

# MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 40

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## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2006

Prescott Memorial School

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<b>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Ron Belcher, Sharon Brown, Tod Brown, Carl Cunningham (7:24), Tom Gallant (7:15), Danny Jackson, Bob Jones, John Lichtman (7:21), Bonnie Davis-Micue, Kim Miller, Kelly Bisbee-Sabien, Nancy Watson (7:10), Phil Groce, Mary Genthner
<b>BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:</b>	Gail Hawes, Joe Tynan
<b>ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:</b>	Pamela J. Carnahan (Superintendent of Schools), Scott Vaitones (Business Manager)
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	Richard Blackman, Carolyn Rasmussen, Hazel Kopishke, Cheryl Horowitz, Elizabeth Hassett, Harold Wilson, Andrew Cavanaugh, Ben Vail

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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

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

#### 2. Pledge Of Allegiance

#### 3. Declaration of Quorum

Ten members were present with the voting total of 611 votes.

#### 4. Adjustments to the Agenda

Under VII, items A & B will be postponed.

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

### II. AUDIENCE WITH THE PUBLIC

Several parents expressed concerns about the enrollment in Prescott's kindergarten class. The superintendent explained an option of hiring an Ed Tech III for 22 hours a week. The money would come from federal funds.

**Directors Watson and Gallant arrived at the meeting at approximately 7:15 p.m. changing the voting total to 754 votes.**

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

**Directors Cunningham and Lichtman arrived at the meeting at approximately 7:25 p.m. changing the voting total to 872 votes.**

### IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of August 24 & 29, 2006- **Danny Jackson moved** to approve the minutes. **Carl Cunningham seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 872 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Ron Belcher, Mary Genthner, Phil Groce, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Tom Gallant, Sharon Brown, Kelly Bisbee-Sabien, Nancy Watson, John Lichtman, Bonnie Davis-Micue

0 no, 0 abstentions

### V. REPORTS FROM SCHOOL/S OR PROGRAMS

1. Representatives from the student body asked the board to approve the junior/senior privileges. **John Lichtman moved** to approve the privileges. **Tom Gallant seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 609 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Mary Genthner, Phil Groce, Tod Brown, Tom Gallant, Sharon Brown, Nancy Watson, John Lichtman,  
73 no: Bob Jones  
3 abstentions: Bonnie Davis-Micue, Ron Belcher, Kelly Bisbee-Sabien

2. Principal Blackman gave a presentation to the School Board on the history of Prescott Memorial and the student's depiction of it in the Big Picture Book.

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND POLICY READINGS**

**A. Curriculum Committee**

The committee will meet on Thursday, Sept. 28, 2006.

**B. Communications Committee**

The committee will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2006.

**C. Finance Committee**

1. **Kelly Bisbee-Sabien moved** to act on the recommended action of the Finance Committee but offered a friendly amendment; instead of 3% of the total budget, it be 2% of the total budget from various warrant articles.  
**Tom Gallant seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 872 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Ron Belcher, Mary Genthner, Phil Groce, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Tom Gallant, Sharon Brown, Kelly Bisbee-Sabien, Nancy Watson, John Lichtman, Bonnie Davis-Micue  
0 no, 0 abstentions

**D. Facilities-Transportation Committee**

No report

**E. Policy Committee**

1. First Reading of Policy GBGD-Worker's Compensation-Return to Work: **Danny Jackson moved** accept this policy. **Ron Belcher seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 872 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Ron Belcher, Mary Genthner, Phil Groce, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Tom Gallant, Sharon Brown, Kelly Bisbee-Sabien, Nancy Watson, John Lichtman, Bonnie Davis-Micue  
0 no, 0 abstentions

2. First Reading of GDC-Family and Medical Leave Act: **Danny Jackson moved** accept this policy. **Ron Belcher seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 822 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Ron Belcher, Mary Genthner, Phil Groce, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Tom Gallant, Kelly Bisbee-Sabien, Nancy Watson, John Lichtman, Bonnie Davis-Micue  
0 no, 1 abstention: Sharon Brown

3. First Reading of Policy GDF-Background Checks: **Danny Jackson moved** accept this policy. **Ron Belcher seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 872 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Ron Belcher, Mary Genthner, Phil Groce, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Tom Gallant, Sharon Brown, Kelly Bisbee-Sabien, Nancy Watson, John Lichtman, Bonnie Davis-Micue  
0 no, 0 abstentions

4. First Reading of ECAF-Use of Closed Circuit Cameras: **Danny Jackson moved** accept this policy. **Ron Belcher seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 752 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Ron Belcher, Mary Genthner, Phil Groce, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Tom Gallant, Nancy Watson, John Lichtman, Bonnie Davis-Micue

70 no: Kelly Bisbee-Sabien

1 abstention: Sharon Brown

**F. Technology Committee**

No report

**G. Region 8 Committee**

No report

**H. Middle School Building Committee**

Director Lichtman gave the Board a status report.

**I. Negotiations Committee**

No report

**J. Anti-Bullying Committee**

Director Brown gave an update from the last meeting.

**VII. OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Nominations:**

1. **Bob Jones moved** to enter into Executive Session under 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A)-Confidential Records  
**Danny Jackson seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 822 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Sharon Brown, Mary Genthner, Phil Groce, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Tom Gallant, Kelly Bisbee-Sabien, Nancy Watson, John Lichtman, Bonnie Davis-Micue

50 no: Ron Belcher, 0 abstentions

2. **Phil Groce moved** to consider all three nominations together. **Ron Belcher seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 100 yes: Ron Belcher, Phil Groce

772 no: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Mary Genthner, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Tom Gallant, Kelly Bisbee-Sabien, Nancy Watson, John Lichtman, Bonnie Davis-Micue, Sharon Brown

0 abstentions

**MOTION FAILED**

3. Robert Hunter- 5th grade-WCS-**Phil Groce moved** to accept this nomination. **Ron Belcher seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 872 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Ron Belcher, Mary Genthner, Phil Groce, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Tom Gallant, Sharon Brown, Kelly Bisbee-Sabien, Nancy Watson, John Lichtman, Bonnie Davis-Micue

0 no, 0 abstentions

4. Edie Berger- 2nd grade-Miller-**Phil Groce moved** to accept this nomination. **Tom Gallant seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 872 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Ron Belcher, Mary Genthner, Phil Groce, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Tom Gallant, Sharon Brown, Kelly Bisbee-Sabien, Nancy Watson, John Lichtman, Bonnie Davis-Micue

0 no, 0 abstentions

5. Andrew Cavanaugh- Asst. Principal-MVHS-**Phil Groce moved** to accept this nomination. **Tom Gallant seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 872 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Ron Belcher, Mary Genthner, Phil Groce, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Tom Gallant, Sharon Brown, Kelly Bisbee-Sabien, Nancy Watson, John Lichtman, Bonnie Davis-Micue

0 no, 0 abstentions

**B. Stipends**

1. Superintendent Carnahan asked that the Team Leader positions and Team Facilitator positions be removed from the agenda so as to recheck for accuracy.

2. **John Lichtman moved** to approve all remaining stipends. **Sharon Brown seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 799 yes: Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Ron Belcher, Mary Genthner, Phil Groce, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Tom Gallant, Sharon Brown, Kelly Bisbee-Sabien, Nancy Watson, John Lichtman, Bonnie Davis-Micue  
73 no: Danny Jackson, 0 abstentions

**C. Mission Statement- Sharon Brown presented** the District's Mission Statement to the Board. There was a discussion and minor revisions. The following is the District's new Mission Statement:

The MSAD #40 community strives to provide a safe, enriching environment in which all students and adults demonstrate mutual respect and responsibility, community involvement, dedication to lifelong learning, and commitment to excellence. In so doing, we will encourage all to reach their maximum potential as ethical, contributing citizens.

**Nancy Watson moved** to accept this Mission Statement. **Tom Gallant seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 799 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Ron Belcher, Mary Genthner, Phil Groce, Tod Brown, Tom Gallant, Sharon Brown, Kelly Bisbee-Sabien, Nancy Watson, John Lichtman, Bonnie Davis-Micue  
73 no: Bob Jones, 0 abstentions

**D. John Lichtman moved** to appoint Kelly Bisbee-Sabien as the MSBA delegate. **Sharon Brown seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 747 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Ron Belcher, Mary Genthner, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Tom Gallant, Sharon Brown, Nancy Watson, John Lichtman, Bonnie Davis-Micue  
0 no, 2 abstentions: Kelly Bisbee-Sabien, Phil Groce

1. **Danny Jackson moved** to appoint Phil Groce as the alternate. **Kim Miller seconded** the motion.

**VOTED:** 747 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Ron Belcher, Mary Genthner, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Tom Gallant, Sharon Brown, Nancy Watson, John Lichtman, Bonnie Davis-Micue  
0 no, 2 abstentions: Kelly Bisbee-Sabien, Phil Groce

## **VIII. SUPERINTENDENT/CHAIR REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT**

### **A. Superintendent's Report: Pam Carnahan**

1. Follow-up Reports and Questions: All questions from past Board meetings had been answered. Director Belcher stated that he has seen people smoking on the school grounds and that the staff needs to be reminded of the law.

**B. Chair's Report- Bonnie Davis-Micue**  
none

## **IX. OTHER ITEMS/ADJOURNMENT**

**Carl Cunningham moved** to adjourn the meeting. **Ron Belcher seconded** the motion.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:14 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Pamela J. Carnahan, Ph.D.*

**Pamela J. Carnahan, Superintendent of Schools**

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**To show entire voting**