

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 40

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 2007

Educational Service Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Sharon Brown, Tod Brown, Carl Cunningham, Tom Gallant, Phil Groce, Gail Hawes, Danny Jackson, Bob Jones, Tim Lewis, John Lichtman (7:05), Bonnie Davis-Micue, Kim Miller, Joe Tynan, Nancy Watson, Mitch Magbie, Caleb Philbrook
BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:	Mary Genthner
ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:	Pamela Carnahan (Superintendent of Schools), Scott Vaitones (Business Manager), Susan Jackson, Harold Wilson, Bob England, Susan Taylor
OTHERS PRESENT:	Richard LaHaye Jr., Christine Wakely, Michael Colbert, Amy Lea

I. OPENING

A. Call to Order

Chair Davis-Micue called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Note Absentees

Three members were absent when the meeting was called to order.

2. Pledge Of Allegiance

3. Declaration of Quorum

Fifteen members were present with the voting total of **770** votes.

4. Adjustments to the Agenda

B. Board Recognition of Students or Program

II. AUDIENCE WITH THE PUBLIC

III. REPORTS FROM PARENT-TEACHER GROUPS AND STUDENT COUNCILS

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Review Minutes of November 15, 2007- **Danny Jackson moved** to approve the minutes with changes. **Carl Cunningham seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 697 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Joe Tynan, Gail Hawes, Tod Brown, Tim Lewis, Tom Gallant, Sharon Brown, Phil Groce, Bonnie Davis-Micue
0 no, 1 abstention- Bob Jones

Directors Lichtman and Watson arrived at the meeting at 7:05 p.m. changing the voting total to 885 votes.

V. SUPERINTENDENT AND/OR CHAIR REPORTS

- A. **Superintendent's Report**-Superintendent Carnahan updated the Board on a few things.

VI. REPORTS FROM SCHOOL/S

- A. **Update on Medomak Valley High School Accreditation**-Principal Wilson updated the School Board on the status of the accreditation for the high school.

- B. **Medomak Valley High School Student Achievement Center**-Ann Hassett updated the School Board on the Student Achievement Center.

- C. **Richard LaHaye-SRO-MVHS**-Richard LaHaye thanked the Board for their support of his tenure as SRO.

D. MVHS-Junior Class-The junior class asked the Board to find funds in the district to pay for their graduation and the 2008 graduation, with the exception of add-ons like flowers, batons and honor gowns.

1. **Gail Hawes moved** to approve this request. **Joe Tynan seconded** the motion.
2. **Kim Miller moved** to pay for all graduation costs, including current year seniors, with the exception of flowers. **Nancy Watson seconded** the motion.
3. **Bob Jones offered** an amendment to table until the next meeting. **Carl Cunningham seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 775 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Joe Tynan, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Tim Lewis, Tom Gallant, Sharon Brown, Phil Groce, Nancy Watson, Bonnie Davis-Micue
110 no: Kim Miller, Gail Hawes
0 abstentions

VII. OTHER ACTION ITEMS

A. Medomak Valley High School's Program of Studies- Principal Wilson presented the Program of Studies for the 2008-2009 school year.

1. **John Lichtman moved** to eliminate that a child is required to have a teacher recommendation from the previous year in order to take an Honors class. **Tod Brown seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 541 yes: Carl Cunningham, Gail Hawes, Tod Brown, Tim Lewis, Tom Gallant, Sharon Brown, Phil Groce, Bonnie Davis-Micue
344 no: Danny Jackson, Kim Miller, Joe Tynan, Bob Jones, Nancy Watson
0 abstentions

2. **Nancy Watson offered an amendment** requiring an entrance assessment related to the child's skill level, motivation and desire, along with a pre-conference with a guidance counselor and teacher. **Danny Jackson seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 391 yes: Danny Jackson, Kim Miller, Joe Tynan, Tod Brown, Sharon Brown, Nancy Watson
494 no: Carl Cunningham, Gail Hawes, Bob Jones, Tim Lewis, Tom Gallant, Phil Groce, John Lichtman, Bonnie Davis-Micue
0 abstentions

MOTION FAILED

Director Watson momentarily left the room.

3. **Tod Brown moved** to approve the MVHS Program of Studies. **Gail Hawes seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 742 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Joe Tynan, Gail Hawes, Tod Brown, Tim Lewis, Tom Gallant, Sharon Brown, Phil Groce, John Lichtman, Bonnie Davis-Micue
73 no: Bob Jones
0 abstentions

B. Medomak Middle School Staffing- Joe Tynan moved to table until the Board received financial information from the Superintendent's Office. **Carl Cunningham seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 885 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Joe Tynan, Gail Hawes, Tod Brown, Tim Lewis, Tom Gallant, Sharon Brown, Phil Groce, John Lichtman, Bonnie Davis-Micue, Bob Jones
0 no, 0 abstentions

C. Stipends and Stipend Approval Process-Put on the next agenda.

D. Revolving Renovation Fund- Danny Jackson moved to apply for this state loan to replace the uni-vents at MVHS. **Carl Cunningham seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 885 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Joe Tynan, Gail Hawes, Tod Brown, Tim Lewis, Tom Gallant, Sharon Brown, Phil Groce, John Lichtman, Bonnie Davis-Micue, Bob Jones
0 no, 0 abstentions

1. **Gail Hawes moved** to extend the meeting by 15 minutes. **Danny Jackson seconded.**

VOTED: 692 yes: Danny Jackson, Kim Miller, Joe Tynan, Kim Miller, Gail Hawes, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Tom Gallant, Sharon Brown, Phil Groce, John Lichtman, Bonnie Davis-Micue
193 no: Carl Cunningham, Tim Lewis, Nancy Watson
0 abstentions

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND POLICY READINGS

A. Anti-Bullying Committee (Ad Hoc)

No report

B. Communications Committee

No report

C. Curriculum Committee

No report

D. Facilities-Transportation Committee

No report

E. Finance Committee

Setting Expenditures Caps for the FY09 Budget under Policy DB

1. **Kim Miller moved** to establish budget guidelines. **Danny Jackson seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 669 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Gail Hawes, Tod Brown, Tim Lewis, Tom Gallant, Sharon Brown, Phil Groce, John Lichtman, Bonnie Davis-Micue
146 no: Joe Tynan, Bob Jones
1 abstentions: Nancy Watson

2. **Bob Jones moved to amend** to change the spending cap from 3% to 2%. **Joe Tynan seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 219 yes: Tom Gallant, Joe Tynan, Bob Jones
666 no: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Gail Hawes, Tod Brown, Tim Lewis, Sharon Brown, Phil Groce, Nancy Watson, John Lichtman, Bonnie Davis-Micue
0 abstentions

***Gail Hawes moved** to extend the meeting another 15 minutes. **Danny Jackson seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 647 yes: Danny Jackson, Kim Miller, Joe Tynan, Gail Hawes, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Tom Gallant, Sharon Brown, Phil Groce, Nancy Watson, John Lichtman, Bonnie Davis-Micue
238 no: Carl Cunningham, Tim Lewis, Nancy Watson, John Lichtman
0 abstentions

F. Middle School Building Committee

No report

G. Negotiations Committee

No report

H. Policy Committee

All policies will be placed on the December 20, 2007 agenda.

I. Region 8 Committee

No report

J. Technology Committee

No report

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (D)-LABOR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

This will be put on the next.

X. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

XI. OTHER ITEMS/ADJOURNMENT

Danny Jackson moved adjourn the meeting 10:49 p.m. Carl Cunningham seconded.

VOTED: 885 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Joe Tynan, Gail Hawes, Tod Brown, Tim Lewis,
Tom Gallant, Sharon Brown, Phil Groce, John Lichtman, Bonnie Davis-Micue, Bob Jones
0 no, 0 abstentions

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Carnahan, Ph.D.

Pamela J. Carnahan, Superintendent of Schools

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To show entire voting