

**MSAD #70 Board of Directors
School Board Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2006**

The MSAD #70 Board of Directors held their regular board meeting on Monday, February 13, 2006 in the central office boardroom. Chair, Estela Lane, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Estela Lane, Deanna Quint, Tim Blanchette, Joel Oliver, David Cassidy, Melissa Ivey, William Fitzpatrick, Darlene Scott-Rairdon, and Julie Chapla.

Members Absent: Debra Crane, Kevin Scott and Bruce Malone.

Members Excused: Kim Hall and Trudy O'Bar.

Also Present: Robert McDaniel and Susan Hawkes.

Staff Present: Clark Rafford, Bernadette Willette, Loreen Wiley, Frank Barton, Cindi McNutt, Mary Harbison, Jane York, Karen Sattler, and Barbara Robertson.

Students Present: Ashley Belanger.

Audience Present: Dick Gould and Mary Belanger.

Presentation: Maine Small Schools Coalition

Dick Gould discussed some of the changes facing small schools in Maine.

The Maine Small Schools Coalition stays involved politically, giving a voice in Augusta for Maine's Small Schools. As Mr. Gould said, our small area schools are our community we need to preserve them.

Presentation: Frank Barton, Karen Sattler and Ashley Belanger, Robotics

Frank, Karen, and Ashley your robotics demonstration was remarkable.

Public Comment:

Frank Barton informed the board on the website usage.

Approval of Minutes: Consider minutes of January 9, 2006.

It was moved by Tim Blanchette and seconded by Melissa Ivey to approve the minutes of January 9, 2006. Motion carried-unanimous.

Agenda Order and Adjustments:

Change: Order of Action Items #8 and 9. These are executive session items, move to the end of all the Information Items.

Action Item #7: Move to an Information Item.

Add Action Item #7A: Consider the approval of paying School Board Members once a year in June, to go into effect for the school year 2006-2007.

Add Information Item #1A: Consider the approval of MSAD 70's athletic classification from a Class C school to Class D.

Add Information Item#1C: SAT testing incentive day:

Add Information Item#1B: Lewis and Clark Expedition contest:

Add Action Item #7C: Consider the approval of a trip to Scotland and fundraising efforts for this trip for two high school students.

Add Action Item #10: To enter into executive session pursuant to 1M.R.S.A 405 (6) (F).

Add Information Item 1D: Bus purchase price.

Add Information Item 1E: Superintendent requests use of 3 vacation days.

Action Items:

Consider the approval of the School Calendar for School year 2006-2007:

Robert McDaniel contacted Region II and neighboring Superintendents to coincide on the School's calendar for school year 2006-2007. Julie Chapla was concerned with Harvest Break issues. It was decided that the Harvest Break Committee should meet and make a proposal to the Board before the next school calendar.

Melissa Ivey was concerned with the week of November 20th, students only attending school for a day and a half. Frank Barton added that too many teacher workshop days in a row were not as productive.

It was moved by Tim Blanchette and seconded by Billy Fitzpatrick to approve the School Calendar for school year 2006-2007:

Motion carried-unanimous.

Consider the approval of the Spanish Class Trip to Spain:

Estela Lane, group leader, informed the board that 5 students would be going on the Spanish Class Trip to Spain along with 8 adults. It is a 10 day trip leaving April 13th and returning April 23rd. Approximate cost per student is \$1,755.00.

It was moved by David Cassidy seconded by Tim Blanchette to approve the Spanish Class Trip to Spain:

Motion carries-unanimous.

Consider the final reading of job descriptions for: Athletic Administrator, Dean of Students, and High School Guidance Director; and also consider the final reading of policy: GCFBR: Recruiting and Hiring of Staff Procedures:

Melissa Ivey requested that the section under Working Conditions should all read the same in all of the Administrative job descriptions. Please refer to High School Guidance Director for the correct version.

Tim Blanchette moved and Melissa Ivey seconded to approve the final reading of job descriptions for Athletic Administrator, Dean of Students, and High School Guidance Director and to Accept the final reading of policy: GCFBR: Recruiting and Hiring of Staff Procedures.

Motion carries-unanimous.

It was moved to extend the meeting past 9:30 p.m. Motion carries-unanimously by show of hands.

Consider the approval of a trip to Scotland and fundraising efforts for the trip for two high school students:

Hodgdon High School has been selected to participate in a foreign exchange program in Scotland. Two students Jayme Bither and Leanne Hemingway will be representing Hodgdon High School for a leadership training program in Glasgow, Scotland for one week. Two students from Scotland will be visiting Hodgdon High School.

Bernadette Willette requested approval of the trip to Scotland and the necessary fundraising.

It was moved by Tim Blanchette and seconded by Melissa Ivey to approve the trip to Scotland and fundraising efforts for the trip for two high school students.

Motion carries-unanimous.

Information Items:

Resignation/retirement of Margaret Coolong, Chapter I, Elementary Teacher:

Resignation/retirement of Brenda White, 3rd grade Elementary Teacher:

MSAD #70's athletic classification from a Class C school to Class D:

Clark Rafford, Principal, discussed that we are currently in Class C athletic competition level but with our current student enrollment will qualify for Class D status. Enrollment as of April 2006 will determine if we remain in Class C or get moved to Class D.

Lewis and Clark Youth Rendezvous:

Clark Rafford, Principal, discussed an opportunity for Juniors and Seniors to compete by writing an essay. Ten students from each State and territory will be chosen for this experience, and earn an all-expense paid trip to North Dakota, August 12-18, 2006. Students will also be in

attendance for the National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Signature Event, which will be held in the hometown of Sakakawea, New Town, North Dakota.

SAT testing incentive day:

Bernadette Willette, Guidance Director, discussed with the board that the Junior Class will be SAT testing Saturday, April 1st, 2006. It is imperative to the school that the Junior Class totally participates and with their best effort. She suggests the school give the Juniors an incentive to try and achieve the best possible results. Some of the suggestions for incentives are: Food, gas cards, and senior privileges.

The Board directed the Superintendent to work with Bernadette Willette and Clark Rafford on the SAT testing and incentives.

New bus purchase:

Superintendent, Robert McDaniel, informed the board that the recent bus purchase price came in under what was previously anticipated. A savings of \$1,236.00.

Superintendent informed the Board when he will be using three of his vacation days:

Robert McDaniel informed the Board that he will be using some of his vacation days this February 17th, 21st, and 22nd.

SAVE Building update:

Robert McDaniel, Superintendent, informed the Board about the meeting held with Mike Howard, SAVE Director. Mike Howard informed Bob that SAVE is anticipating starting a new welding class, and if it goes through it would cut our cost of the SAVE building expenses. If it doesn't go through we may have the opportunity to purchase the building.

Communication lines owned by Verizon update:

Bob McDaniel discussed the cost of pole rental with Steve Socoby from Houlton Water Co. Steve, after reviewing the poles, informed us that the rental for all the poles would be \$35.00 per year, as the poles are in compliance. There would still be an application fee to Verizon. The Board asked Bob to verify the current information with Verizon and they would review it at the next Board Meeting.

First Reading of job description for: Assistant Principal-Elementary School:

First Reading of job description for: Principal-Elementary School:

First Reading of job description for: Principal-High School:

Volunteer from the Board to meet with Steve Fitzpatrick, Superintendent of SAD #29, to discuss students on the Superintendent's agreement:

Joel Oliver, Vice Chairman, volunteered to meet with Houlton's Superintendent and Chairman to discuss students on the Superintendent's agreement.

Finance Committee to set a meeting dated to begin going over budget for 2006/2007:

Finance Committee consists of Julie Chapla, David Cassidy, Melissa Ivey and Estela Lane. Bob McDaniel to schedule a meeting date sometime in March preferably on a Monday or Tuesday at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Boys Basketball trip the itinerary has been revised:

Child Development Services (CDS):

A transfer of B-5 Special Education Responsibilities to Public Schools. Bob McDaniel discussed the possible financial impact on our school.

January's Financial Statement:

Administrator Reports:

The March board meeting will be held at the Elementary School in Stephanie Wood's room for a Smart Board presentation.

Executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6) (A) Compensation of officials/appointees/employees:

Melissa Ivey moved and Julie Chapla seconded to enter into Executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6) (A) Compensation of officials/appointees/employees at 9:31 p.m.

Motion carries-unanimous.

Melissa Ivey moved and Julie Chapla seconded to renew the High School Principals contract for a one year term with a 3% salary increase and to renew the High School Guidance Directors contract for a two year term with a 3% salary increase.

Motion carries-unanimous.

Executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (E) litigation, pending or contemplated:

It was moved by Melissa Ivey and seconded by Joel Oliver to enter into Executive session pursuant to 1MRSA 405(6) (E) Litigation, pending or contemplated at 10:29 p.m.

Motion carries-unanimous.

It was moved by Melissa Ivey and seconded by Joel Oliver to exit Executive session at 10:36 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert McDaniel
Superintendent