

MINUTES OF M.S.A.D. #46 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, June 3, 2009 – 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 ten (10) members present: Michael Bennett, Steven Crane, Steven Foster, John Parola, Andrea Rollins, Allen Ross, Gerrard Rudmin, Nicole Schobel, Patricia Smith, and Barbara Wakefield.

Excused: Sherree Mitchell and Gary Perkins.

Richard Bilodeau, Jr. arrived at 7:30 p.m.

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

II. Approval of Minutes – May 6, 2009

The Chairman declared the Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting of May 6, 2009, approved as printed.

III. Correspondence

IV. Public Participation

Jim Bunn

V. Reports by Administrators/Directors

Stephen Bell:

- Senior Assembly: June 5, 2009, 11:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Guiski Gymnasium.
- Graduation: June 7, 2009, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. The Class of 2009 will be going on a rafting trip down the Kennebec River and staying somewhere near the Forks for the operation graduation trip.
- Workshop day June 16, 2009: The staff will be sharing their NEASC standard committee reports with the entire staff for feedback in the morning. Adjustments to the reports will be made in the afternoon and an executive summary will be completed along with a list of strengths and weaknesses. We are hoping to tour the new school from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. once the work is completed.
- Every 15 Minutes Program: The Key-Club, Wellness Team, Rick Whitney, Will Walters and many other volunteers pulled off an amazing two-day program that certainly raised the awareness of our student body when it comes to the issue of drinking and driving. This was a total community event that involved everyone from the police, fire department, ambulance service, Dr. Reddy's office, Crosby's Funeral Home, the Kiwanis, area social workers and several parents.
- Our staffing needs for 2009-2010 appear to be minimal at this point with no retirements or teachers leaving for other positions at this time. An assistant girls' soccer coach is the only coaching need at this time.

Lucy Mallar:

SPECIAL SERVICES
END OF YEAR REPORT 2008-2009

Child count data

	December 1 Child Count	Section 504 Students	Total Disabled Students	General Population	Percent of General Population
12/2008	173	1	174	960	18%
12/2007	187	1	188	1028	18%
12/2006	186	1	187	1016	18.4%
12/2005	199	0	199	1053	18.9%
12/2004	201	3	204	1066	19.1%
12/2003	179	9	188	1052	17.7%
12/2002	174	20	194	1062	18.3%
12/2001	189	22	211	1061	19.9%
12/2000	195	18	213	1081	19.6%

Entering and Exiting for 2008-09 as of June 2009

Moved in with IEPs or 504 plans	33
Moved out	38
Dismissed from special services	6
Incoming Kindergarteners from CDS	13

Referrals to special education	24
Referrals/identifications under Section 504	6
New Identification under special education	20
Graduating	13
Dropouts	9
Returning from dropout status	1

Response to Intervention procedures continue to successfully sort out those students who will qualify and need special education. In the years before response-to-intervention, as many as 50% of the students who were referred and evaluated did not qualify for special education. This year, 83% of students evaluated qualified for special education.

Section 504 expanded eligibility criteria significantly. We have a responsibility under the law to seek out and refer students with a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity over 6 months or more. We had some parent referrals under Section 504, and some referrals by district personnel.

Autism and mental retardation In 1997, less than 1% of students with disabilities had autism as their primary disability. In 2007, more than 5% were identified under the category of autism. Last year, SAD 46 had 6.42% of students with disabilities under the category of autism. Last year the state reported 2.32% of students with disabilities in the category of mental retardation. SAD 46 had over 10% of students with disabilities in the category of mental retardation.

Entering and Exiting for 2007-08 as of June 11, 2008

Moved in with IEPs or 504 plans	33
Moved out	21
Dismissed from special services	16
Incoming Kindergarteners from CDS	11
Referrals	16
New Identifications	11
Graduating	12
Dropouts	8
Net change during the year:	-4

Entering and Exiting for 2006-07 as of June 30, 2007

Moved in with IEPs or 504 plans	34
Moved out	24
Dismissed from special services	17
Incoming Kindergarteners from CDS	10
Referrals	17
New Identifications	9
Graduating	16
Dropouts	7
Net change during the year:	+4

