

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT # 33

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FRENCHVILLE, ME 04745

MINUTES

MEETING NO. 835

DATE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2007

PLACE: WISDOM MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

TIME: 6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Percy Thibeault, Chairman
Cindy Marquis
Rose McQuarrie
Bernard Nadeau (arrived at 6:35)
Cleo Ouellette
Betsy Raymond
Sandra San Antonio
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
Sherry Corbin, District Guidance Counselor
Jessica Picard, President, MSAD #33 Education Association
Angel Dufour & Manon Oakes, Parents

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. 834

Moved by Rose McQuarrie and seconded by Cleo Ouellette to approve the minutes of meeting number 834. Unanimous vote.

III. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

By consensus, the Board agreed to add:

V – D. Girls' Intramural Volleyball Coach

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. Election of Administrators & Supervisors (Cafeteria Supervisor, Athletic Director, Adult Education Director, Guidance Counselor, SJVTC Director, Dr. Levesque Elementary School Principal, & Wisdom Middle/High School Principal)

Moved by Sandra San Antonio and seconded by Cleo Ouellette to approve the recommendation of the superintendent to extend the employment agreement of the cafeteria supervisor, athletic director, adult education director, guidance counselor, technology center director, elementary school principal, and high school principal by one year, pending certification required of the individuals by the MDOE. Unanimous vote.

B. 2007-2008 Salaries & Benefits for Administrators & Supervisors

By consensus, this item was moved to the end of the agenda.

C. Addition of ASL Interpreter Position

Moved by Betsy Raymond and seconded by Rose McQuarrie to create an ASL Interpreter position. Unanimous vote.

D. Girls' Intramural Volleyball Coach

Moved by Betsy Raymond and seconded by Cleo Ouellette to accept the Superintendent's appointment of Justine Tardif as Girls' Intramural Volleyball Coach. Unanimous vote.

VI. PRINCIPALS' & DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Principal Lisa Bernier, Principal Tammy LeBlanc, and Director David Morse gave a brief report on activities in their schools. Board members were given a copy of the January 26, 2007 edition of *Pioneer News*. Director Morse was pleased to report that students enrolled in Early Childhood II would have dual enrollment with Northern Maine Community College and attain eight college credits while obtaining four high school credits.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. School Bus Purchase

MSAD #33 has been approved for a school bus purchase in 2007-2008 at a base cost of \$63,380.00.

B. Local Schools, Regional Support Initiative

Superintendent Desjardins provided information on Governor Baldacci's school consolidation plan called the Local Schools, Regional Support (LSRS) Initiative and six alternative school district regionalization bills proposed by legislators to the 123rd Legislature. Governor Baldacci and Commissioner Gendron will visit Aroostook County on Monday, February 12 to get feedback on the LSRS Initiative. Board members were encouraged to get updates about the initiative at the MDOE website or to contact Superintendent Desjardins.

C. Other

Superintendent Desjardins, Director San Antonio, and Director Marquis reported to the Board that they attended the January 25, 2007 meeting of the Board of Selectmen in St. Agatha to express the School Board's concerns on the selectmen's recent actions with regards to the cost-sharing formula and in exploring the dissolution of MSAD #33. Their feedback was well received by the selectmen.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee

Approval of the January 2007 Expenditure Report

By consensus, the Board reviewed and accepted the January 2007 Expenditure Report.

B. Policies & Personnel Committee

1. First Reading

a) EFE **Competitive Food Sales-Sales of Food in Competition with the School Food Service Program**

b) JL **Student Wellness**

c) JL-E **Nutrition Guidelines for Student Wellness**

By consensus, this item was tabled to the March meeting.

2. Memorial Donations

Moved by Cleo Ouellette and seconded by Rose McQuarrie to approve the *Memorial Donations* list as amended by the Board. Unanimous vote.

C. Vocational Advisory Committee

Director San Antonio reported that the Vocational Advisory Committee has recommended the opening of a Carpentry program in 2007-2008 at the Tech Center, pending maximum enrollment in each session.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

None

X. OTHER

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

(Taken our of order)

B. 2007-2008 Salaries & Benefits for Administrators & Supervisors

Moved by Gary Zetterman and seconded by Cleo Ouellette to go into executive session to consider the salaries and benefits of administrators and supervisors pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A). Unanimous vote. Entered at 7:30 p.m.

Chairman Thibeault declared the executive session over at 7:37 p.m.

POST-EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION

Moved by Bernard Nadeau and seconded by Rose McQuarrie to give a 3.6% salary increase for 2007-2008 to the athletic director, guidance counselor, SJVTC Director, Dr. Levesque Elementary School Principal, and Wisdom Middle/High School Principal. Unanimous vote.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

ChairmanThibeault declared the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern Desjardins, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools