

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT # 33

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MINUTES

MEETING NO. 836

DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2007

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
Sandra San Antonio

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Gary Zetterman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Fern Desjardins, Superintendent of Schools
Lisa Bernier, Principal, Dr. Levesque Elementary School
Jessica Picard, President, MSAD #33 Education Association
Nancy Hudak, MEA UniServ Director
Jonathan Spear, Teacher
Michael Cyr, Surveyor
Lawrence Gervais Jr., Noella Gervais, Linda Theriault, Donna Voisine, and Patsy Voisine

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. 835

Moved by Cleo Ouellette and seconded by Rose McQuarrie to approve the minutes of meeting number 835 as amended to include the cafeteria supervisor in V-B. Unanimous vote.

III. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

By consensus, the Board agreed to move VII – B to V – E and to add:

V – C.3 Middle School Baseball Coach
V – C.4 Middle School Softball Coach

IV. PERIOD OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The period of public participation opened and closed at 6:37 p.m. with no one addressing the Board.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Field Trip Request – Math Team

Moved by Sandra San Antonio and seconded by Cleo Ouellette to approve the Math Team field trip request to participate in the State Math Meet at the Bangor Auditorium on April 9 and 10, 2007. Unanimous vote.

B. Request for Project Graduation

Moved by Cleo Ouellette and seconded by Rose McQuarrie to provide a bus and bus driver for Project Graduation on June 9, 2007. Unanimous vote.

C. Appointments

1. Volleyball Coach – Dr. Levesque

Moved by Cindy Marquis and seconded by Cleo Ouellette to approve the appointment of Brenda Chamberland as volleyball coach for the after-school program at Dr. Levesque School. Unanimous vote.

2. Chorus Advisors

Moved by Sandra San Antonio and seconded by Betsy Raymond to approve the appointments of Jonathan Spear and Lisa Bosse as chorus advisors at Dr. Levesque School. Unanimous vote.

3. Middle School Baseball Coach

Moved by Rose McQuarrie and seconded by Cleo Ouellette to accept the Superintendent's appointment of Kevin Lavoie as Middle School Baseball Coach. Unanimous vote.

4. Middle School Softball Coach

Moved by Cleo Ouellette and seconded by Cindy Marquis to accept the Superintendent's appointment of Lance Morin as Middle School Softball Coach. Unanimous vote.

D. Request for Purchase of School Property

Surveyor Michael Cyr explained to the Board that in surveying land owned by the Estate of Lawrence Gervais, Sr., he discovered that the Gervais' leach field and septic system are located on MSAD #33 property. The family wishes to sell the home and their attorney has requested that MSAD #33 convey to the Estate a triangular parcel of land of approximately 7,500 square feet where the leach field and septic system are located. Donna Voisine informed the Board that the Town of Frenchville has that property assess at \$500.00.

Moved by Cleo Ouellette and seconded by Betsy Raymond to go into executive session to consider the conveying of District property to the Estate of Lawrence Gervais, Sr. pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C). Unanimous vote. Entered at 6:59 p.m.

Chairman Thibeault declared the executive session over at 7:26 p.m.

POST-EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION

Moved by Sandra San Antonio and seconded by Rose McQuarrie to recommend the sale of the requested parcel of land to the Estate of Lawrence Gervais, Sr. for \$500.00 plus all fees incurred by MSAD #33 relative to the sale of the property, subject to a positive recommendation by the District's legal counsel. Unanimous vote.

E. Grievance from MSAD #33 Education Association

Nancy Hudak, MEA UniServ Director, presented a grievance on behalf of Jonathan Spear and the MSAD #33 Education Association concerning mileage reimbursement for teachers assigned to report to more than one school building in the District for their daily teaching assignment.

Superintendent Desjardins presented past practice on the article for mileage reimbursement from the time it was first introduced in the Collective Bargaining Agreement in 1977. The District has been consistent in mileage reimburse since that time. Board members and Association members were given financial records for that time period.

Moved by Cleo Ouellette and seconded by Rose McQuarrie to go into executive session to consider the grievance on Articles 1, 5, 22, 27, and any others, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D). Unanimous vote. Entered at 8:15 p.m.

Chairman Thibeault declared the executive session over at 8:45 p.m.

POST-EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION

Moved by Bernard Nadeau and seconded by Rose McQuarrie to deny the grievance because it was filed outside of the time limits in Article 4, but to change the current practice beginning with the third school quarter on January 29, 2007. From that date, all teachers who report to more than one school building are to be reimbursed per Article 22. Unanimous vote.

VI. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Lisa Bernier reported that Winter Wellness Day went well at Dr. Levesque Elementary School and spoke of the work being done to prepare students for MEA testing in grades 3-6 this month.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Letter of Resignation

Superintendent Desjardins has accepted a letter of resignation from Jonathan Spear, K-12 Music and Band Teacher, effective at the end of the 2006-2007 school year.

B. Grievance from MSAD #33 Education Association

Moved as Article V – E.

C. Other

PK-8 projected class enrollments for 2007-2008 were reviewed by the Superintendent. The Board agreed to allow the Superintendent to maintain three teachers at the middle school (grades 7 and 8) for another year, if necessary, to enhance services to students.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee

1. Approval of the February 2007 Expenditure Report

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

B. Policies & Personnel Committee

1. First Reading

a) BEDC	Quorum
b) BEDD	Rules of Order
c) BEDF	Voting Method
d) BEDFA	Abstentions
e) BEDG	Minutes
f) BEDH	Public Participation at Board Meetings
g) BEDI	Board Relations with the Media
h) BEDL	Adjournment of Board Meetings
i) BG	School Board Policy Process

j) BG-R	Policy Adoption Process
k) BHC	Board Communications with Staff
l) BIA	New Board Member Orientation
m) BIB	Board Member Development Opportunities
n) BID	Board Member Compensation and Expenses
o) EFE	Competitive Food Sales-Sales of Food in Competition with the School Food Service Program
p) JL	Student Wellness
q) JL-E	Nutrition Guidelines for Student Wellness

Moved by Bernard Nadeau and seconded by Rose McQuarrie to approve the First Reading of the above policies, procedure, and exhibit. Unanimous vote.

2. Impact of BEDH on BEDB - Agenda

Moved by Bernard Nadeau and seconded by Sandra San Antonio to amend policy BEDB to agree with policy BEDH. Unanimous vote.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

None

X. OTHER

Chairman Thibeault reported that the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Madawaska School Department contacted him about the possibility of sharing the services of the Superintendent of Schools.

Moved by Cindy Marquis and seconded by Rose McQuarrie to have Chairman Thibeault respond to the Madawaska School Board Chairman that MSAD #33 does not want to share the services of a superintendent at this time. Unanimous vote.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

ChairmanThibeault declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern Desjardins, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools