

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT # 33

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MINUTES

MEETING NO. 839

DATE: MONDAY, MAY 7, 2007

PLACE: WISDOM MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

TIME: 6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sandra San Antonio, Chairperson
John Babin
Cindy Marquis
Rose McQuarrie
Bernard Nadeau
Betsy Raymond (arrived at 6:48 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Cleo Ouellette
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
Jessica Picard, President, MSAD #33 Education Association
Liza Caron-Pelletier, Vice President, MSAD #33 Education Association
Donna Voisine, Ricky Gervais, Noella Gervais, Lawrence Gervais, Jr., Gary Gervais,
Patsy Voisine, & Linda Theriault

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Sandra San Antonio called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed new Board member John Babin.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MEETINGS NO. 837 & 838

Moved by Rose McQuarrie and seconded by Cindy Marquis to approve the minutes of meetings number 837 and 838. Unanimous vote.

III. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

By consensus, the Board agreed to add:

V – H. Nomination of Wisdom Middle/High School Special Education Teacher

IV. PERIOD OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The period of public participation opened and closed at 6:33 p.m. with no one addressing the Board.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Land Request from the Estate of Lawrence Gervais, Sr.

Ricky Gervais addressed the Board regarding the request for a Release Deed to the Estate of Lawrence Gervais, Sr. Mr. Gervais stated that the family would have the matter go to litigation to ask the courts to determine if they had a valid claim on the property requested in the Release Deed, if the Board did not agree to execute the Deed as drawn up by their attorney Bob Bellefleur.

The Board discussed the fact that they have no present school use of the land described in the proposed Release Deed and that it may be in the interest of the district to avoid litigation regarding ownership or title to the land.

The Estate of Lawrence Gervais, Sr. is agreeable to paying \$500.00 for the consideration of the Release Deed and to also pay MSAD #33 attorney fees to E. William Stockmeyer. By consensus, the Board agreed to apply the \$500.00 toward legal fees incurred after April 13, 2007.

Moved by Rose McQuarrie and seconded by Cindy Marquis to authorize the superintendent to execute and deliver said Release Deed from Maine School Administrative District No. 33 to Donna Voisine, Personal Representative of the Estate of Lawrence Gervais, Sr. In favor: John Babin, Cindy Marquis, and Rose McQuarrie; Opposed: Bernard Nadeau; Abstained: Betsy Raymond. Motion passed.

B. Appointments

1. Middle School Softball Coach

Moved by Rose McQuarrie and seconded by John Babin to accept the Superintendent's appointment of Justine Tardif as Middle School Softball Coach. Unanimous vote.

2. Co-ed Softball – Dr. Levesque

Moved by Rose McQuarrie and seconded by John Babin to accept the Superintendent's appointment of Brenda Chamberland as co-ed softball coach for the after-school program at Dr. Levesque School. Unanimous vote.

C. Creation of Half-Time Kindergarten Enrichment Position

Moved by Rose McQuarrie and seconded by Cindy Marquis to create a half-time Kindergarten enrichment position. Unanimous vote.

D. Creation of Building Trades I & II Position

Moved by Betsy Raymond and seconded by Rose McQuarrie to create a Building Trades I & II position at the St. John Valley Technology Center. Unanimous vote.

E. Appointment of School Board Committees

Chairperson Sandra San Antonio appointed the following Board members to existing standing committees:

Policies & Personnel Committee Members: Bernard Nadeau, Rose McQuarrie, and Betsy Raymond

Negotiations Committee Members: Bernard Nadeau, John Babin, and Betsy Raymond

Finance Committee Members: Cindy Marquis, Cleo Ouellette, and Betsy Raymond

Vocational Advisory Committee Member: Sandra San Antonio

Legislative Committee Member: Cleo Ouellette

Student Dropout Prevention Committee Member: Rose McQuarrie

F. 2007-2008 District Budget

Board members received Draft 1 of the 2007-2008 budget. By consensus, the Board agreed to meet on May 22, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. John Valley Technology Center for a budget workshop, and on June 20, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dr. Levesque Elementary School for the Annual District Budget Meeting.

G. Programs of Study Handbooks (WM/HS & SJVTC)

Moved by Cindy Marquis and seconded by Rose McQuarrie to approve the Wisdom Middle/High School and SJVTC 2007-2008 Programs of Study. Unanimous vote.

H. Nomination of Wisdom Middle/High School Special Education Teacher

Moved by Betsy Raymond and seconded by Cindy Marquis to accept the Superintendent's nomination of Shelly Lynn Cyr as Wisdom Middle/High School Special Education Teacher. Unanimous vote.

VI. PRINCIPALS' & DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Principal Tammy LeBlanc reported that there was 94% of the Junior Class in attendance for the administration of the SATs on Saturday, May 5, 2007. Plans are being made to improve attendance next year.

Director Rose McQuarrie agreed to help in the presentation of diplomas at the Senior Graduation on June 9, 2007.

Principal Lisa Bernier reported that there will be a PTO Fun Fair on June 2, 2007 at the Dr. Levesque Elementary School. She also informed the Board that Martial Goyette is laying brick curbing in front of the red wing of the school. This is funded by the PTO and school fundraisers. Lastly, Principal Bernier spoke of plans for Teacher Appreciation Week.

Director David Morse reported on programs at the Tech Center providing college credits.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Letters of Resignation

Superintendent Desjardins has accepted letters of resignation from Irma Sirois and Elaine Cyr, effective at the end of the 2006-2007 school year.

B. Recognition Evening

The District Testimonial Dinner to recognize employees and Board members is scheduled for Friday, June 1 at the Frenchville Community Center. Rosette's Restaurant will be catering the dinner.

C. Decision from Maine Human Rights Commission

Board members received a copy of the letter from the Maine Human Rights Commission dismissing the complaint in the case of Young v. MSAD #33.

D. 2007-2008 School Calendar

Board members received a draft of the school calendars for the 2007-2008 school year.

E. 2007-2008 Busing of K-6 Students for Release Time

Superintendent Desjardins informed the Board that Religious Education Director Carla Begin has informed her that Release Time in 2007-2008 will be held at the Christian Life Center on Tuesday mornings between 8:30 and 11:30 and that they would be busing the students from Dr. Levesque Elementary School to the Christian Life Center. Deacon Clavette and volunteer drivers will drive the bus.

By consensus, Board members asked that copies of bus driving licenses for all bus drivers be kept on file in the central office.

F. Regional Centers

Moved by Rose McQuarrie and seconded by John Babin to authorize the superintendent to meet with the superintendents in MSAD #27 and MSAD #24 to begin preliminary discussions about formulating a regional plan. Unanimous vote.

G. Other

None

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee

1. Approval of the April 2007 Expenditure Report

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

B. Policies & Personnel Committee

1. First Reading

a) IKA Wisdom Middle/High School Attendance/Tardiness

By consensus, the board agreed to send this policy back to the P&P Committee.

2. Second Reading

- a) IKF Graduation Requirements**
- b) Job Description for American Sign Language Interpreter**

Moved by Rose McQuarrie and seconded by Cindy Marquis to approve the second reading and to adopt the above policy and job description.
Unanimous vote.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

None.

X. OTHER

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson San Antonio declared the meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern Desjardins
Superintendent of Schools