

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT # 33

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FRENCHVILLE, ME 04745

MINUTES

MEETING NO. 834

DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2007

PLACE: DR. LEVESQUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

TIME: 6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Percy Thibeault, Chairman
Rose McQuarrie
Bernard Nadeau
Cleo Ouellette
Betsy Raymond
Sandra San Antonio
Gary Zetterman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Cindy Marquis

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
Jessica Picard, President, MSAD #33 Education Association

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. 833

Moved by Cleo Ouellette and seconded by Rose McQuarrie to approve the minutes of meeting number 833. Unanimous vote.

III. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

None

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. SJVTC Field Trip Requests

Moved by Sandra San Antonio and seconded by Rose McQuarrie to approve the following field trip requests from SJVTC:

Automotives – Ford AAA Competitions at Central Maine Community College in Auburn during the second week of May, 2007;

JMG – Career Development Conference at the Augusta Civic Center on April 24 and 25, 2007;

– Opportunity Awareness Field Day at Husson College in Bangor on May 23 and 24, 2007;

Health Occupations – HOSA Competition at the Bangor Civic Center on March 8 and 9, 2007;

Welding II – Tour of welding test center at EMCC (Bangor), Fisher Engineering (Rockland), and Bath Iron Works in spring 2007;

Skills USA – Maine Skills USA competitions at the Bangor Civic Center on March 8 and 9, 2007; and

– National Skills USA competitions in Kansas City, MO on June 18-22, 2007.

Unanimous vote.

B. Payment for Partnership Activities

Moved by Cleo Ouellette and seconded by Bernard Nadeau to pay coaches/instructors who lead Partnership activities \$12.50/hour. Unanimous vote.

By consensus, Directors agreed that students who help carry out student activities should do so as volunteers donating their time.

VI. PRINCIPALS' & DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Principals Lisa Bernier and Tammy LeBlanc reported on activities related to the re-opening of school today, and Director David Morse reported on preparations for a review of the Tech Center in the spring of 2008 by MDOE.

VII. DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION REPORT

Lester Michaud reviewed with the Board that the first draft of PreK-12 math mapping was done last year and that teachers were in the process of being trained to input that information into the newly acquired curriculum mapper program. The mapping for English/Language Arts is taking place this school year, as well as a revision to the health curriculum. Mr. Michaud is working with teachers in analyzing student responses for released items in math on the MEAs, and the elementary principal will do the same in language arts with K-6 teachers. PSAT and SAT scores are also being reviewed for program adjustments.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Correspondence

Directors discussed an e-mail and correspondence from Ryan Pelletier, town manager in St. Agatha. By consensus, Directors asked Superintendent Desjardins to address the selectman and town manager of St. Agatha at their next regular meeting to express concerns over their recent actions on education in MSAD #33. School Board members from St. Agatha expressed interest in attending the meeting.

B. Other

Deacon Don Clavette contacted Superintendent Desjardins about the possibility of moving Religious Education classes from the St. Luce Rectory to the Christian Life Center. By consensus, the Board agreed to allow classes to be moved to the CLC, to provide a bus to transport students to the CLC, and to allow Deacon Clavette to be the bus driver for the activity. He will be included in SAD #33's bus driver drug and alcohol testing program.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee

1. Approval of the December 2006 Expenditure & Revenue Reports

By consensus, the Board reviewed and accepted the December 2006 expenditure and revenue reports.

B. Policies & Personnel Committee

1. Second Reading

a) BCC	Nepotism
b) BDD	Board-Superintendent Relationship
c) BDE	Board Standing Committees
d) BDF	Board Advisory Committees
e) BDG	School Attorney/Legal Services
f) BE	School Board Meetings
g) BEA	School Board Use of Electronic Mail
h) BEC	Executive Sessions
i) BEC-E	Executive Session Law
j) BEDA	Notification of Board Meetings
k) BEDB	Agenda

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

X. OLD BUSINESS

Director Nadeau asked if Cecil Hafford had been contacted to repair the coal burner at Dr. Levesque Elementary School. The Board was informed that Hafford had looked at the coal furnace and was working on finding parts to make repairs. Patrick St. Peter & Sons of Caribou is also helping in locating replacement parts.

XI. OTHER

None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Thibeault declared the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern Desjardins, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools