

MINUTES OF M.S.A.D. #46 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, February 7, 2007 – 7:00 PM
Dexter Regional High School – ATM Room

I. Opening

At 7:00 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, Shawn Lancaster, Sherree Mitchell, John Parola, Gary Perkins, Andrea Rollins, Gerrard Rudmin, Barbara Wakefield and Frederick Wintle.

Excused: Steven Foster and Richard McInnis

Also in attendance: Superintendent, Kevin Jordan; Stephen Bell; Donna Gillette; Timothy McCluskey; Juliana Richard; and Nicholas Vafiades.

Excused: David Gudroe and Michael Keyte

II. Approval of Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting – January 3, 2007

The Chairman declared the Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting-January 3, 2007, approved as printed.

III. Correspondence

None

IV. Public Participation

None

V. Reports by Administrators/Directors

Stephen Bell:

- Student Led Conferences (freshmen, sophomores & juniors) were held today. Participation rates continue to be very high (95% or higher) compared with traditional parent teacher conferences which averaged about 35%-40% participation.
- Winter Carnival will be held at the high school next week. The student council sponsors the week and many activities take place during and after school. There is an opening ceremony on Monday morning and the week concludes with a dance on Friday night. Snow sculptures will be on the softball field in front of the high school.
- Peter Devine a special education teacher at Dexter Regional High School has been nominated for the State of Maine Teacher of the Year Award. Regan McPhetres a science teacher has been nominated for the Presidential Award of Excellence in Math and Science.
- Congratulations to the high school wrestling team under first-year coach Adam Gudroe for their Eastern Maine Championship - Runner up. The team had five individual champions including Jeremiah Barkac who now has 182 victories (state record).
- The math department attended an SAT workshop presented by the Department of Education. The workshop was held state-wide on the ATM system and focused on the new math augmentation piece (25 extra questions), which every junior in the state of Maine will take this year.
- The Key Club took in over \$1,500 in the annual March of Dimes drive. If the total is the highest in the state, then we will receive a free video dance later in the school year courtesy of Z-107.
- DRHS and DMS will host the PVC (JV) basketball tournament this weekend.
- The prom date has been set for May 19. The spring musical *Anything Goes* will take place March 22, 23 and 24. The Academic Awards banquet and NHS induction night has been set for May 12.
- Parent and student letters have been distributed and the new EDLINE system is up and running. This will allow parents to track their student's academic progress on line. It will also force teachers to maintain up-to-date, accurate records of their student's grades.

Timothy McCluskey:

- NWEA testing for Special Education and Title I children coming up.
- February 27 - Author Night: Rebekah Raye, a Maine author and illustrator will be at Exeter School (Garland School students will attend also) during the day and then Family Night at Garland School at 6:00 p.m.
- Math staff working on K-5 language as follow-up from summer meetings.
- MEA's coming up March 5 through March 23. Grades 3 and 4 staff in the district has been working very hard with students trying to prepare them with practice problems and motivating them. I will be holding a meeting at end of February to train proctors of exams.
- SOAR Night coming up March 6 from 5-6 p.m. at Dexter Primary School. This is for families of students in grades 3-4. Supper will be provided.
- New school pictures/plans displayed in the hall for students and parents to see and ask questions and be motivated by.

Juliana Richard:

Exeter Consolidated School:

- Snowshoe outing
- Donation of \$100 from students and teachers to Pine Tree Camp
- Seven students honored for perfect attendance
- Celebration of All Things Penguin- resulting from a group study of all types of penguins

Dexter Middle School:

- Successfully completed the NAEP test of grade 8 students
- Issued NWEA reports and student selected goals with recent report cards
- 64% of the middle school students made the honor roll
- Only one student lost co-curricular/athletics because of grades

Middle School Math Team:

Grade 6 – 1st Place Team

Grade 7 – 1st Place Team

Grade 8 – 1st Place Team
(Tyler Rolfe, Brandon Leighton)

Grade 6 Individuals

- 1st Jane Strauch
- 2nd Andrew Levensalor
- 3rd Casey Jordan
- 4th Hallie Collopy

Grade 7 Individuals:

- 1st Jared MacDonald
- 2nd Dashiel Collopy
- Ryan Wilks
- Sarah Johnson

Grade 8 Individuals:

- 1st Moriah Day
- 4th Tim Gustin

- Represents second consecutive meet with first place in every event!
- Fifty-one grade 7 and 8 students traveled for an event at the University of Maine. Panel discussions with University of Maine student athletes (goals, campus life, athletics) and attended a women's game vs. Albany today.
- Cheering A Team won 1st place in their regional competition.
- Basketball Teams have completed their seasons successfully- Boys' A Team lost by only 5 points to a strong Milo team. Compliments on sportsmanship.

Upcoming events:

- February 9: Wear a College Shirt Day-emphasis on making future plans, goals
- February 13: Athletic Awards Night at 6:00 p.m. at Dexter Middle School
- February 16: Hat Day for Charity- Builders Club
- February 16: EdLine Middle School tentative opening
- February 12: Wrestling Begins
- February 28: Science Fair at 3:00 p.m.

Nicholas Vafiades:

- Local skills competitions and TCTC open house were held Wednesday, January 24, 2007. The staff conducted twenty competitions and there were one hundred and twenty participants. We have twenty-nine students attending state competitions in SkillsUSA and fourteen in HOSA. Skills and HOSA will conduct a unified conference March 8 and 9. The Commercial Truck Driving competitions will be held here in the spring.
- The Health Occupations students are currently at Clinical Practical Experience at Hibbard Nursing Home. The blood drive for the Maine Blood Center held Friday, January 26, 2007 was very successful. Seventy people were screened and thirty-nine units were collected.
- Students completed a food drive in January 2007 as part of their community service project for SkillsUSA. They collected a total of 1,519 pounds of food. The food was distributed to the First Baptist Food Cupboard in Dexter.
- We hosted the Maine State Police Motor Vehicle Inspection Unit update on the new inspection rules for local mechanics on January 9. We had 55 attend the afternoon session and 60 in the evening session.
- Leilani Cyr and I met with Susan Moore of the Dover-Foxcroft Career Center and Judy Holt of Training & Development Corporation. The staff is going to return to register all of our students at the Career Center. In recent years we utilized the on line services for students. However, there are new programs and services available to students that are officially registered with the system.

VI. Committee Reports

1. Facilities/Transportation/Construction Committee - Shawn Lancaster
2. Policy Committee – Barbara Wakefield
3. Curriculum Committee – Kevin Jordan
4. Building Space Needs / Programming Sub-Committee – Kevin Jordan

VII. Educational Report

1. Christopher Prickitt-Abbott Hill Ramblers

VIII. Items Requiring Board Action

A. Superintendent's Add-ons

None

B. Appointments – 2006-2007

Sherree Mitchell moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent's appointment for the 2006-2007 school year as listed below:

Philip Mosley	DMS – Head Wrestling Coach	\$832.32
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Seconded by Michael Bennett. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

C. First Reading of the Following Policies

The Board of Directors held a first reading of the following policy:
Student Fund-Raising Activities (Code) IGDF-Revision

D. Second Reading and Approval of Policies

Sherree Mitchell moved that the Board of Directors hold a second reading and approve the following policies as recommended by the Policy Committee:

Employment of Staff	(Code) GDD – Revision
Extra-Curricular Eligibility	(Code) IGDK – Revision
Student Testing	(Code) IL – Revision

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

E. Executive Session

At 8:17 p.m., Gerrard Rudmin moved that the Board of Directors go into Executive Session for the evaluation of Stephen Bell, Principal of Dexter Regional High School, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (A). Seconded by Shawn Lancaster. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

At 9:36 p.m. the Chairman declared the Board out of Executive Session

Any Action As a Result of Executive Session

Shawn Lancaster moved that the Board of Director's rehire and extend Stephen Bell's contract as Principal of Dexter Regional High School in SAD #46 through June 30, 2009. Seconded by Gary Perkins. Voting in favor of the motion were: Michael Bennett, Richard Bilodeau, Jr., Steven Crane, Shawn Lancaster, Sherree Mitchell, John Parola, Gary Perkins, Andrea Rollins, Gerrard Rudmin, and Frederick Wintle. Opposed: Barbara Wakefield. Motion passed. (10/1/0)

IX. Superintendent's Report(s)

1. Resignations

2. Meetings

Budget and Finance Committee: Tuesday, February 13, 2007

7:00 p.m. Superintendent's Office

School Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 14, 2007

7:00 p.m. Dexter Regional High School – ATM Room

Approval and signing of new pre-k – 8 school project warrants

X. Chairman's Report(s)

XI. Adjournment

At 9:50 p.m., the Chairman declared the Board meeting adjourned.

Attested a true record:

Kevin T. Jordan
Secretary