

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT # 33

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MINUTES

MEETING NO. 829

DATE: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2006

PLACE: ST. JOHN VALLEY TECHNOLOGY CENTER

TIME: 7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Percy Thibeault, Chairman
Cindy Marquis
Rose McQuarrie
Bernard Nadeau
Cleo Ouellette
Betsy Raymond (arrived at 7:07)
Sandra San Antonio
Gary Zetterman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Fern Desjardins, Superintendent of Schools
Lisa Bernier, Principal, Dr. Levesque Elementary School
David Morse, Director, St. John Valley Technology Center
Tammy LeBlanc, Principal, Wisdom Middle/High School
Lester Michaud, Director of Instruction
James Plourde, District Guidance Counselor
Jessica Picard, President, MSAD #33 Education Association
Roland Paradis, Resident of St. Agatha

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Thibeault called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 828

Moved by Rose McQuarrie and seconded by Sandra San Antonio to approve the minutes of meeting number 828. Unanimous vote.

III. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

By consensus, the Board agreed to add:

IX – B. Negotiations Committee

IV. PERIOD OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The period of public participation opened and closed at 7:03 p.m. with no one addressing the Board.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. School Consolidation – Roland Paradis

Chairman Thibeault presented Mr. Paradis with Board minutes of prior meetings indicating that the Board had agreed that they were not interested in further exploring the possibility of consolidating District PK-12 students at Wisdom Middle/High School and closing Dr. Levesque School. Thibeault and other Directors reviewed with Mr. Paradis the reasons for reaching that decision in October 2005. Mr. Paradis encouraged Directors to acquire and disseminate cost comparisons of maintaining two school buildings as opposed to only one.

Chairman Thibeault praised Directors of the School Board, administrators, educators, support staff, and the Director of Instruction for maintaining a positive atmosphere in our schools and for keeping harmony in MSAD #33.

By consensus, the Board reaffirmed its October 2005 decision.

B. 2004-2005 MEA Results

Guidance Counselor James Plourde presented the 2005-2006 MEA results for grades 3-8 and the SAT report for grade 11.

Director of Instruction Lester Michaud highlighted the performance of students in grades 3-8 in mathematics and explained how he will use the item analysis report to work with teachers to increase the number of students that meet the content standards in that subject. Overall, there was a range of 32%-80% of the students in grades 3-8 that did not meet the standards,

C. AYP Reports for Reading & Mathematics

Superintendent Desjardins reviewed the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) reports for reading and mathematics in grades 4 and 8. Both grade levels made AYP in both reading and math, but grade 8 reading and mathematics met the AYP requirement using a “confidence interval” for Maine’s small, rural schools.

D. Co-curricular Appointments

Moved by Betsy Raymond and seconded by Cleo Ouellette to accept the following recommendations for assignment:

National Honor Society – Louise Cyr
 Student Leadership Team – Theresa Cerceo
 Wisdom High School Detention Hall Monitor – Steven Doucette
 HOSA Advisor – Marie May Chasse
 VICA Advisor – David Morse

Unanimous vote.

E. Bids on 1992 GMC Sierra Pickup

Moved by Rose McQuarrie and seconded by Bernard Nadeau to accept the bid of \$2,000.00 from Steve Thibodeau for the 1992 GMC Sierra Pickup with plow.

Unanimous vote.

F. Boiler for Dr. Levesque Elementary School

Moved by Sandra San Antonio and seconded by Rose McQuarrie to accept the proposal from Mechanical Services, Inc. for the installation of a new boiler and burner at Dr. Levesque Elementary School, to include all materials, equipment, and labor for a complete installation of the boiler for the net sum of \$54,915.00. In favor: Cindy Marquis, Rose McQuarrie, Cleo Ouellette, Betsy Raymond, Sandra San Antonio and Gary Zetterman; Opposed: Bernard Nadeau; Abstained: None. Motion passed.

Moved by Bernard Nadeau and seconded by Betsy Raymond to terminate the contract with Honeywell for mechanical maintenance at Dr. Levesque Elementary School and Wisdom Middle/High School. Unanimous vote.

G. Gravel Sales to Town of Frenchville

Moved by Sandra San Antonio and seconded by Cleo Ouellette to increase the price of gravel to the Town of Frenchville to \$1.50/yard. Unanimous vote.

H. School Lunch Prices

Moved by Sandra San Antonio and seconded by Gary Zetterman to increase the price of school lunches to adults to \$3.50/lunch. Unanimous vote.

I. Field Trip Request

Moved by Bernard Nadeau and seconded by Cleo Ouellette to approve a NHS trip to Orono for two days in March 2007 to attend the NHS State Convention, and to encourage our group to travel with students in another high school, or to travel with the District van if we have no more than seven attendees. Unanimous vote.

VI. PRINCIPALS' & DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Principal Tammy LeBlanc provided copies of Wisdom's September and October calendar of events.

Principal Bernier expressed much satisfaction with the paving of the front yard at Dr. Levesque School. She also mentioned that the lunch schedule change (students now go out for recess *before* having lunch) is helpful in having students eat more of their lunches.

Director Morse reported on the National VICA competitions in Kansas City in June. An Early Childhood II student won second place honors.

VII. DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION REPORT

A. 2006-2007 Professional Development Plan

Director of Instruction Lester Michaud distributed copies of the *2006-2007 Professional Development Plan* which addresses his work with teachers on curriculum mapping, using MEA data for decision making, and the possibility of continuing the work on the Local Assessment System if the Governor of Maine removes the moratorium on the LAS.

Principal Bernier summarized the professional development goals for Dr. Levesque School, and Principal LeBlanc summarized goals for the middle/high school.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. NCLB & PPPD Applications

Superintendent Desjardins reviewed the proposals for the No Child Left Behind and Per Pupil Professional Development applications to the MDOE.

B. Distribution of Student Handbooks – St. John Valley Tech Center

By consensus, the Board approved the 2006-2007 student handbook for the St. John Valley Technology Center.

C. 2005-2006 Sick Days & Professional Leave Reports – Handouts

Board members had no questions on the *Employee Leave for Fiscal Year 2005-2006* data that they had received in their packets.

D. Other

Superintendent Desjardins has accepted a letter of resignation from James Plourde, District Guidance Counselor.

Superintendent Desjardins informed the Board that she has called a special meeting of the Vocational Advisory Committee on September 7 to discuss the enrollment of only six students in the Food Service programs. By consensus, the Board decided to call an emergency meeting on Friday, September 8 at 8:30 p.m. to take action on the committee's recommendation if they want to make a change in the full-time status of the position.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee

1. Approval of the August 2006 Expenditure Report

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

B. Negotiations Committee

Moved by Bernard Nadeau and seconded by Cleo Ouellette to go into executive session, per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D), to discuss the labor contract with the Professional Staff Unit. Unanimous vote. Entered at 8:51 p.m.

Chairman Thibeault declared the executive session over at 9:06 p.m.

POST-EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION

None

X. OLD BUSINESS

None

XI. OTHER

Chairman Thibeault read a letter from MSAD #32 Interim Superintendent Ann Bridge asking if there was any interest in a shared superintendency.

By consensus, the MSAD #33 Board was not interested.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Thibeault declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern Desjardins, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools