

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

I. Opening

At 7:00 p.m., Vice-Chairman Shawn Lancaster called the meeting to order and declared a quorum with eleven (11) members present: Michael Bennett, Richard Bilodeau, Jr., Steven Crane, Steven Foster, Shawn Lancaster, Richard McInnis, Gary Perkins, Andrea Rollins, Gerrard Rudmin, Barbara Wakefield and Frederick Wintle.
Excused: Sherree Mitchell and John Parola.
Also in attendance: Superintendent, Kevin Jordan; Stephen Bell; Michael Keyte; Timothy McCluskey; Christopher Moreau; Juliana Richard; and Nicholas Vafiades.
Excused: Donna Gillette and David Gudroe.
Recognitions-Christopher Moreau, Dexter Regional High School Assistant Principal and Athletic Director: Dexter Regional High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team – Eastern Maine Class “C” Champions and Dexter Regional High School Wrestling Team – 3rd in the state and four individual state champions this year: Jeremiah Barkac, Josh Harvey, Brian O’Connor, and Michael O’Connor. The wrestling team was also runner-up in the Eastern Maine meet.

II. Approval of Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting – February 7, 2007, and February 14, 2007

The Vice-Chairman declared the Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting - February 7, 2007, and February 14, 2007 approved as printed.

III. Correspondence

None

IV. Public Participation

None

V. Reports by Administrators/Directors

Stephen Bell:

- The state of the high school address has been tentatively scheduled for March 29, 2007, at 6 p.m. in the ATM room. Refreshments will be provided. The evening will include a presentation by the high school administration and leadership team followed by a community brainstorming session. The evening will conclude with a question and answer session.
- Congratulations to the boy’s and girl’s basketball teams. The boy’s team received the Eastern Maine Tournament’s Good Sportsmanship Award. The girl’s team is the 2007 Eastern Maine Class “C” Champions (5th year in a row)! Mallory Ames was named the tournament’s MVP. The band and cheerleaders also performed well during tournament week. As a community, we have a lot to be proud of.
- Reminder of the upcoming musical “Anything Goes” which takes place on March 22, 23 and 24, 2007. The cast will be performing dress rehearsals for the middle and elementary schools on the March 19, 2007.
- Steven Robinson, son of Dave and Laurel Robinson of Dexter, has been named the valedictorian for the class of 2007. Alicia Marquis, daughter of Bob and Ann Marquis of Garland, has been named the salutatorian for the class of 2007.
- March 16, 2007 is a workshop day. The high school staff will be working on freshman transition and continuing the work on differentiation.
- The statewide administration of the SAT’s for all juniors will be on Saturday, May 5, 2007.
- The Dexter Regional High School wrestling team had four individual state champions this year led by seniors Jeremiah Barkac and Josh Harvey and sophomores Brian and Michael O’Connor. The team finished 3rd in the state and runner-up in the Eastern Maine meet.
- The Key Club continued their dime drive from last month and raised over \$2,000. for the March of Dimes (up from \$1,500. last month).

Timothy McCluskey:

- Author Night on February 27, 2007, with author/illustrator Rebekah Raye was well attended in Garland. She will be at Dexter Primary School on April 9 and 10, 2007.
- Title I staff put on a SOAR Family night last night for families who have children that receive services. Over 100 people attended! SOAR to Success is a supplemental program for 3rd and 4th grade children to assist struggling readers and is taught by Title I staff. The purpose of the evening was to show parents the different strategies that their children learn from this program to help them learn to read. Supper was also provided to all in attendance.
- Mr. McCluskey wanted the board to be aware that the K-4 literacy staff has received many requests from districts around the state including the University of Maine, to bring staff members to our classrooms as a

model of good instruction. He felt this was a well deserved feather in their cap and that he was proud of the staff for developing this reputation. The University chooses SAD 46 literacy staff to bring their intern students to so as to demonstrate good teaching practices. Other requests have come from SAD 68, SAD 4, Lisbon, Etna-Dixmont, and Augusta. Teachers in Exeter, Garland and Dexter have hosted visitors from these sites.

- Mr. McCluskey provided information regarding improvements on NWEA winter scores (compared to fall scores) for Title students. Reading scores for grades 2-4 showed that 42 students were served in Title I and 37 students showed improvement (88%). Of the five who did not improve, one scored the same, three were either ill or absent during testing and one had a condition that did not allow them to test. In Math, Title students improved their scores also. Fifteen students are being served and 11 students showed improved scores (73%). Of the four that did not improve, one scored the same as their fall score and the other three scored a bit lower than their fall score. Mr. McCluskey felt this success was due to the efforts made by the Title staff in their teaching.
- Math training is continuing for K-4 staff with Investigations. We're having Cynthia Hillman-Furbush from Maine Math & Science Alliance come to train each grade level on two units within the Investigations program. Through the trainings and discussions, Ms. Hillman has identified some themes that we feel we can work on to improve math instruction: 1) offering more time for vertical discussions in curriculum and 2) expediting the lessons so teachers get through more of the units within the year.
- MEA testing is underway. Students have been prepared through the year with practice problems and motivation and we have Title staff helping with small groups. Fourth graders are testing this week, third grade next week, and make-ups will take place the week of the 19th.
- K-2 Family Math/Science night will be Tuesday, March 20, 2007, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Grades 3 and 4 night will be in early April. This was something that Mr. McCluskey started last year and it was very successful. We've added science to this year's night. All board members are welcome to attend.
- Mr. McCluskey reported on efforts for spreading the word on the new school. Emails have been sent to staff members to remind them of absentee ballots, a special insert went out to parents encouraging them to vote on the new school issue in the March newsletter for Dexter Primary and Garland Elementary School. Parents comment daily on the poster boards put up in the lobby showing the layouts and figures.
- Mr. McCluskey commented on the in-service training day coming up on March 16, 2007. K-4 staff will be part of the morning session with the guest speaker and then they will join the 5-8 staff for further conversations about poverty and technology in the classrooms in the afternoon.

Juliana Richard:

Exeter Events: Reading Week

- Rebekah Raye author and illustrator visited the school, read and demonstrated series of drawings.
- Buddy read with Garland.
- Community read, members of the community read to students.
- Celebrate Dr. Suess' birthday-reading and a cake by Kelly Watson.
- In April, author Allen Sockabasin plans to visit Exeter School joined by Rebekah Raye who illustrated his book.
- Science Fair and Maine animal reports have begun with exhibitions for parents planned.
- T-shirt fund raiser about to begin.
- MEA's have begun and are proceeding smoothly.

Dexter Middle School Events:

- The 2007 Science/Invention Fair was held February 28, 2007, with 52 entries, many impressive projects.
- Science/Invention Fair winners-Grade 6: 1st place, Jane Strauch; 2nd place, Sarah Eastman; 3rd place, Matthew Crane. Eureka Award, Alyssa Rogers; Best Display Award, Sarah Eastman; Best Use of Technology Award, Sarah Eastman.
- Science/Invention Fair winners-Grade 7: 1st place, Tamika LeBlanc; 2nd place, Rebecca Mason; 3rd place, Brooke Boeglin. Eureka Award, Crystal Cunningham; Best Display Award, Crystal Cunningham; Best Use of Technology Award, Taylor Stewart.
- Science/Invention Fair winners-Grade 8: 1st place, Moriah Day; 2nd place, Hunter Ogden; 3rd place, Devyn Bell. Eureka Award, Chelsea Crane; Best Display Award, Hunter Ogden; Best Use of Technology Award; Chelsea Crane.
- Athletics has concluded for basketball, cheering has one remaining competition, and wrestling opens tonight (Dexter vs. Howland).
- Civil Rights Team has begun planning for Tolerance Week where student designed activities emphasis the importance of including and accepting all types of people.
- Spelling Bee challenge was won by Teagan Cook with a competition upcoming in Bangor.
- MEA's are in progress, and off to a strong start. Student attitude appears to be positive.
- Mrs. Randall's class visited the recycling center and enjoyed their tour.

- Ms. Jen Thomas and Mr. Adam Gudroe attended a conference on including technology within the math curriculum using interactive web sites. They will in turn offer a workshop to middle school teachers of both math and science on March 20, 2007, during curriculum time.
- Mike Muir of the University of Maine Farmington will address MSAD 46 educators at a workshop on March 16, 2007, addressing the influence of poverty on education. He will work with the middle school and primary school to consider technology in the classroom.

Nicholas Vafiades:

- Students are ready to attend the State SkillsUSA and HOSA competitions in Bangor. Thirteen students will participate in HOSA and twenty-eight in SkillsUSA. The HOSA competitions will be on Thursday, March 8, 2007, and Skills on Friday, March 9, 2007. All TCTC students will go to observe on Friday. The Awards Ceremony will be at the Bangor Auditorium at 5:00 p.m.
- Steve Pound of Cainbro arranged for George Arsenault and Brad Vanidestine to bring a crane to teach the Building Trades students some rigging techniques and to help install roof trusses on the Grove Street project. Hyster of New England supplied a lift for the project and our Commercial Truck Driving students delivered the machine from Scarborough. Kevin Bowman of Bowman Brothers Inc. provided the Building Trades students with a tour of the new school construction site at Sedomocoha in Dover-Foxcroft. This was a powerful experience because we had four graduates on site who offered great advice to our students.
- As reported in October, a Pre-Vocational Program Development committee has been working to design a program for students that are at risk of not completing high school. The proposal required by Chapter 232 of the Department of Education should be completed at our March 15, 2007, meeting. Member school principals will review the plan on March 21, 2007, and it will be submitted to the Regional Council for approval in April. I hope to have the MSAD 46 approval ready for May and submit it to Department of Education this summer.

VI. Committee Reports

1. Budget and Finance Committee – Steven Crane
2. Public Relations Sub-Committee – Frederick Wintle

VII. Educational Report

1. None

VIII. Items Requiring Board Action

A. Superintendent's Add-ons
None

B. Appointments – 2006-2007

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

Brian Salsbury	DMS-Assistant Wrestling Coach	Volunteer
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Seconded by Richard McInnis. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

C. Nominations – 2006-2007

Richard Bilodeau, Jr. moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent's nomination for the 2006-2007 school year as listed below:

Michael Ames	DRHS-Physical Science Teacher	\$27,000. (pro-rated)
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Seconded by Michael Bennett. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

D. Second Reading and Approval of Policy

Richard Bilodeau, Jr. moved that the Board of Directors hold a second reading and approve the following policy as recommended by the Policy Committee:

Student Fund-Raising Activities (Code) IGDF-Revision

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

E. Approval of New Vocational Program

Gerrard Rudmin moved that the Board of Directors approve a Jobs for Maine Graduates Occupation Awareness Satellite Program proposal for Greenville High School as required by Chapter 232 of the

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

F. Executive Session

At 8:04 p.m., Richard Bilodeau, Jr. moved that the Board of Directors go into Executive Session for the evaluation of Juliana Richard, Principal of Dexter Middle School and Exeter Consolidated School, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (A). Seconded by Richard McInnis. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

At 9:01 p.m., the Vice-Chairman declared the Board out of Executive Session

Any Action As a Result of Executive Session

Frederick Wintle moved that the Board of Director's rehire and extend Juliana Richard's contract as Principal of Dexter Middle School and Exeter Consolidated School in SAD #46 through June 30, 2009. Seconded by Richard McInnis. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

IX. Superintendent's Report(s)

1. Resignations

Sasha Claverie – DMS B-Team Cheering Coach

2. Meetings

Facilities/Transportation/Construction Committee: Thursday, March 8, 2007

7:00 p.m. Superintendent's Office

Public Hearing/Informational Meeting: Monday, March 12, 2007

7:00 p.m. Garland Elementary School

Budget and Finance Committee: Wednesday, March 14, 2007

7:00 p.m. Superintendent's Office

Budget and Finance Committee: Thursday, March 15, 2007

7:00 p.m. Superintendent's Office

Public Hearing/Informational Meeting: Monday, March 19, 2007

7:00 p.m. Dexter Middle School Cafeteria

Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Tuesday, March 20, 2007

7:00 p.m. Superintendent's Office

Budget and Finance Committee: Wednesday, March 21, 2007

7:00 p.m. Superintendent's Office

Public Hearing/Informational Meeting: Thursday, March 22, 2007

7:00 p.m. Exeter Consolidated School

New School Referendum in all district communities: Tuesday, March 27, 2007

School Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 28, 2007

7:00 p.m. DRHS-ATM Room – Approval of Computation and Declaration of District Vote

Budget and Finance Committee: Thursday, March 29, 2007

7:00 p.m. Superintendent's Office

Policy Committee: Monday, April 2, 2007

7:00 p.m. Superintendent's Office

Budget and Finance Committee: Tuesday, April 3, 2007

7:00 p.m. Superintendent's Office

School Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 4, 2007

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

X. Chairman's Report(s)

Frederick Wintle moved that the Board of Directors approve the proposed letter in support of the SAD #46 PreK-8 New School Project and release the document to the media for publishing. Seconded by Gary Perkins. The motion was unanimously approved. (11/0/0)

XI. Adjournment

At 9:25 p.m., the Vice-Chairman declared the Board meeting adjourned.

Attested a true record:

Kevin T. Jordan
Secretary