

# MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 40

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## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 2008

Educational Service Center

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<b>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	David Benner, Sharon Brown, Tod Brown, Carrie Chavanne, Carl Cunningham, Tom Gallant, Mary Genthner, Phil Groce, Gail Hawes, Danny Jackson, Bob Jones (7:05), Bonnie Davis-Micue, Kim Miller, Joe Tynan (7:15), Nancy Watson (7:03), Caleb Philbrook
<b>BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:</b>	Mitch Magbie
<b>ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:</b>	Susan Jackson (Acting Asst. Superintendent of Schools), Scott Vaitones (Business Manager), Bob England, Karen Etheridge, Andrew Cavanaugh
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	Christine Wakely, Paul Berube, Ron & Lillian Dolloff, Keith Hill, Heather Brown, Catherine Skov, Kim Wellman, Laurie Lee, Denise Gould, Candy Starr, Sue Wilcox, Sherri Vail, Russ Sirianni

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### I. OPENING

#### A. Call to Order

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

##### 1. Note Absentees

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

##### 2. Pledge Of Allegiance

##### 3. Declaration of Quorum

Thirteen members were present with the voting total of **714** votes.

##### 4. Adjustments to the Agenda

#### B. Board Recognition of Students or Program

### II. AUDIENCE WITH THE PUBLIC

Many people in the audience spoke about Principal Ben Vail. Susan Wilcox felt that Mr. Vail stands up for children.

Heather Brown feels Mr. Vail is a hard worker, straightforward, honest, knows and interacts with students.

Catherine Skov has seen Mr. Vail at every extracurricular activity, feels he is dedicated and thinks of children first.

Russ Sirianni feels Mr. Vail is respectful, a "roll up your sleeves" kind of person and an excellent role model.

**During this segment Directors Watson, Jones and Tynan arrived at the meeting changing the voting total to 930 votes.**

### III. REPORTS FROM PARENT-TEACHER GROUPS AND STUDENT COUNCILS

Student School Board member, Caleb Philbrook, reported to the Board his experience at the Science Symposium at the University of New Hampshire.

### IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Review minutes of March 20, 2008- **Danny Jackson moved** to approve the minutes with changes. **Kim Miller seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 760 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Gail Hawes, Nancy Watson, Bob Jones, Tom Gallant, Joe Tynan, Phil Groce, Mary Genthner, Bonnie Davis-Micue, David Benner

0 no, 3 abstentions: Tod Brown, Sharon Brown, Carrie Chavanne

### V. SUPERINTENDENT AND/OR CHAIR REPORTS

- A. Presentation from Penquis-Presentation was canceled until Superintendent Carnahan comes back from sick leave.
- B. Chair's Report- Chair Micue updated the Board on Medomak Middle School.

## VI. REPORTS FROM SCHOOLS

- A. Union School's Destination Imagination-The Team explained what challenges they faced in the competition and then performed for the Board.
- B. Principal Vail shares with the Board the new teacher team structure, weekly schedules and school handbook for Medomak Middle School. **Gail Hawes moved** to have only a statement where the policies are in the handbook, leaving in the Student Code of Conduct. **Tom Gallant seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 930 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Joe Tynan, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Nancy Watson, Carrie Chavanne, David Benner, Mary Genthner, Sharon Brown, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue  
0 no, 0 abstentions

## VII. ACTION ITEMS

### A. Field Trips

- 1. Senior Trip to Ocean City, NJ on May 17-20, 2008- **Danny Jackson moved** to approve this trip. **Nancy Watson seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 714 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Nancy Watson, Carrie Chavanne, David Benner, Mary Genthner, Sharon Brown, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue  
216 no: Joe Tynan, Bob Jones, Tod Brown  
0 abstentions

- 2. MVHS Spanish Class to Costa Rica-February Vacation 2009- **Sharon Brown moved** to approve this trip. **Danny Jackson seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 784 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Nancy Watson, Carrie Chavanne, David Benner, Mary Genthner, Sharon Brown, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue, Tod Brown  
146 no: Joe Tynan, Bob Jones  
0 abstentions

- 3. MVHS Art-KrisAnne Baker-Boston, MA-May 16, 2008- **Nancy Watson moved** to approve this trip. **Kim Miller seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 807 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Nancy Watson, David Benner, Mary Genthner, Sharon Brown, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue, Bob Jones, Tod Brown  
0 no 2 abstentions: Joe Tynan, Carrie Chavanne  
0 abstentions

### B. Renewal of Administrators Contracts-

- 1. **Bob Jones moved** to go into Executive Session. **Danny Jackson seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 930 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Joe Tynan, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Nancy Watson, Carrie Chavanne, David Benner, Mary Genthner, Sharon Brown, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue  
0 no, 0 abstentions

#### 2. Action as a result of Executive Session

- a. **Tom Gallant moved** to extend the contracts as outlined. **Danny Jackson seconded** the motion. **NO VOTE**
- b. **Bob Jones amended** the motion and moved to vote on each contract separately. **Carl Cunningham seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 467 yes: Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Tom Gallant, Joe Tynan, Bob Jones, Carrie Chavanne, Bonnie

Davis-Micue  
418 no: Danny Jackson, Phil Groce, Tod Brown, Nancy Watson, Mary Genthner, Sharon Brown,  
Gail Hawes  
1 abstentions: David Benner

**The administrator's contracts are as follows:**

- 1. Harold Wilson- Principal, Medomak Valley High School-Danny Jackson moved** to extend this two-year contract until June 30, 2010. **Sharon Brown seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 880 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Joe Tynan, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Nancy Watson, David Benner, Mary Genthner, Sharon Brown, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue  
0 no, 1 abstention: Carrie Chavanne

- 2. Andrew Cavanaugh-Asst. Principal, Medomak Valley High School- Danny Jackson moved** to extend this two-year contract until June 30, 2010. **Sharon Brown seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 807 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Joe Tynan, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Nancy Watson, David Benner, Mary Genthner, Sharon Brown, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue  
73 no: Bob Jones  
1 abstention: Carrie Chavanne

- 3. Karen Etheridge-Director of Student Services- Danny Jackson moved** to extend this two- year contract until June 30, 2010. **Sharon Brown seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 880 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Joe Tynan, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Nancy Watson, David Benner, Mary Genthner, Sharon Brown, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue  
0 no, 1 abstention: Carrie Chavanne

- 4. Robert England-Asst. Principal, Medomak Middle School- Danny Jackson moved** to expand this one-year contract to 200 full days and will expire on June 30, 2010. **Sharon Brown seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 784 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Tod Brown, Nancy Watson, David Benner, Mary Genthner, Sharon Brown, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue  
146 no: Joe Tynan, Bob Jones  
1 abstention: Carrie Chavanne

- 5. Lowell Jones-Asst. Principal, Miller School- Danny Jackson moved** to extend this one-year probationary contract until June 30, 2009. **Sharon Brown seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 880 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Joe Tynan, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Nancy Watson, David Benner, Mary Genthner, Sharon Brown, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue  
0 no, 1 abstention: Carrie Chavanne

- 6. Linda Trenholm-Director of Technology- Danny Jackson moved** to extend this one-year probationary contract until June 30, 2009. **Sharon Brown seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 787 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Nancy Watson, David Benner, Mary Genthner, Sharon Brown, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue  
0 no, 2 abstentions: Carrie Chavanne, Joe Tynan

## VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 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

1. **Carl Cunningham moved** to use closed format for Warrant Articles. **Danny Jackson seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 710 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Tom Gallant, Joe Tynan, Bob Jones, Nancy Watson, Carrie Chavanne, David Benner, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue  
175 no: Phil Groce, Tod Brown, Sharon Brown  
1 abstention: Mary Genthner

### F. Middle School Building Committee

No report

### G. Negotiations Committee

No report

### H. Policy Committee

1. Second Reading of Policy IKD-Honor Rolls- **Danny Jackson moved** to approve this policy as a second reading. **Nancy Watson seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 807 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Joe Tynan, Tod Brown, Nancy Watson, Carrie Chavanne, David Benner, Mary Genthner, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue  
123 no: Bob Jones, Sharon Brown  
0 abstentions

2. Second Reading of Policy KBF-Parent Involvement with Title I- **Tom Gallant moved** to approve this policy as a second reading. **Danny Jackson seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 857 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Tod Brown, Nancy Watson, Carrie Chavanne, David Benner, Mary Genthner, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue  
Bob Jones, Sharon Brown  
0 no, 1 abstention: Joe Tynan

3. Second Reading of Policy EMM-Use of CLN- **Tom Gallant moved** to approve this policy as a second reading. **Danny Jackson seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 930 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Joe Tynan, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Nancy Watson, Carrie Chavanne, David Benner, Mary Genthner, Sharon Brown, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue  
0 no, 0 abstentions

### I. Region 8 Committee

No report

### J. Technology Committee

No report

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

**Danny Jackson moved** for the Board to enter into Executive Session at approximately 9:30 p.m. **Carl Cunningham seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 930 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Joe Tynan, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Nancy Watson, Carrie Chavanne, David Benner, Mary Genthner, Sharon Brown, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue  
0 no, 0 abstentions

**X. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Tom Gallant moved** to approve the support staff contract. **Danny Jackson seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 885 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Joe Tynan, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Nancy Watson, Carrie Chavanne, Mary Genthner, Sharon Brown, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue  
0 no, 1 abstention: David Benner

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A)-DUTIES OF OFFICIALS/APPOINTEES/EMPLOYEES**

**Danny Jackson moved** to enter into Executive Session at approximately 9:45 p.m. **Sharon Brown seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 930 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Joe Tynan, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Nancy Watson, Carrie Chavanne, David Benner, Mary Genthner, Sharon Brown, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue  
0 no, 0 abstentions

**XII. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Tom Gallant moved** to appoint Susan Jackson as acting assistant superintendent. **Carrie Chavanne seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 857 yes: Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Joe Tynan, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Nancy Watson, Carrie Chavanne, David Benner, Mary Genthner, Sharon Brown, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue  
0 no, 1 abstention: Danny Jackson

**XIII. OTHER ITEMS/ADJOURNMENT**

**Tod Brown moved** to go into Executive Session under 1 MRSA (6) (A)-Duties of Employees. It was agreed by consensus. **There was no action.**

It was agreed by consensus to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Jackson, Acting Asst. Superintendent of Schools  
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To show entire voting