

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 40

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 19, 2008

Educational Service Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	David Benner, Tod Brown, Carrie Chavanne, Carl Cunningham, Tom Gallant, Mary Genthner, Phil Groce, Gail Hawes, Danny Jackson, Bonnie Davis-Micue, Kim Miller, Nancy Watson (7:10), Dennis Wooster
BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:	Bob Jones, Joe Tynan, Caleb Philbrook
ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:	Pamela Carnahan (Superintendent of Schools), Scott Vaitones (Business Manager), Susan Jackson, Bob England, Harold Wilson, Andy Cavanaugh, Ann Kirkpatrick, Richard Blackman, Karen Etheridge, Susan Hall-Taylor
OTHERS PRESENT:	Glenda Robinson, Steven Ocean

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

Twelve members were present with the voting total of **734** votes.

4. Adjustments to the Agenda

- #### B. Board Recognition of Students or Program
- Chair Micue acknowledged the girl's softball team for their excellence in performance and winning the Eastern Maine Championship.

II. AUDIENCE WITH THE PUBLIC

- #### A. Asst. Principal Bob England asked the Board if they would decide upon a new e-mail address. **Danny Jackson moved** to have it rsu23.org. There was no second. **Kim Miller moved** to have region23.org as the new e-mail address. **Mary Genthner seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 100 yes: Kim Miller, Mary Genthner

411 no: Danny Jackson, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Tod Brown, Dennis Wooster, Bonnie Davis-Micue

4 abstentions: Carl Cunningham, David Benner, Carrie Chavanne, Gail Hawes

Director Watson arrived at the meeting at approximately 7:10 p.m. changing the voting total to 804 votes.

Gail Hawes moved to register both of the suggested names and decide later. **Danny Jackson seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 473 yes: Danny Jackson, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Dennis Wooster, Carrie Chavanne, Mary Genthner, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue

143 no: Tom Gallant, Tod Brown

3 abstentions: Carl Cunningham, David Benner, Nancy Watson

- #### B. Tanya Reed asked the Board if the administrative budget proposals regarding the shortfall due to fuel increases was going to be addressed by the Board and if the public would be allowed to have input. Chair Micue said it would be discussed under the Finance Committee and that the topic would be open for public input.

III. REPORTS FROM PARENT-TEACHER GROUPS AND STUDENT COUNCILS

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Review minutes of June 5, 2008- **Carl Cunningham moved** to approve the minutes with corrections. **Danny Jackson seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 804 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Tod Brown, Dennis Wooster, David Benner, Carrie Chavanne, Nancy Watson, Mary Genthner, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue
0 no, 0 abstentions

V. SUPERINTENDENT AND/OR CHAIR REPORTS

- A. **Differentiated Instruction, Part 1-** Superintendent Carnahan presented an update on DI to the School Board.

- B. **Reorganization Letter from Commissioner Gendron:** Superintendent Carnahan presented a letter from Commissioner Gendron accepting the district's statement relative to reorganization.

VOTED: 664 yes: David Benner, Carrie Chavanne, Carl Cunningham, Mary Genthner, Phil Groce, Gail Hawes, Danny Jackson, Bonnie Davis-Micue, Kim Miller, Joe Tynan, Nancy Watson
286 no: Tom Gallant, Tod Brown, Dennis Wooster
0 abstentions

VI. REPORTS FROM SCHOOL/S

- A. **Prescott Memorial School's 2nd & 3rd grade Program for 2008-2009-** Principal Blackman presented a report on Prescott's pilot plan for a multi-grade class. **Gail Hawes moved to table** these plans until the budget discussion is over. **Carl Cunningham seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 201 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Gail Hawes
548 no: Kim Miller, Tom Gallant, Tod Brown, Dennis Wooster, David Benner, Carrie Chavanne, Nancy Watson, Mary Genthner, Bonnie Davis-Micue
1 abstention: Phil Groce

- B. **Science Grant for Prescott Memorial School-** Principal Blackman presented a science grant that they had applied for and granted for the 2008-09 school year. **Nancy Watson moved** to accept this grant. **Tom Gallant seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 749 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Tod Brown, Dennis Wooster, David Benner, Carrie Chavanne, Nancy Watson, Mary Genthner, Bonnie Davis-Micue
0 no, 0 abstentions

*Director Hawes was absent for this vote.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. **Foreign Exchange Student from Brazil to MVHS-** Principal Wilson asked the Board to accept the foreign exchange student from Brazil sponsored by the American Institute for Foreign Study.

VOTED: 749 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Tod Brown, Dennis Wooster, David Benner, Carrie Chavanne, Nancy Watson, Mary Genthner, Bonnie Davis-Micue
0 no, 0 abstentions

*Director Hawes was absent for this vote.

- B. **Drop-Out Prevention-** Asst. Principal, Andy Cavanaugh gave the Board an update on the 2007-08 Dropout data.

- C. **Donation of \$500 from Ronald Dolloff to start a fund for a new piano for MVHS-** **Kim Miller moved** to accept this donation. **Nancy Watson seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 804 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Tod Brown, Dennis Wooster, David Benner, Carrie Chavanne, Nancy Watson, Mary Genthner, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue
0 no, 0 abstentions

D. Nominations:

- 1. Christine Blaisdell-MVHS Math- Danny Jackson moved** to accept this nomination. **Carl Cunningham seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 804 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Tod Brown, Dennis Wooster, David Benner, Carrie Chavanne, Nancy Watson, Mary Genthner, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue
0 no, 0 abstentions

- 2. Steven Ocean- MVHS Special Education Coordinator- Danny Jackson moved** to accept this nomination. **Gail Hawes seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 804 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Tod Brown, Dennis Wooster, David Benner, Carrie Chavanne, Nancy Watson, Mary Genthner, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue
0 no, 0 abstentions

E. Certify Referendum Vote: The following Votes are to be Adopted by the Board of Directors-

VOTED: That the Computation and Declaration of Votes dated and attached hereto be and it is hereby approved.

FURTHER VOTED: That the Computation and Declaration of Votes be entered upon the records of the District.

FURTHER VOTED: That a certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes be sent to each of the Municipal Clerks within the District.

Kim Miller moved to approve the above motions. **Danny Jackson seconded** the motion

VOTED: 804 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Tod Brown, Dennis Wooster, David Benner, Carrie Chavanne, Nancy Watson, Mary Genthner, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue
0 no, 0 abstentions

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Communications Committee

Director Watson handed out the minutes of the last meeting.

B. Curriculum Committee

No report

C. Facilities-Transportation Committee

- 1. Gazebo at Warren Community School- Kim Miller moved** to approve the plan to build a gazebo. **Carl Cunningham seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 731 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Nancy Watson, Tod Brown, Dennis Wooster, David Benner, Carrie Chavanne, Mary Genthner, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue
0 no, 1 abstention: Tom Gallant

- 2. Portable Classrooms at AD Gray- Kim Miller moved** to sell the two portable classrooms at AD Gray. **Danny Jackson seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 734 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Nancy Watson, Tod Brown, Tom Gallant, David Benner, Carrie Chavanne, Mary Genthner, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue
0 no, 1 abstention: Dennis Wooster

- 3. Classrooms at Union- Kim Miller moved** to have the principal at Union configure all classrooms inside the gate. **Carl Cunningham seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 371 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Mary Genthner, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue

198 no: Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Dennis Wooster
3 abstentions: Nancy Watson, Tod Brown, David Benner

D. Finance Committee

1. Tax Anticipation Note- The following votes are to be approved by the Board of Directors:

- Voted: That the offer of The First, N.A. to purchase revenue anticipation note(s) of the Maine School Administrative District No. 40 in the original principal amount not to exceed Two Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,200,000) with an interest rate per annum on the outstanding principal amount thereof equal to 2.48%, be and the same hereby is accepted and approved.
- Voted: That the Board of Directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 40 hereby authorizes a borrowing in the amount not to exceed Two Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,200,000) from The First, N.A. on behalf of the District, with interest on the principal amount thereof at a rate of 2.48% per annum, principal and interest to be paid no later than the scheduled maturity date on June 30, 2008, which borrowing is in anticipation of District revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.
- Voted: That under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 20-A M.R.S.A. Sections 1311 and 15695, the Chairperson of the Board of Directors and the Treasurer of the District be and they are hereby authorized to borrow in anticipation of revenues from The First, N.A. in the name and on behalf of the District the sum of up to Two Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,200,000) at the per annum interest rate of 2.48%, and that the Chairperson of the Board of Directors and the Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized to issue general obligation securities of Maine School Administrative District No. 40 in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Two Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,200,000) and to execute and deliver a note or notes under the seal of the District attested by the Secretary, dated on or about July 1, 2008, in such form as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors and the Treasurer may approve; and that the appropriate officials of the District be and hereby are authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the District such other documents and certificates as may be required in connection with such borrowing; and that no part of the proceeds of said borrowing shall be used, directly or indirectly, to acquire any securities and obligations, the acquisition of which would cause the notes to be "arbitrage bonds" or "private activity bonds" within the meaning of sections 148 or 141, respectively, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); and that the revenue anticipation notes issued pursuant hereto be designated as qualified tax-exempt obligations within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of said Code; and that the Chairperson of the Board of Directors and the Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized to covenant on behalf of the District to file any information report and pay any rebate due to the United States in connection with the issuance of said notes, to take all other lawful actions necessary to insure the interest on the notes will be excluded from the gross income of the owners thereof for purposes of federal income taxation and to refrain from taking any action which would cause interest on the notes to become includable in the gross income of the owners thereof.

Kim Miller moved to approve the above voted for the tax note with The First bank. **Tom Gallant seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 734 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Dennis Wooster, David Benner, Carrie Chavanne, Nancy Watson, Mary Genthner, Gail Hawes,
70 no: Bonnie Davis-Micue
1 abstentions: Tod Brown

2. Stipends- Kim Miller moved to bring stipends back to the School Board for approval without discussion of merits. **Carl Cunningham seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 491 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Nancy Watson, David Benner, Carrie Chavanne, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue
313 no: Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Tod Brown, Dennis Wooster, Mary Genthner
0 abstentions

3. 3% raise for Business Manager- Kim Miller moved to approve this raise. **Danny Jackson seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 804 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Tod Brown, Dennis Wooster, David Benner, Carrie Chavanne, Nancy Watson, Mary Genthner, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue
0 no, 0 abstentions

4. Authorization of the Business Manager holding a lawn sale for AD Gray, DR Gaul and the Educational Service Center- **Kim Miller moved** to approve of this in order to dispose of unneeded items. The sales will be advertised and all proceeds will go to the district's miscellaneous income.

VOTED: 804 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Tod Brown, Dennis Wooster, David Benner, Carrie Chavanne, Nancy Watson, Mary Genthner, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue
0 no, 0 abstentions

5. **Kim Miller moved** to authorize the sale of athletic memorabilia (uniforms etc.) with the proceeds going to the Medomak Middle School's athletic department. **Danny Jackson seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 749 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Tod Brown, Dennis Wooster, David Benner, Carrie Chavanne, Nancy Watson, Mary Genthner, Bonnie Davis-Micue
0 no, 1 abstention: Gail Hawes

6. **Kim Miller moved** to approve the administrative team's suggestions for the additional \$146,622.00 cuts in the budget areas to transfer due to the fuel budget increase. **Carl Cunningham seconded** the motion.

NO VOTE

7. **Kim Miller moved to table** motion until the next motion is acted upon. **Danny Jackson seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 804 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Tod Brown, Dennis Wooster, David Benner, Carrie Chavanne, Nancy Watson, Mary Genthner, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue
0 no, 0 abstentions

8. **Kim Miller moved** to cut the Medomak Middle School Asst. Principal to half time. **Carl Cunningham seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 654 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Tom Gallant, Nancy Watson, Tod Brown, Dennis Wooster, David Benner, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue
100 no: Phil Groce, Mary Genthner
0 abstentions

* Director Chavanne was absent for this vote.

9. **Kim Miller moved** to have the administrative team identify \$113,000 from the 2008-09 budget to transfer to the fuel line. **Tom Gallant seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 606 yes: Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Tom Gallant, Tod Brown, Dennis Wooster, David Benner, Carrie Chavanne, Mary Genthner, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue
128 no: Danny Jackson, Phil Groce
1 abstention: Nancy Watson

10. **Gail Hawes amended** the motion to have the budgetary cuts not come from instruction. **Tod Brown seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 543 yes: Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Tod Brown, Dennis Wooster, Carrie Chavanne, Mary Genthner, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue

73 no: Danny Jackson
3 abstentions: Nancy Watson, David Benner, Carl Cunningham

E. Middle School Building Committee
No report

* **Kim Miller moved to extend the meeting to 11:00 p.m. Gail Hawes seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 676 yes: Danny Jackson, Kim Miller, Tom Gallant, Nancy Watson, Tod Brown, Dennis Wooster,
David Benner, Carrie Chavanne, Mary Genthner, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue
128 no: Carl Cunningham, Phil Groce
0 abstentions

F. Negotiations Committee
No report

Director Chavanne left the meeting changing the voting total to 754 votes.

G. Policy Committee- Danny Jackson moved to approve the following policies as a second reading:

- Second Reading of Policy JEA- Compulsory Student Attendance
- Second Reading of Policy GCGB- Employment of Substitute Teachers
- Second Reading of Policy GCGB-P- Pay Scales For Substitute Teachers
- Second Reading of Policy JLC-F- Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
- Second Reading of Policy JLIE- Student Automobile Motorized Vehicle Use and Parking
- Second Reading of Policy KLG- School Resource Officer

Kim Miller seconded the motion.

VOTED: 754 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Tod Brown, Dennis
Wooster, David Benner, Nancy Watson, Mary Genthner, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue
0 no, 0 abstentions

H. Region 8 Committee
Handout

I. Technology Committee
No report

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION 1 MRSA § 405 (6) ()-TBD-There was no session.

X. OTHER ITEMS/ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 10:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Carnahan, Superintendent of Schools
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To show entire voting