Entering and Exiting for 2005-06 as of June 30, 2006

Moved in with IEPs or 504 plans	31
Moved out	14
Dismissed from special services	16
Incoming Kindergarteners from CDS	8
Referrals	28
New Identifications	14
Graduating	12
Dropouts	8
Net change during the year:	+3

During 2004-05

Moved in with IEPs or 504 plans	29
Moved out	39
New identifications under IDEA as of 6/1/2004	15
Dismissed from special services	10
Moved from 504 to IDEA	0

Incoming Kindergarteners from CDS	8
Dropped out	5
Graduating	3
Net change during the year	-5

During 2003-04

Moved in with IEPs or 504 plans	53
Moved out	35
New identifications under IDEA as of 6/1/2004	17
Dismissed from special services	6
Moved from 504 to IDEA	3
Incoming Kindergarteners from CDS	9
Dropped out	3
Graduating	5
Net change during the year	+30

Juliana Richard:

Exeter

- May 11-15, 2009, Exeter utilized a thematic unit for the entire school on OWLS. A representative from Birds Acre visited with a live Sawwhet Owl, students went on a virtual field trip to a branch of the Carnegie Museum of Natural History Pittsburg, read literature about owls, searched many bolus pellets, and wrote their thoughts about owls during the week each group made a different craft around the owl theme.
- June 1, 2009, students walked to the Stonyvale Farm, a fitness hike of nearly two miles and toured the milking facilities.
- The spring concert for Exeter and Garland students was a success on Tuesday of this week.

Dexter Middle School

- Jordyn Bell and Casey Jordan were selected as Dexter Middle School Top Scholar and Citizen students. The honor is sponsored by both the Maine and New England Middle Level Educational Organizations. Casey and Jordyn attended a banquet at the Augusta Civic Center with seventy-one other students from across Maine. Students were selected by their teachers.
- Seventh and eight grade awards were presented May 29, 2009, followed by a spring dance.
- Abbott Hill Ramblers held a very well attended concert on May 28, 2009.
- Correction from last month- DMS students raised \$1,130. for the March of Dimes with their WalkMania in April.

Nicholas Vafiades:

- An awards assembly was held May 21, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. We had eighty percent of our students in attendance. Students were presented with portfolios, certificates, scholarships and other awards. This year students earned the following: 17 OSHA 10-Hour Safety Certificates; 6 OSHA 30-Hour Safety Certificates; 22 National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) Accreditation in Basic Safety, Math, Hand and Power Tools; 6 I.T. Technician Certifications; 4 CompTIA IT Technician Certifications; 7 CompTIA A+ Essentials Certifications; 9 Serve-Safe Certifications; 14 Commercial Truck Driving Licenses (11 With Tanker and Double and Triple Endorsements); 2 Adobe Certified Associate; 17 Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA); 17 Personal Support Specialist (PSS) Certifications; 16 First Aid for Health Care Providers; 17 CPR for Health Care Providers; Central Maine Community College (CMCC) Dual Enrollment 3 Credit Transcript; 9 Medical Terminology; 2 Photo Shop I; 3 Introduction to Computer Repair; 14 Students were successful in virtual high school classes this school year
- The TCTC staff will host Eighth Grade Exploratory June 3, 4, and 8, 2009. We have ninety-five students participating from all seven middle schools in our region including Etna-Dixmont.
- Several of our staff members completed applications to the Workforce Development Board and Training Development Corporation to provide job readiness training for summer youth employment stimulus programs.

Terry Wood:

- With the new school on the horizon, we have been working on transition activities among the schools.
- The DPS fourth graders had their transition afternoon which included having lunch with the fifth graders.
- The second graders from Garland and Dexter spent the afternoon with their pen pals that they have been writing to during the school year. They also have been communicating via the Tanberg unit throughout the year.
- On Friday, June 5, 2009, the Exeter and Dexter fourth graders will be going to Funtown for their fourth grade outing this year.

- Garland will be celebrating their Carnival Day on Thursday, June 4, 2009. This is always a hit with students, staff and family members.
- On June 10, 2009, Don Fendler, author of *Lost On a Mountain in Maine*, will be visiting our fourth graders to share his thoughts and memories regarding his adventure when he was separated from his family on Mount Katahdin. This project directly aligns with our Maine Studies unit.
- Our last staff day, June 16, 2009, will be a Data Day for all staff. Teachers will use their assessments to begin getting all of the necessary data to better service our students for next year.

VI. Committee Reports

1. AOS #94 – Steven Foster
2. Budget and Finance Committee – Steven Crane
3. Facilities/Transportation/Construction Committee – Gary Perkins
4. TCTC Regional Council – Michael Bennett

VII. Educational Reports

1. Dexter Key Club – Richard Whitney

VIII. Items Requiring Board Action

A. Superintendent's Add-ons

1. Item VIII J – Nominations – 2009-2010 - Add Frederick Morgan, DRHS – Part-time Mathematics Teacher.

B. Adopt FY '10 Budget

Gerrard Rudmin moved that the Board of Directors adopt the budget for FY '10 as recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee.

Seconded by Michael Bennett. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

C. Adopt Adult Education Budget for FY '10

Steven Foster moved that Board of Directors adopt the Adult Education Budget for FY '10 as recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee.

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

D. Warrant for District Budget Meeting

Gerrard Rudmin moved that the Warrant for the District Budget Meeting presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved and that a District budget meeting be and is hereby called for June 18, 2009, for the purpose of voting on the annual budget for the district for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

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

E. Budget Validation Referendum

Steven Foster moved that the Warrant and Notice of Election for the District Budget Validation Referendum presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved, and that a District budget validation referendum be and is hereby called for June 23, 2009, for the purpose of approving the budget adopted at the district budget meeting for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Seconded by Michael Bennett. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

Gerrard Rudmin moved that the form of Notice of Amounts adopted at Budget Meeting presented to this meeting be and is hereby approved, and that the Secretary of the District is hereby authorized and directed to complete said Notice by adding the amounts approved by the voters for each expenditure category and the total school budget summary expenditure amount, all in accordance with the District budget meeting on June 18, 2009, and to cause copies of said notice, as completed, to be delivered to the municipal clerks of each town of the District by posting at the polling places for the June 23, 2009, District budget validation referendum.

Seconded by Michael Bennett. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

F. Unpaid Leave

MSAD
Superintendent of

Steven Foster moved that the Board of Directors approve the following request for temporary leave without pay for the 2009-2010 school year as required by the MSAD #46 Board of Directors and #46 Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement as recommended by the Schools.

Melissa Stevens Elementary Teacher – Dexter Primary School

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

G. Policy – Second Reading and Approval of Policy

Barbara Wakefield moved that the Board of Directors hold a second reading and approve the following policy as recommended by the Policy Committee:

Code GCE – Substitute Teacher Employment - Revision

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

H. Approval of SAD #46 School Emergency Handbooks

Patricia Smith moved that the Board of Directors approve the Dexter Regional High School, Dexter Middle School, Dexter Primary School, Exeter Consolidated School, Garland Elementary School, and Tri-County Technical Center emergency plans.

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

I. Award of Bid for New School Bus

Richard Bilodeau, Jr., moved that the Board of Directors award the bid for a new 77-passenger school bus to Dattco, Inc. at a cost of \$68, 798.00 as recommended by the Facilities / Transportation / Construction Committee.

Seconded by Michael Bennett. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

J. Nominations 2009-2010

Gerrard Rudmin moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent's nomination as listed below, for the 2009-2010 school year.

Frederick Morgan DRHS – Part-time Mathematics Teacher \$26,679.00

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

IX. Superintendent's Report(s)

1. Resignations:

- Alyson Saunders, Biology Teacher – DRHS
- Gary Larson, Part-time Mathematics Teacher – DRHS

2. Meetings:

AOS #94 – Public Budget Meeting: Thursday, June 4, 2009

6:00 PM – Harmony Elementary School

SAD #46 Public Budget Meeting: Thursday, June 18, 2009

6:00 PM – DRHS Gymnasium

SAD #46/AOS #94 Budget Validation Referendum in all communities:

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

SAD #46 Board of Directors Meeting: Wednesday, June 24, 2009

7:00 PM – DRHS – ATM Room

X. Chairman's Report(s)

XI. Adjournment

At 8:45 p.m. the Chairman of the Board declared the Board meeting adjourned.

Attested a true record:

Kevin T. Jordan
Secretary