



**MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 40**

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**Transportation & Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes  
October 8, 2009**

<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>	P	David Benner, Chair	P	Gail Hawes	P	Jane Brown
	P	Ron Dolloff, Vice Chair	P	Bonnie Davis-Micue (Ex-officio member)		
<b>OTHERS:</b>	P	Danny Jackson	P	Steve Sylvester	P	Frank Boynton
	P	Bob England				
	P	Scott Vaitones,	P	Gail Whittier	P	Dennis Wooster

1. *The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.*
2. Declared a quorum with all members present.
3. Moved by Gail Hawes and seconded by Ron Dolloff to approve minutes from September 10, 2009. All voting in favor.
4. Gail Whittier reported on the status of the cameras being installed on the buses— 16 of 19 have been installed.
5. Moved by Ron Dolloff and seconded by Gail Hawes to purchase two 77-passenger International Buses. All voting in favor.  
  
Gail Whittier passed out a sheet showing all bus run times.
6. Business Manager Scott Vaitones explained the current Bus Garage lease. Questions asked of Scott by the Committee:
  - Are there possible shared services with other area districts?
  - Is there space on the campus for a garage?
  - Review with the Ripleys as to what are their long-term plans.
 Scott to report back at the next meeting.
7. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of contracted bus services. No ownership of buses. However, if you want to leave a contract you then have to re-invest in a fleet of buses. The contractors do not get state subsidy for a bus purchase. Thus, their costs to operate are higher. Lose direct control over the discipline on the buses. The Committee agreed to dispense with this item.
8. Discussed the possible replacement of portables at Medomak Valley High School. Frank Boynton noted that the first day of the upcoming MSMA Superintendent’s conference is dedicated to school projects. He will be attending to see what may be available in the future from the state and report back at the next meeting.
9. Future agenda items:
  - Bus Garage lease
  - Portables at MVHS

10. Other business:

- Discussed the results of the latest water test at Medomak Valley High School and the need to treat the water.

Moved by Jane Brown and seconded by Gail Hawes to recommend to the full Board to install a radon treatment system at Medomak Valley High School. All voting in favor to send to the Board.

- Frank Boynton gave an update on AHERA 3-year re-inspection that took place this past summer and noted that he had re-testing of the mastic and tile at Union Elementary School. Both have come back with no asbestos content.
- Steve Sylvester reported on water infiltration in the wall of the locker room at Warren Community School. The wall has been opened up and the area cleaned up. Watching now to see if we can determine where the water is coming in from.
- Prescott Memorial School has a cracked section in one of the two boilers. The boiler is Weil McLain and is 3 years old. We are hoping the cost of materials will be covered by warranty and some labor allowance and by insurance.
- A classroom at Prescott Memorial School has had a sewer-type smell off and on for many years. Finally have found a dry trap that was part of a sump pump system and is located in the ceiling.

**Questions asked:**

Concern that the high school lockers don't lock and students are responsible for their computers.

Also not allowed to take laptops on sports trips so they get left at schools and it is not convenient at night to come back to the school to retrieve them, and may not be in a locked room.

It is within the law that the computers are to go home.

Why can't the laptop be put in a backpack and brought to game?

Insurance question: we take students to games and many come home with others. Is the District still liable?

What is status of lunch charges at MVHS? The line continues to be slow and will be until the new ID's come in. Sales for September were off almost 20 percent from a year ago for the same number of serving days.

We are still running two buses to games and most come home empty.

Are the Boosters paying for the second bus?

We charge \$2.75 per mile for bus and driver.

Noted that some buses are coming back without a coach.

When parents drive other students home the driver is liability

**11.** Adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

**~ Scott Vaitones, Business Manager**

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