

**MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT # 33**

**P.O. BOX 9**

**FRENCHVILLE, ME 04745**

**MINUTES**

**MEETING NO. 823**

**DATE: THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2006**

**PLACE: DR. LEVESQUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**TIME: 6:30 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Percy Thibeault, Chairman  
Cindy Marquis  
Rose McQuarrie  
Bernard Nadeau (arrived at 6:56)  
Betsy Raymond  
Sandra San Antonio

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Cleo Ouellette

**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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Percy Thibeault called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 822**

Moved by Rose McQuarrie and seconded by Cindy Marquis to approve the minutes of meeting number 822. Unanimous vote.

**III. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

By consensus, the Board agreed to add:

**V – F. Early Dismissal**

**IV. PERIOD OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

## **VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

(Taken out of order)

### **A. Reorganization Plans at Dr. Levesque School**

Principal Bernier presented a six-year reorganization plan for Dr. Levesque School moving to single-graded classrooms. Beginning with 2006-2007, there will no longer be a multiage track at the school. Depending on enrollment, the plan could result in the elimination of three teaching positions over the next six years.

By consensus, the Board approved the long-range plan.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Request for Project Graduation**

Moved by Sandra San Antonio and seconded by Rose McQuarrie to provide a bus and bus driver for Project Graduation on June 12, 2005. Unanimous vote.

### **B. Coaching Appointment at Dr. Levesque School**

Moved by Sandra San Antonio and seconded by Cindy Marquis to approve the appointment of Brenda Chamberland as Co-ed softball coach for the after-school program at Dr. Levesque School. Unanimous vote.

### **C. Election of School Board Chairperson & Vice-Chairperson**

Betsy Raymond nominated Percy Thibeault for the office of Chairperson of the MSAD #33 Board of Directors. Cindy Marquis seconded the nomination and moved that nominations cease. Unanimous vote on Thibeault's election.

Cindy Marquis nominated Sandra San Antonio for the office of Vice-Chairperson of the MSAD #33 Board of Directors. Percy Thibeault seconded the nomination and moved that nominations cease. Unanimous vote on San Antonio's election.

### **D. Boiler Repair at Wisdom Middle/High School**

Moved by Betsy Raymond and seconded by Cindy Marquis to retire from service the MEH3799 Wisdom High School oil boiler. Unanimous vote.

Moved by Rose McQuarrie and seconded by Sandra San Antonio to give the superintendent the authority to take action to comply with the order of correction from the Office of Licensing & Registration Board of Boilers & Pressure Vessels. Unanimous vote.

### **E. Sale of Hardwood**

Moved by Betsy Raymond and seconded by Rose McQuarrie to donate the hardwood harvested behind Dr. Levesque School towards a fundraiser to pave the front yard at the school. Unanimous vote.

**F. Early Dismissal**

Moved by Sandra San Antonio and seconded by Bernard Nadeau to dismiss students at the elementary school and high school at 1:00 pm on Thursday May 25 to provide teachers with professional development activities at their respective schools. In Favor: Cindy Marquis, Rose McQuarrie, Bernard Nadeau, and Sandra San Antonio; Opposed: Betsy Raymond; Abstained: None. Motion passed.

**VI. PRINCIPALS' & DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

Principal Tammy LeBlanc presented the 2006-2007 master schedule for Wisdom High School and distributed copies of the *Pioneer News*.

Director David Morse reported on the Annual State of Maine SkillsUSA Leadership Conference and Competitions. SJVTC students won six gold medals, two silver medals, and six bronze medals.

Director Thibeault asked that the staff be commended on their achievements at the competitions.

**VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**A. Reorganization Plans at Dr. Levesque School**

By consensus, this item was taken up before *New Business*.

**B. 2006-07 St. John Valley Partnership Grant**

MSAD #33 will receive \$14,020.71 from the St. John Valley Partnership for 2006-2007. That is a decrease of \$478.47 (3.3%).

**C. April 1 Enrollment**

Board members received a copy of the 2006 EF-M-12 which shows a total district enrollment of 333 students, including tuition students.

**D. FEMA Snow Assistance**

The District received \$2,213.64 for emergency assistance for snow removal costs incurred as a result of the severe snow storms of December 25-27, 2005.

**E. District Testimonial Dinner**

The District Testimonial Dinner to recognize employees and Board members is scheduled for Friday, May 19 at the Lakeview Restaurant in St. Agatha.

**F. Other**

100% of the Junior class reported to school for the SATs on Saturday, April 1.

A school bus has been ordered for 2006-2007 at a cost of \$67,543.11.

## VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. Finance Committee

#### 1. Approval of the March 2006 Revenue & Expenditure Reports

By consensus, the Board reviewed and accepted the March 2006 Revenue and Expenditure Reports.

#### 2. Setting a Date for a Budget Workshop

By consensus, the Board agreed to meet on Tuesday April 25 at 6:30 pm at SJVTC.

### B. Policies & Personnel Committee

#### 1. Affirmative Action Plan

Moved by Sandra San Antonio and seconded by Rose McQuarrie to approve the revision to the District's Affirmative Action Plan. Unanimous vote.

#### 2. Repeal Policy JFAA (Also GBC)

Moved by Rose McQuarrie and seconded by Bernard Nadeau to repeal policy JFAA (also coded as GBC) *Job Description Affirmative Action/Title IX/504 Coordinator*. Unanimous vote.

#### 3. Addition of History to Policy ACAA

Moved by Sandra San Antonio and seconded by Betsy Raymond to edit the history of policy ACAA *Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students*. Unanimous vote.

#### 4. First Reading

##### a) GBGE Return to Work and Light-Duty Assignments

Moved by Betsy Raymond and seconded by Rose McQuarrie to approve the First Reading of the above policy. Unanimous vote.

#### 5. Second 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 Bernard Nadeau and seconded by Rose McQuarrie to approve the Second Reading and to adopt the above job description, policies, and procedures. Unanimous vote.

### **C.      Negotiations Committee**

Chairman Thibeault informed the Board that he has received a letter from the MSAD #33 Support Staff Unit requesting to meet to negotiate a successor agreement to the 2003-2006 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

### **IX.    OLD BUSINESS**

Director San Antonio asked why Wisdom students did not attend the trip that the Board approved for Youth and Government. Principal LeBlanc responded that they did not have enough students interested in attending.

### **X.     OTHER**

Director Bernard Nadeau said he had been contacted by a parent concerned that Flat Mountain students are first to be picked up in the morning and last to be brought home in the afternoon.

Superintendent Desjardins explained why it is more efficient to have bus routing as it currently exists.

### **XI.    ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Thibeault declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern Desjardins, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools