. Appointment(s) 2007-2008

Steven Foster moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent's appointment(s) for 2007-2008 as listed below:

Sandra Padham	Affirmative Action Officer- District	\$ 500.00
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Seconded by Shawn Lancaster. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

E. Attendance Officers 2007-2008

Sherree Mitchell moved that the Board of Directors approve the Attendance Officers for the 2007-2008 school year as listed below:

Stephen Bell	Dexter Regional High School
Juliana Richard	Dexter Middle School & Exeter Consolidated School
Terry Wood	Dexter Primary School & Garland Elementary School
Nicholas Vafiades	Tri-County Technical Center

Seconded by Jill Jones. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

F. Approval of School Physician

Shawn Lancaster moved that the Board of Directors approve Dexter Family Practice as the School Physician for the 2007-2008 school year.

Seconded by Richard Bilodeau, Jr. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

G. Approval of Truant Officer

Gary Perkins moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent's appointment of Steven Spaulding as Truant Officer for the 2007-2008 school year.

Seconded by Shawn Lancaster. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

H. Approval of 2007-2008 School Year Board Committees

Steven Foster moved that the Board of Directors approve the membership of the Board Committees for the 2007-2008 school year as presented by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors.

Seconded by Barbara Wakefield. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

I. Nomination

Gerrard Rudmin moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent's nomination of Terry Wood as Principal of the Dexter Primary School and Garland Elementary School in SAD #46 for a two year contract beginning July 30, 2007, and ending June 20, 2009, with a salary of \$60,000.00 per year to be pro-rated.

Seconded by Shawn Lancaster. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

J. Nomination

Sherree Mitchell moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent's nomination of Sandra Emerson as Assistant Principal of Dexter Regional High School in SAD #46 for a two year contract beginning July 30, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009, with a salary of \$52,000.00 per year to be pro-rated.

Seconded by Steven Crane. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

K. Computer Lease

Sherree Mitchell moved that the Board of Directors approve that under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 20-A M.R.S.A. Sections 1001 and 1055, the Superintendent of Schools be and hereby is authorized to execute and deliver a lease purchase agreement with TD BankNorth, or its nominee, in the name and on behalf of Maine School Administrative District No. 46 for computer equipment, with an aggregate purchase price of eighty-six thousand, two hundred eighty-eight dollars and fifty-three cents (\$86,288.53), in such form as the Superintendent may approve (the "Lease Purchase Agreement"); and that the appropriate officials of Maine School

Administrative District No. 46 be and hereby are authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of Maine School Administrative District No. 46 such other documents and certificates as may be required in connection with the Lease Purchase Agreement; and that no part of the proceeds of the Lease Purchase Agreement shall be used, directly or indirectly, to acquire any securities and obligations, the acquisition of which would cause the Lease Purchase Agreement to be a "private activity bond" or an "arbitrage bond" within the meaning of Sections 141 and 148, respectively, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); and that the Lease Purchase Agreement issued pursuant hereto be designated as a qualified tax- exempt obligation within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of said Code; and that the Superintendent be and hereby is authorized to covenant on behalf of the District to file any information report and pay any rebate due to the United States in connection with the issuance of the Lease Purchase Agreement, and to take all other lawful actions necessary to insure the interest portion of the rental payments under and pursuant to the Lease Purchase Agreement will be excluded from the gross income of the owners thereof for purposes of federal income taxation and to refrain from taking any action which would cause such interest portion of the rental payments to become includable in the gross income of the owners thereof.

Seconded by Steven Foster. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

L. Notice of Intent-Reorganization

Steven Foster moved that the Board of Directors approve filing with the Department of Education a Notice of Intent to engage in planning and negotiations with the following school administrative units for the purpose of developing a reorganization plan to form a regional school unit:

SAD #4, SAD #41, SAD #48, SAD #64, SAD #68, Harmony, Willimantic, Bowerbank, Lakeview, Medford, Greenville, Shirley, Kingsbury Plantation, and Beaver Cove.

Seconded by Shawn Lancaster. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

VIII. Superintendent's Report(s)

1. Resignation(s)

Nancy Hoskins, School Nurse
Joel Doore, Mathematics – DRHS
Roy Ulrickson III, Ed Tech III – DMS
Gary Smith, Technology Teacher – DMS
Elaine Devine, Ed Tech I - DPS

2. Meeting(s)

Regional Planning Committee (Consolidation): Tuesday, August 28, 2007

6:30 PM – Central High School – Corinth, Maine

Curriculum Committee: Wednesday, August 29, 2007

7:00 PM – Superintendent's Office

School Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 5, 2007

7:00 PM – Dexter Regional High School ATM Room

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

7:00 PM – Superintendent's Office

IX. Chairman's Report(s)

None

X. Adjournment

At 8:10 p.m., the Chairman of the Board declared the Board meeting adjourned.

Attested a true record:

Kevin T. Jordan
Secretary