

**MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT # 33**

**P.O. BOX 9**

**FRENCHVILLE, ME 04745**

**MINUTES**

**MEETING NO. 825**

**DATE: MONDAY, MAY 1, 2006**

**PLACE: WISDOM MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL**

**TIME: 6:30 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sandra San Antonio, Vice-Chairperson  
Cindy Marquis  
Rose McQuarrie  
Bernard Nadeau  
Betsy Raymond

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Cleo Ouellette  
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  
Andrew Birden, Reporter, St. John Valley Times

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairperson Sandra San Antonio called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MEETINGS NO. 823 & 824**

Moved by Rose McQuarrie and seconded by Cindy Marquis to approve the minutes of meetings number 823 and 824. Unanimous vote.

**III. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

By consensus, the Board agreed to add:

**V – F. Permanent Substitute/Tutor Position**  
**V – G. Final Exams for Juniors & Seniors**

**IV. PERIOD OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The period of public participation opened and closed at 6:42 p.m. with no one addressing the Board.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Appointment of School Board Committees**

Moved by Bernard Nadeau and seconded by Rose McQuarrie to accept Chairman Thibeault's one-year committee appointments as presented (see attachment). Unanimous vote.

### **B. Election of Probationary Teachers**

Moved by Betsy Raymond and seconded by Bernard Nadeau to accept the superintendent's nominations of Vicki Deschaine, Robin Levasseur, Donna Levesque, Michelle Ouellette, and Vincent Sirois for probationary contracts. Unanimous vote.

### **C. Election of First Year Continuing Contract Teachers**

Moved by Rose McQuarrie and seconded by Cindy Marquis to accept the superintendent's nominations of Meranda Castonguay, Sherry Dubis, Lynn Ouellette, and Jonathan Spear for a first-year continuing contract. Unanimous vote.

### **D. 2006-2007 District Budget**

Moved by Betsy Raymond and seconded by Bernard Nadeau to approve and present to the voters Draft 2 of the 2006-2007 budget. Unanimous vote.

By consensus, the Board scheduled the District Budget Meeting for Wednesday, May 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at Wisdom Middle/High School.

### **E. Programs of Study Handbooks (WHS & SJVTC)**

Moved by Rose McQuarrie and seconded by Cindy Marquis to approve the Wisdom High School and SJVTC 2006-2007 Programs of Study. Unanimous vote.

### **F. Permanent Substitute/Tutor Position**

Moved by Betsy Raymond and seconded by Rose McQuarrie to create an immediate position for a permanent substitute/tutor. Unanimous vote.

### **G. Final Exams for Juniors & Seniors**

Moved by Rose McQuarrie and seconded by Cindy Marquis to approve Principal LeBlanc's schedule and plans for final exams, making attendance to study halls optional for students of grades 11 and 12.

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

Principal Tammy LeBlanc announced that there will be an Academic Awards ceremony for grades 9-12 on June 1.

Director Cindy Marquis agreed to help in the presentation of diplomas at Senior Graduation.

Principal Lisa Bernier announced that Dr. Levesque School will host a Soirée du Bon Vieux Temps on May 24 at 6:30 pm in the school gym.

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

None

## **VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Finance Committee**

#### **1. Approval of the April 2006 Expenditure Report**

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

### **B. Policies & Personnel Committee**

#### **1. First Reading**

- a) IHCDA **Post-Secondary Enrollment Options**
- b) BB **School Board Legal Status**
- c) BBA **School Board Powers and Responsibilities**
- d) BBAA **School Board Member Authority and Responsibilities**
- e) BBBA **School Board Member Qualifications**
- f) BBBDA **Board-Declared Vacancy Caused by Absenteeism**
- g) BBBE **Unexpired Term Fulfillment/Vacancies**
- h) BCA **Board Member Code of Ethics**

Moved by Rose McQuarrie and seconded by Cindy Marquis to approve the First Reading of the above policies. Unanimous vote.

#### **2. Second Reading**

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

Moved by Bernard Nadeau and seconded by Rose McQuarrie to approve the Second Reading and to adopt the above policy. Unanimous vote.

### **C. Negotiations Committee**

The Committee is waiting to hear from the Support Staff Unit that they are ready to negotiate.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

Director San Antonio brought up the possibility of purchasing a van, as discussed at the last meeting.

Moved by Rose McQuarrie and seconded by Cindy Marquis to purchase a van for District travel of students and employees. Unanimous vote.

**X. OTHER**

Director Bernard Nadeau asked that the District look into the purchase of a conveyor to move the coal ashes out of the furnace area at Wisdom Middle/High School.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chairperson San Antonio declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern Desjardins, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools