

Minutes of MSAD #46 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, December 5, 2007 – 7:30 PM
Dexter Regional High School ATM Room

I. Opening

At 7:30 p.m., Chairman John Parola called the meeting to order and declared a quorum with twelve (12) members present: Michael Bennett, Richard Bilodeau, Jr., Steven Crane, Lois Field, Steven Foster, Shawn Lancaster, Sherree Mitchell, John Parola, Gary Perkins, Andrea Rollins, Gerrard Rudmin and Barbara Wakefield.

Absent: Jill Jones

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

Absent: David Gudroe

II. Approval of Minutes – November 7, 2007 and November 29, 2007

The Chairman declared the Minutes of Board of Directors Meetings - November 7, 2007, and November 29, 2007, approved as amended.

III. Correspondence

None

IV. Public Participation

None

V. Reports by Administrators/Directors

Stephen Bell:

- AYP: Dexter Regional High School made AYP in math for the second year in a row. We also made AYP based on a graduation rate of seventy-eight percent and a participation rate of ninety-nine percent. We are on *monitor status* in reading based on the SAT scores from last spring. A full report was issued to the Curriculum and Instruction Committee on November 28, 2007. Copies of the school, district and state report are available for anyone who would like to see them. Please feel free to call or stop into my office at any time with any questions or concerns. In summary, close to seventy-five percent of the state's public high schools (grades 9-12) are on monitor or CIPS status, which means they didn't make AYP. A copy of our action plan/steps is also available.
- Dental Services Provided at DRHS: More than forty students are receiving free dental care on a bi-annual basis at the high school. This service includes routine check-ups, cleanings, temporary fillings and referrals if necessary. This service is provided by Prevention Partners, Incorporated.
- Tiger Power cards are available at the high school. This is a discount card for area businesses and services provided by the Band Boosters
- Operation Graduation is holding a monthly basket raffle. This month features a UMAINE basket with everything from clothing to tickets (hockey and basketball) in the basket – a \$250.00 value!
- The November 19 and 20, 2007, workshop days with Dr. Judy Willis went very well at the high school. Her information on differentiated instruction and research on the adolescent brain as it relates to learning will be very valuable as the staff continues to write everything from daily lesson plans to much larger units within the curriculum.
- The Fall Principal's Conference was held in Portland on November 15 and 16, 2007. Several very good speakers were at the conference, including Dr. Douglas Reeves who talked at length about local grading policies and procedures and the effects of a "zero" on a students grade, average and GPA. The high school leadership team is entering into some discussions based on his research and findings.
- Upcoming Events:

Holiday Concert-December 5, 2007, at 6:00 p.m.
Math Meet at Stearns High School-December 12, 2007.
Winter Sports regular season begins this weekend.

Lucy Mallar:

- The state has a performance plan that demonstrates to the Office of Special Education Programs in Washington how the state is doing on a number of indicators of compliance with federal special education law. The plan was updated last May, and the department of education has collected data on the compliance indicators.
- The state recently released to districts their individual data. I have our data for you, and I would like to discuss our performance on some of the performance indicators compared with state averages and state targets.

Indicators:

- Graduation rate: Our three year average graduation rate for students with IEP's is 69%, state average 87%, state target is 78%.
- Dropouts: The three year average special education dropout rate is 12.7%, state average is 6.1%, state target is 4%.
- Participation on MEA: Three year average 97%, state target 95%.
- Performance: How many students with IEP's met the standard on the MEA?

Reading three year average:

- 4th at 11%, state average 31%, state target 41%.
- 8th at 18%, state average was 16%, state target 42%.
- 11th at 11%, state average was 11%, state target 50%.

Math three year average:

- 4th grade at 7%, state average at 35%, state target at 21%.
- 8th grade at 6%, state average at 12%, state target 22%.
- 11th grade at 0%, state average at 11%, state target 22%.
- Suspensions and Expulsions: We suspend or expel fewer students with disabilities than the state average or the state target.

Classroom placement:

- Regular class 40%, state average 58%, state target 61%.
- Self-contained 21%, state average 11%, state target 11%.
- Parent satisfaction with team participation 89.8%, state average 86.8%.
- The performance indicators we need to improve on are graduation rate, dropout rate, performance on MEA's, and having students with disabilities in the regular classroom more of the time.
- Attached to our data sheet is a draft brochure explaining what the state plans to provide in the way of technical assistance to help districts meet state targets. At this time, nine of two hundred fifty-three districts meet all state targets. Everyone else requires technical assistance. I contacted Beverly Mattson, the researcher in charge of this project. I would like to see SAD #46 become one of the districts involved in this new project. We are not a typical district statistically, and we have a lot to offer researchers as they develop technical assistance strategies and can offer feedback to the state on their performance plan and its impact on districts.

Juliana Richard:

Exeter School

- Collections for the food cupboard are ongoing.
- Snowshoeing outing planned to look for animal tracks.

Dexter Middle School

- Thirty-two laptops are traveling home. There will be eight faculty computer workshop sessions on successive Mondays.
- Faculty is working hard on curriculum and including the "Brain Friendly" practices highlighted by Judy Willis.
- Four language arts teachers attended a writing workshop on November 29, 2007.

- Builders Club has sponsored several fund raising activities to help the local food pantry.
- Grade five has joined activity period. Grade five students may join chorus, builders club or yearbook. Students must be current with their academic work to be involved in activity period.
- Athletic teams are busy with the new winter season. Only one student suffered ineligibility during the last grading period. Participation is high with about 25% of the student body involved with athletics (fall was 50%) and another 25% participating in band or chorus.
- The math team traveled to Corinna for a recent math meet which was very successful. Grade eight achieved a fourth place out of twenty-one schools, grade seven placed sixth out of twenty-one schools, and grade six was twelfth out of twenty-one schools. Dustin Sirabella, grade six; Casey Jordan and Jane Strauch, grade seven; and Jared MacDonald, Will Pearsal, Ryan Wilks, Sarah Johnson, Jessica Webber, grade eight all placed in the top twenty-five competitors.
- The after school study group is active and well attended. Students are catching up on their work and benefiting from working extra time with their teachers.
- I recently attended two workshops. Chinese Language Studies for Students of Maine was held November 30, 2007, at Colby College. I attended at Superintendent Jordan's request to acquire information for our district. I also attended a Defining Eligibility for Special Education workshop held in Bangor.
- The Abbott Hill Wanderers will perform on December 19, 2007, at the Middle School at 7:00 p.m.
- Preliminary work is continuing on developing an advisory group for the Middle School, and a Student Council.
- We are forming a task force to investigate Alternative Education. I invite any interested School Board Member to join this group.

Nicholas Vafiades:

- Health Occupations students will conduct the annual holiday auction on December 6, 2007. Bargains and snacks will be available.
- Tri-County Technical Center was awarded a \$5,000.00 MELMAC Development Grant. The planning committee has been meeting and intends to submit a grant in March 2008.
- The VFW Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Awards banquet was held November 29, 2007. The top three students in each category read their essays and were given cash and scholarships.
- Beth Weatherbee and the TCTC Health Occupations Program have a dual enrollment agreement with CMCC. Beth is considered an adjunct faculty member of the college Medical Terminology course. Students will be awarded three college credits for successful completion of the course.
- Two TCTC Automotive students, 2007 graduates of Dexter High School, Alan Gallop and Nathan Redman received three advanced placement credits at Central Maine Community College in AUT 100 Introduction to Automotive Technology.
- Steve Spaulding, the Criminal Justice students and Leilani Cyr will conduct an alcohol awareness program for the Technical Center students on Thursday and Friday, December 13 and 14, 2007. Local law enforcement officers will come in to demonstrate the effects of alcohol with the use of fatal vision goggles and show a film about the consequences.
- The Building Trades students have started construction of the garage for the Ferns.

Terry Wood:

- We had the ground breaking ceremony for the new school in the snow yesterday. I am very proud to be a part of this huge undertaking and am anxious to see the progression of the project at its varying stages.
- Dexter Primary School will be hosting their holiday concert on Thursday, December 13, 2007. Grades three – five will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the kindergarten - grade two session will begin at 12:45 p.m.
- Our Author Evenings went very well on the November 26 and 27, 2007, in Garland and in Dexter. Catherine Falwell did presentations during the day and in the evenings. The evening

began with classroom teachers demonstrating specific reading strategies. There were several parents in attendance and snacks were provided.

- We had two professional days featuring Judy Willis, a neurologist from California. She discussed how the brain functions and how this affects the learning process. She also discussed differentiated instruction and using the specific learning styles that allow students to be successful.
- Dexter Primary School has been involved with the special education department in having two students spend time at our school working directly with students. This has been working quite well and hopefully we can continue to offer this opportunity.
- We also have three high school students who have been volunteering in our kindergarten classrooms and have been great role models to our students.

VI. Committee Reports

1. Technology & Electrical Sub-Committee – Kevin Jordan
2. Curriculum Committee – Sherree Mitchell

VII. Educational Reports

None

VIII. Items Requiring Board Action

A. Superintendent's Add-ons

1. Item VIII M. – Site Construction Contract

B. Dexter Regional High School Band and Chorus Trip to Williamsburg, VA

Sherree Mitchell moved that the Board of Directors approve a trip to Williamsburg, VA, by members of the Dexter Regional High School band and chorus in April 2008 as recommended by the SAD #46 Curriculum Committee. Seconded by Gerrard Rudmin. The motion was unanimously approved. (12/0/0)

C. Dexter Regional High School World Language Trip to Montreal, Quebec

Steven Foster moved that the Board of Directors approve a trip to Montreal, Quebec, by members of the Dexter Regional High School World Language Club in May 2008 as recommended by the SAD #46 Curriculum Committee. Seconded by Barbara Wakefield. The motion was unanimously approved. (12/0/0)

D. Executive Session

At 8:14 p.m., Gerrard Rudmin moved that the Board of Directors go into Executive Session for the purpose of an Expulsion Hearing pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (B). Seconded by Michael Bennett. The motion was unanimously approved. (12/0/0)

At 8:21 p.m., the Chairman declared the Board out of Executive Session.

Any Action As a Result of Executive Session

None

E. Awarding of Bond Anticipation Note and Interest Rate to Lending Institution

Sherree Mitchell moved that the offer of KeyBank National Association to purchase bond anticipation notes of the Maine School Administrative District No. 46 in the original principal amount of Four Million Three Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$4,358,000) with an interest rate per annum on the outstanding principal amount thereof equal to 3.28%, be and the same hereby is accepted and approved.

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

F. Board of Directors Authorization of Borrowing in the Amount of \$4,358,000.00

Sherree Mitchell moved that the Board of School Directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 46 hereby authorizes a borrowing in the amount of Four Million Three Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$4,358,000) from KeyBank National Association on behalf of the District, with interest on the principal amount thereof at a rate of 3.28% per annum, principal and interest to be paid at maturity on June 6, 2008, which borrowing is for the purpose of land costs, the design and construction of the site work, and the design of the construction work for a pre-kindergarten through grade 8 school. Seconded by Gary Perkins. The motion was unanimously approved. (12/0/0)

G. Chairperson of the Board of School Directors and the Treasurer of the District be and they are hereby authorized to borrow funds in the name and on behalf of the District

Gerrard Rudmin moved that under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 20-A M.R.S.A. Section 1311, the Chairperson of the Board of School Directors and the Treasurer of the District be and they are hereby authorized to borrow from KeyBank National Association in the name and on behalf of the District the sum of up to Four Million Three Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$4,358,000) at the per annum interest rate of 3.28% and that the Chairperson of the Board of School Directors and the Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized to issue general obligation securities of Maine School Administrative District No. 46 in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed of Four Million Three Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$4,358,000) which securities are for the purpose of financing costs of land costs, the design and construction of site work and land costs, the design and construction of the site work, and the design of the construction work for a pre-kindergarten through grade 8 school, and to execute and deliver a note or notes under the seal of the District attested by the Secretary, dated on or about December 14, 2007, in such form as the Chairperson of the Board of School Directors and the Treasurer may approve; and that the appropriate officials of the District be and hereby are authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the District such other documents and certificates as may be required in connection with such borrowing; and that no part of the proceeds of said borrowing shall be used, directly or indirectly, to acquire any securities and obligations, the acquisition of which would cause the notes to be "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); and that the bond anticipation notes issued pursuant hereto be designated as a qualified tax-exempt obligations within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of said Code; and that the Chairperson of the Board of School Directors and the Treasurer be and they are hereby 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 said notes, to take all other lawful actions necessary to insure the interest on the notes 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 interest on the notes to become includable in the gross income of the owners thereof. Seconded by Michael Bennett. The motion was unanimously approved. (12/0/0)

H. Extra-Curricular Appointments 2007-2008

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

Gordon Canning	After School Math Tutor-TCTC	\$1,800.00
Bryant Farrar	Extended Day Coordinator-DPS	\$ 500.00
Susan Killam	Extended Day Coordinator-DMS	\$ 500.00

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

I. Co-Curricular Appointment 2007-2008

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

Philip Mosley	Assistant Wrestling Coach-DRHS	\$1,985.18
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Seconded by Shawn Lancaster. The motion was unanimously approved. (12/0/0)

J. Second Reading and Approval of Policies

Gary Perkins moved that the Board of Directors hold a second reading and approve the following policies:

Code - KHB	Advertising in Schools	Revision
Code - JLCB	Immunization of Students	Revision
Code - JLF	Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect	Revision

Seconded by Michael Bennett. The motion was unanimously approved. (12/0/0)

K. Executive Session

At 8:35 p.m., Steven Foster moved that the Board of Directors go into Executive Session for the purpose of employment of officials/appointees/employees, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A).

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

At 8:45 p.m., the Chairman declared the Board out of Executive Session

Any Action As a Result of Executive Session

None

L. Executive Session

At 8:46 p.m., Sherree Mitchell moved that the Board of Directors go into Executive Session for the evaluation of Kevin T. Jordan, Superintendent of Schools, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A). Seconded by Michael Bennett. The motion was unanimously approved. (12/0/0)

Any Action As a Result of Executive Session

Steven Foster moved that the Board of Directors rehire and extend Kevin Jordan's contract as Superintendent of Schools in SAD #46 Dexter, Maine through June 30, 2010. Seconded by Barbara Wakefield. Voting in favor of the motion were: Steven Foster, John Parola, Andrea Rollins and Barbara Wakefield. Opposed: Michael Bennett, Richard

Bilodeau, Jr., Steven Crane, Lois Field, Shawn Lancaster, Sherree Mitchell, Gary Perkins, and Gerrard Rudmin.

Motion failed due to lack of majority. (4/8/0)

Richard Bilodeau, Jr., moved that the Board of Directors rehire and extend Kevin Jordan's contract as Superintendent of Schools in SAD #46 Dexter, Maine through June 30, 2013. Seconded by Sherree Mitchell. Voting in favor of the motion were: Richard Bilodeau, Jr., Steven Crane, Lois Field, Shawn Lancaster, Sherree Mitchell, and Gary Perkins. Opposed: Michael Bennett, Steven Foster, John Parola, Andrea Rollins, Gerrard Rudmin, and Barbara Wakefield.

Motion failed due to lack of majority. (6/6/0)

Steven Foster moved that the Board of Directors rehire and extend Kevin Jordan's contract as Superintendent of Schools in SAD #46 Dexter, Maine through June 30, 2011. Seconded by Barbara Wakefield. Voting in favor of the motion were: Michael Bennett, Steven Crane, Lois Field, Steven Foster, Shawn Lancaster, Sherree Mitchell, John Parola, Gary Perkins, Andrea Rollins, Gerrard Rudmin, and Barbara Wakefield. Opposed: Richard Bilodeau, Jr. The motion was approved. (11/1/0)

M. Site Construction Contract

Richard Bilodeau, Jr., moved that the Board of Directors authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign a contract and enter into agreement with Sargent Corporation awarding their bid of \$4,987,757.00 for the completion of site work associated with the new pre-k – 8 school project in SAD #46. Seconded by Shawn Lancaster. The motion was unanimously approved. (12/0/0)

IX. Superintendent's Report(s)

1. Resignation(s)

2. Meeting(s)

Student Relations Committee: Monday, December 10, 2007

6:00 PM – Superintendent's Office

Negotiations Committee: Tuesday, December 11, 2007

7:00 PM – Superintendent's Office

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

7:00 PM – Superintendent's Office

School Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 2, 2007

7:00 PM – DRHS ATM Room

X. Chairman's Report(s)

None

XI. Adjournment

At 10:45 p.m., the Chairman of the Board declared the Board meeting adjourned.

Attested a true record:

Kevin T. Jordan
Secretary