

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 40

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2008

Educational Service Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	David Benner, Sharon Brown, Tod Brown, Carrie Chavanne, Carl Cunningham, Tom Gallant, Mary Genthner, Danny Jackson, Bob Jones (7:02), Bonnie Davis-Micue, Kim Miller, Nancy Watson (7:02), Dennis Wooster
BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:	Gail Hawes, Phil Groce, Joe Tynan, Mitch Magbie, Caleb Philbrook
ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:	Susan Jackson (Acting Asst. Superintendent of Schools), Scott Vaitones (Business Manager), Ben Vail
OTHERS PRESENT:	Josh Carpenter, Mary & Mike Ledger, Nick Waterman, Lee Marshall, Brooke Holland, Ken Martin, Anne Kofler, Libbie Winslow, Jessica Sattler, Laura Freeman, Lois Eastman, Celia Jones

I. OPENING

A. Call to Order

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

1. Note Absentees

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

2. Pledge Of Allegiance

3. Declaration of Quorum

Eleven members were present with the voting total of **674** votes.

4. Adjustments to the Agenda-The "Reports from Schools" will be moved before student recognition. Chair Micue welcomed new School Board member Dennis Wooster.

Directors Watson and Jones arrived at the meeting changing the voting total to 817 votes.

II. REPORTS FROM SCHOOLS (this item has been moved up on the agenda)

A. Art teachers, Brooke Holland, Jessica Sattler, Libbie Winslow, Anne Kofler, Celia Jones, Ken Martin, Laura Freeman and Lois Eastman all attended.

- Brooke Holland presented facts about the impact of art on students and the way art is brought into our communities.
- Ken Martin shared a letter to the School Board regarding the Visual Arts staff cut at the new middle school.
- Anne Kofler shared other material from the packet they passed out to the Board.
- Libbie Winslow talked about the impact on class size at the new middle school, 30 students including Day Treatment. Libbie also stated that area schools give more toward the arts, health and industrial arts.
- Jessica Sattler shared a digital arts program that is so hands on with technology, including animation, fashion design and industrial design.

The School Board asked many questions. Chair Micue thanked them all for coming.

B. Board Recognition of Students or Program- Principal Wilson introduced and announced the MVHS students who attend the Mid-Coast School of Technology and have won the following in the Skills USA Competition:

- **Chris Wooden**-Bronze Medal in Power Equipment
- **Ben Ledger**-Silver Medal in Carpentry
- **James Ogden**-Bronze Medal in Diesel (didn't show)
- **Matt Wachter**-Gold Medal in Machine Tool-Matt is going to the Nationals in Kansas City. Matt works at Knox Machine and has been accepted to Central Maine Community College.

*The Mid-Coast School of Technology won seven medals in this competition, four of which were Medomak Valley High School students.

* Chair Micue handed each winner a certificate showing the students that the School Board is proud of their hard work and dedication to their schooling.

III. AUDIENCE WITH THE PUBLIC

Nick Waterman asked the Board if grant money could be used to pay for the middle school foreign language program. Susan Jackson answered his question and said that grant money would not be available.

IV. REPORTS FROM PARENT-TEACHER GROUPS AND STUDENT COUNCILS

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Review minutes of April 3, 2008- **Danny Jackson moved** to approve the minutes. **Carl Cunningham seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 747 yes: David Benner, Sharon Brown, Tod Brown, Carrie Chavanne, Carl Cunningham, Tom Gallant, Mary Genthner, Danny Jackson, Bob Jones, Bonnie Davis-Micue, Kim Miller, Nancy Watson
0 no, 1 abstention: Dennis Wooster

VI. SUPERINTENDENT AND/OR CHAIR REPORTS

A. Chair Micue discussed with the Board that they had to set and approve a new date for the last day of school due to going over the five day-snow day limit. **Tom Gallant moved** to extend the last day of school to June 23, 2008. This would be a half day for students, whole day for teachers. **Danny Jackson seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 582 yes: David Benner, Sharon Brown, Tod Brown, Carl Cunningham, Tom Gallant, Danny Jackson, Bob Jones, Kim Miller, Nancy Watson
165 no: Carrie Chavanne, Mary Genthner, Bonnie Davis-Micue
1 abstention: Dennis Wooster

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. **Medomak Middle School Handbook**-The Board asked questions from the discipline ladder to the dress code. Some members of the Board found some grammatical errors and mistakes in spelling that needed to be corrected. The handbook will be available online. Parents will have to sign to show they have seen it. **Nancy Watson moved** to approve the handbook with the changes. **Kim Miller seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 674 yes: David Benner, Sharon Brown, Tod Brown, Carrie Chavanne, Carl Cunningham, Tom Gallant, Mary Genthner, Danny Jackson, Bonnie Davis-Micue, Kim Miller, Nancy Watson
73 no: Bob Jones
1 abstention: Dennis Wooster

B. **Field Trip**-Rivers Alternative School-Boston, MA-May 22, 2008-The Board asked several questions. **Kim Miller moved** to approve this trip. **Nancy Watson seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 747 yes: David Benner, Sharon Brown, Tod Brown, Carrie Chavanne, Carl Cunningham, Tom Gallant, Mary Genthner, Danny Jackson, Bob Jones, Bonnie Davis-Micue, Kim Miller, Nancy Watson
0 no, 1 abstention: Dennis Wooster

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. **Anti-Bullying Committee (Ad Hoc)**

The Board discussed bullying throughout the district. Principal Wilson mentioned that MVHS would have an assembly at the beginning of the school year to discuss this. In addition, MVHS PAT advisors will review bullying with their groups.

The Board had questions for Principal Vail and Principal Wilson, which they answered.

B. **Communications Committee**

Will not meet this month due to school vacation.

C. Curriculum Committee

No report

D. Facilities-Transportation Committee

1. Greenhouse at Medomak Middle School- **Carl Cunningham moved** to allow a greenhouse at Medomak Middle School. **Danny Jackson seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 747 yes: David Benner, Sharon Brown, Tod Brown, Carrie Chavanne, Carl Cunningham, Tom Gallant, Mary Genthner, Danny Jackson, Bob Jones, Bonnie Davis-Micue, Kim Miller, Nancy Watson
0 no, 1 abstention: Dennis Wooster

2. Authorize solicitation of 3-year contracts for snowplowing bids vs. current 1-year contracts- **Carl Cunningham moved** to award future snow-plowing bids as three-year contracts. **Danny Jackson seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 747 yes: David Benner, Sharon Brown, Tod Brown, Carrie Chavanne, Carl Cunningham, Tom Gallant, Mary Genthner, Danny Jackson, Bob Jones, Bonnie Davis-Micue, Kim Miller, Nancy Watson
0 no, 1 abstention: Dennis Wooster

3. Authorize charging for any additional snowplowing needed for non-school based events to be done and paid to the person who has the plowing contract for that school-**Carl Cunningham moved** to approve this. **Danny Jackson seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 747 yes: David Benner, Sharon Brown, Tod Brown, Carrie Chavanne, Carl Cunningham, Tom Gallant, Mary Genthner, Danny Jackson, Bob Jones, Bonnie Davis-Micue, Kim Miller, Nancy Watson
0 no, 1 abstention: Dennis Wooster

4. Award mowing bids for Prescott Memorial School and Friendship Village School. **Carl Cunningham moved** to award the mowing bid for Friendship and Prescott to Ralph Jones at \$3,000. **Carrie Chavanne seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 677 yes: David Benner, Sharon Brown, Tod Brown, Carrie Chavanne, Carl Cunningham, Tom Gallant, Mary Genthner, Danny Jackson, Bob Jones, Kim Miller, Nancy Watson
0 no, 2 abstentions: Dennis Wooster, Bonnie Davis-Micue

5. Award additional mowing bids for other schools-**Carl Cunningham moved** to award the following people the mowing bids:

- **Miller School**-Mainely Green for \$2,530.00
- **DR Gaul**-Mark Dean for \$4,000
- **Warren Community School**-Nelson Sabien-\$1,950

Danny Jackson seconded the motion.

VOTED: 677 yes: David Benner, Sharon Brown, Tod Brown, Carrie Chavanne, Carl Cunningham, Tom Gallant, Mary Genthner, Danny Jackson, Kim Miller, Nancy Watson, Bob Jones
0 no, 2 abstentions: Dennis Wooster, Bonnie Davis-Micue

E. Finance Committee

No report

F. Middle School Building Committee

No report

G. Negotiations Committee

No report

H. Policy Committee

No report

I. Region 8 Committee

No report

J. Technology Committee

No report

IX. OTHER ITEMS/ADJOURNMENT

The next Budget Committee meeting was set for Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at 7 p.m.

Carl Cunningham moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. **Danny Jackson seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 817 yes: David Benner, Sharon Brown, Tod Brown, Carrie Chavanne, Carl Cunningham, Tom Gallant,
Mary Genthner, Danny Jackson, Bob Jones, Bonnie Davis-Micue, Kim Miller, Nancy Watson,
Dennis Wooster
0 no, 0 abstentions

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Jackson, Acting Asst. Superintendent of Schools

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To show entire voting