

**MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT # 33**

**P.O. BOX 9**

**FRENCHVILLE, ME 04745**

**MINUTES**

**MEETING NO. 826**

**DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2006**

**PLACE: ST. JOHN VALLEY TECHNOLOGY CENTER**

**TIME: 6:30 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Percy Thibeault, Chairman  
Cindy Marquis  
Rose McQuarrie  
Bernard Nadeau  
Cleo Ouellette  
Betsy Raymond (arrived at 6:44)  
Sandra San Antonio

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Gary Zetterman

**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  
Lester Michaud, Director of Instruction  
Gordon & Michelle Albert, Parents, WHS Student  
Cheryl Goggin

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Thibeault called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 825**

Moved by Rose McQuarrie and seconded by Sandra San Antonio to approve the minutes of meeting number 825. Unanimous vote.

**III. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

By consensus, the Board agreed to add:

- V – D. Summer School Program**
- V – E. High School French Teacher Position**

#### **IV. PERIOD OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The period of public participation opened at 6:32 p.m. Michelle Albert addressed the Board on the chicken barbeque fundraiser to support Project Graduation. Her daughters' 15 tickets to sell got destroyed in the wash. She informed the Board of problems that have arisen from the situation.

Chairman Thibeault asked Mrs. Albert and Principal LeBlanc to set up a work schedule to help the student earn the \$90.00 value of the tickets.

The period of public participation closed at 6:47 p.m.

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Nominations**

###### **1. Permanent Substitute/Tutor**

Moved by Sandra San Antonio and seconded by Bernard Nadeau to accept the superintendent's nomination of Tracy Guerrette as District permanent substitute/tutor. Unanimous vote.

###### **2. Art Teacher**

Moved by Bernard Nadeau and seconded by Rose McQuarrie to accept the superintendent's nomination of Brian Inch as K-12 art teacher for 2006-2007. Unanimous vote.

###### **3. Pre-kindergarten-Grade 6 Special Education Teacher**

Moved by Sandra San Antonio and seconded by Bernard Nadeau to accept the superintendent's nomination of Heather Stevens as PK-6 special education teacher. Unanimous vote.

##### **B. Approval of School Calendars for 2006-2007**

Moved by Sandra San Antonio and seconded by Cindy Marquis to approve the 2006-2007 school calendars for the three schools in the District (Draft 4 except for SJVTC – Draft 3). Unanimous vote.

##### **C. Correspondence from MSAD #33 Education Association**

Moved by Betsy Raymond and seconded by Rose McQuarrie to not open for negotiations the 2005-2008 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the MSAD #33 Professional Staff Unit. Unanimous vote.

**D. Summer School Program**

Moved by Rose McQuarrie and seconded by Cindy Marquis to approve the Title 1A Summer Program at Dr. Levesque Elementary School, as presented. Unanimous vote.

**E. High School French Teacher Position**

Moved by Cleo Ouellette and seconded by Rose McQuarrie to increase the half-time French teacher position at Wisdom High School to three-fourths time. Unanimous vote.

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

Principals Lisa Bernier and Tammy LeBlanc and Director David Morse reported on end-of-year activities at their schools.

**VII. DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION REPORT**

Lester Michaud presented an overview of the progress he has made working with teachers in mapping the math curriculum. He is no longer working on developing the Local Assessment System because of the moratorium imposed by the Maine Legislature and Governor John E. Baldacci.

**VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT****A. Survey of Dr. Levesque Elementary School Programs**

Results of a survey by Principal Bernier to parents of students at Dr. Levesque Elementary School were presented to the Board. Feedback was very positive.

**B. Update on Timber Harvesting Project**

Chairman Thibeault provided a financial update and details of the tree harvesting project behind Dr. Levesque Elementary School.

**C. Other**

St. Agatha citizen Roland Paradis has asked to be placed on the July agenda. Chairman Thibeault asked that he be placed on the August agenda since not all Board members plan on attending the July meeting.

**IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS****A. Finance Committee****1. Approval of the May 2006 Expenditure Report**

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

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

### **1. First Reading**

- a) **BCB**      **Board Member Conflict of Interest**
- b) **BDA**      **Board Organizational Meeting**
- c) **BDB**      **Board Officers**

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

### **2. Second 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 Cleo Ouellette and seconded by Rose McQuarrie to approve the Second Reading and to adopt the above policies. Unanimous vote.

## **C. Negotiations Committee**

Moved by Betsy Raymond and seconded by Cleo Ouellette to go into executive session, per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D), to discuss the tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement with the support staff and to discuss salary adjustments to hourly employees not covered under a Collective Bargaining Agreement. Unanimous vote. Entered at 8:47 p.m.

Chairman Thibeault declared the executive session over at 9:12 p.m.

### **POST-EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION**

Moved by Cleo Ouellette and seconded by Rose McQuarrie to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the MSAD # 33 Board of Directors and the MSAD #33 Education Association Support Staff Unit. Unanimous vote.

Moved by Rose McQuarrie and seconded by Cleo Ouellette to increase the hourly wages for support staff members not covered by a Collective Bargaining Agreement by 40 cents in 2006-2007, 40 cents in 2007-2008, and 50 cents in 2008-2009. Unanimous vote.

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**XI. OTHER**

Director Rose McQuarrie asked that a contract be drawn for the Superintendent of Schools, being that the District has no such contract. Directors McQuarrie and San Antonio offered to work together to draw up a sample for Board review.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Thibeault declared the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern Desjardins, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools