

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT # 33

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MINUTES

MEETING NO. 822

DATE: MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2006

PLACE: ST. JOHN VALLEY TECHNOLOGY CENTER

TIME: 6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sandra San Antonio, Vice-Chairperson
Dale Chamberland
Cindy Marquis
Rose McQuarrie
Bernard Nadeau
Cleo Ouellette
Betsy Raymond

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Percy Thibeault, Chairman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Fern Desjardins, Superintendent of Schools
Lisa Bernier, Principal, Dr. Levesque Elementary School
Tammy LeBlanc, Principal, Wisdom Middle/High School
David Morse, Director, St. John Valley Technology Center
Louise Cyr, Teacher, Wisdom Middle/High School

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Sandra San Antonio called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 821

Moved by Rose McQuarrie and seconded by Cleo Ouellette to approve the minutes of meeting number 821. Unanimous vote.

III. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

By consensus, the Board agreed to add:

V – A.4 Early Childhood II

IV. PERIOD OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The period of public participation opened and closed at 6:31 p.m. with no one addressing the Board.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Field Trip Requests

1. Youth & Government

Moved by Betsy Raymond and seconded by Rose McQuarrie to approve a Youth & Government trip to Augusta on May 5-7 to visit the State House and to participate in the State Youth & Government program. Students and the advisor will travel with SAD #32. Unanimous vote.

2. NHS State Convention

Moved by Cleo Ouellette and seconded by Rose McQuarrie to approve a NHS trip to Orono on March 16 and 17 to attend the NHS State Convention. Unanimous vote.

3. Europe in 2007

Teacher Louise Cyr presented tentative plans for Wisdom juniors and seniors to travel to France and Spain April 13-23, 2007 with Madawaska High School. Estimated cost through EF Educational Tours is \$2,000.00 per student.

Moved by Rose McQuarrie and seconded by Cleo Ouellette to approve the trip to France and Spain. Unanimous vote.

Moved by Bernard Nadeau and seconded by Cleo Ouellette to limit student fund-raising for the trip to France and Spain to two-thirds the cost for each student. Unanimous vote.

4. Early Childhood II

Moved by Rose McQuarrie and seconded by Cleo Ouellette to approve an Early Childhood II trip to Bangor on April 25 and 26 to attend a *Building Communities Around Families* seminar with Dr. T. Berry Brazelton. Unanimous vote.

B. Co-curricular & Coaching Appointments

Moved by Bernard Nadeau and seconded by Cleo Ouellette to accept the following recommendations for co-curricular and coaching assignments:

Boy's Intramural Volleyball – Steve Doucette
 Girl's Intramural Volleyball – Tracie Boucher
 Middle School Co-Ed Intramural Volleyball – Mim Gagnon
 Varsity Baseball – Brandon Cyr
 Varsity Softball – Tracy Guerrette
 Middle School Baseball – Kevin Lavoie
 Dr. Levesque After-school Co-Ed Volleyball – Brenda Chamberland

Dr. Levesque After-school Chorus – Jonathan Spear & Lisa Bosse

Unanimous vote.

VI. PRINCIPALS' & DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Principals Lisa Bernier and Tammy LeBlanc and Director David Morse reported on activities in their schools and each presented his/her *Building Conditions and Needs Report*. Director Morse distributed copies of the article he wrote for the St. John Valley Times, *Tech Center Gives Students College Prep Advantages*.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Correspondences

Superintendent Desjardins has accepted a letter of resignation from Monique Fox, K-12 Art Teacher, effective at the end of the 2005-2006 school year.

Board members received a copy of a Thank You letter from Venette King and Family on the District's expressions of sympathy on the recent death of Garfield King, past MSAD #33 Superintendent of Schools.

B. Early College in Maine Report

Board members received a copy of The Great Maine Schools' executive summary *Early College in Maine: Student Outcomes & Lessons Learned From One Model*. Superintendent Desjardins informed the Board that Wisdom High School has five students taking courses at UMFK under the Early College program.

C. Dr. Levesque – Consistently High Performing School

Maine Commissioner of Education Susan A. Gendron has recognized Dr. Levesque Elementary School as a Consistently High Performing School for Reading and Math at Grade 4. The school received certificates of achievement in both content areas.

D. Fitness Center Plans

The site selected by the architect for the proposed St. Agatha Wellness and Fitness Center is the Knights of Columbus Hall in St. Agatha. Wisdom Middle/High School is no longer being considered.

E. Other

Superintendent Desjardins provided updates on the proposed GPA funding for FY 2006-07, her work with the Maine Small Schools Coalition, Chairman Thibeault's meeting with Madawaska School Committee Chairman James Lavertu, and the wood-cutting project behind Dr. Levesque School. She raised the issue of class size for Board discussion at a future meeting.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee

1. Approval of the February 2006 Expenditure Report

By consensus, the Board reviewed and accepted the February 2006 Expenditure Report.

B. Policies & Personnel Committee

1. First Reading

- a) **Job Description for Teachers**
- b) **GBEC Drug-Free Workplace**
- c) **JICH Drug and Alcohol Use by Students**
- d) **JICH-R Drug and Alcohol Use by Students Administrative Procedure**
- e) **JKF Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities**
- f) **JKF-R Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities Administrative Procedure**
- g) **JKG Physical Restraint**
- h) **JKGA Time Out Rooms and Therapeutic Restraint**
- i) **JKGA-R Time Out Rooms and Therapeutic Restraint Administrative Procedure**
- j) **IKE Promotion, Retention, and Acceleration of Students**

Moved by Cleo Ouellette and seconded by Rose McQuarrie to approve the First Reading of the above job description, policies, and procedures with the changes proposed by Director Ouellette. Unanimous vote.

2. Second Reading

- a) **AC Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action**
- b) **AC-E Discrimination/Harassment Complaint Form**
- c) **ACAA Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students**
- d) **ACAA-R Student Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedure**
- e) **ACAB Harassment and Sexual Harassment of School Employees**
- f) **ACAB-R Employee Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedure**

Moved by Cleo Ouellette and seconded by Bernard Nadeau to approve the Second Reading and to adopt the above policies, exhibit, and procedures. Unanimous vote.

C. Negotiations Committee

The MSAD #33 Support Staff Unit has not yet requested to meet to negotiate a successor agreement to the 2003-2006 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

None

X. OTHER

Moved by Bernard Nadeau and seconded by Rose McQuarrie to give each junior student who takes the SATs on Saturday, April 1 a \$10.00 gift certificate for the Lakeview Restaurant in St. Agatha. Unanimous vote.

By consensus, the Board agreed to change the regular April 4 Board meeting date to Thursday, April 13.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairperson San Antonio declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern Desjardins, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools