

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT No. 52

Greene, Leeds, and Turner, Maine

Minutes of the Ninth Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors for 2015-2016

January 7, 2016 6:30 P.M. Leeds Central School

Members present: Elizabeth Bullard; Diana Morgan; Jon Woodard; Robert Allen; Carlos Gnipp; Richard Gross; Peter Ricker; JoAnn Nickerson; John Soucy

Members absent: None

Others Present: Henry Aliberti, Jr. Superintendent; Deborah Alden, Special Education Director; Deborah Roberts, Business Manager; Eben Shaw, Leavitt Area High School Principal; Gail Marine, Tripp Middle School Principal; Cynthia Alexander, Turner Elementary School Principal; Theresa Gillis; Turner Primary School Principal; Pam Doyen; Greene Central School Principal; Danielle Harris, Leeds Central School Principal; Razel Ward, Adult Education Director; Karen Potvin, Technology Education Coordinator; District Citizens; District Employees

1. Chairperson Elizabeth Bullard called the meeting to order at 6:26 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. The Minutes of the Eighth Regular Meeting, December 10, 2015 were accepted under general consent.
3. Communications
 - 3.1 Superintendent Aliberti reported the resignation of Robert Greenleaf as Custodian at Leeds Central School, effective January 8, 2016.
 - 3.2 Superintendent Aliberti reported the resignation of Kerry Brenner as Half-time Ed Tech III Interventionist at Greene Central School, effective January 4, 2016.
 - 3.3 Superintendent Aliberti reported the retirement of Penelope Nutting as Second Grade Teacher at Greene Central School, effective August 31, 2016.
 - 3.4 Superintendent Aliberti reported the transfer of Bethany Lyons as full time Ed Tech III Interventionist to half time Ed Tech III Interventionist at Greene Central School.
4. Adjustments to Agenda – None.
5. Committee Reports:
 - 5.1 Finance Committee: Jon Woodard reported that the committee has not met
 - 5.2 Plant/Transportation/Building Committee: Peter Ricker reported the committee has not met.
 - 5.3 Curriculum/Policy Committee: JoAnn Nickerson reported the committee has not met.
 - 5.4 Student Representative's Report – None.

- 5.5 Tri-Town Support Staff Negotiations (ESP): Peter Ricker reported there was no update at this time on negotiations.
- 5.6 Administrator's Report – Special Education Director Deb Alden shared with the Board there is a program review next week. A self-review was done this fall. Next week, the Department of Education will be in District to spend time talking and reviewing files. The process has seemed to be going well so far and will need to be done again in another five years. Mrs. Alden updated the Board regarding our in-house programs. She stated the classroom programs are full and it is early in the year for this. This is a concern, as out-of-district programs are starting to fill up as well. The District is seeing a lot of students with more significant needs. Mrs. Alden shared with the Board, she has unofficially heard the District has been chosen for a math professional development grant with Auburn, Lewiston and Margaret Murphy Center.
- 5.7 Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Aliberti reported to the Board it had been a quiet vacation break for the school district. Our vehicles have been conditioned for the change in temperatures and buses are functioning well. The Energy Proficiency Project work continues with adjustments being made with heat and ventilation controls. The Tri-Town Selectmen's meeting was informative with a report provided by the Sheriff's Department on heroin use in Androscoggin County. School and program updates were provided to the selectmen as written by building administrators and directors. Superintendent Aliberti shared the District is awaiting a land appraisal as requested and should be available for the Board's January 21st meeting.

6. Public Comment – None.

7. Old Business – None.

8. Consent Agenda:

8.1 Non-Instructional Appointments: A motion was made by Diana Morgan, seconded by Robert Allen and voted unanimously to approve the following Non-Instructional appointments:

8.1.1 Michelle Gibbert, District Wide 6-Hour Bus Driver.

8.1.2 Ashley Racine, Turner Elementary School Ed Tech III.

8.1.3 Suzanne Lawrence, District Wide On-call Snow Plow Driver.

8.1.4 Leavitt Area High School Stipends:

Sarah Dow, Band Director and Choral Director

Laura Esty, One Act Play Advisor

Myranda Michaud, Co-Spring Play Advisor

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Steven Barter, Musical Director

Renee Davis, Artistic Director

8.1.5 Heather Carpenter, Tripp Middle School 7th Grade Girls Basketball Volunteer.

8.1.6 Caroline Bochtler, Leavitt Area High School JV Softball Coach.

9. New Business:

9.1 Instructional Nominations:

9.1.1 A motion was made by Peter Ricker, seconded by Diana Morgan and voted unanimously by those present to approve a classroom for Margaret Murphy Center for Children for pre-kindergarten children with special needs.

9.2 Superintendent Aliberti reported the completion of probationary period for the following employees:

Philip Provencher	LAHS Custodian	12-5-15
Layne Curtis	DW Bus Driver	12-23-15

9.3 Richard Gross asked for an update of hiring of new superintendent. Elizabeth Bullard has sent out a survey of attributes of a superintendent to all employees and distributed copies to the three town offices for community members. The survey is due to Martha Bilodeau by January 14, 2016. The position has been advertised in the Bangor Daily News, the Sun Journal, and the Maine Sunday Telegram as well as posted on ServingSchools. The District decided not use Maine School Management Association for the hiring process because of the \$150/hour fee and elected to process all applications in-house. Applications are due into the Superintendent's Office no later than January 22, 2016.

10. Other Business – None.

11. A motion was made by Peter Ricker, seconded by Robert Allen and voted unanimously by those present to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Henry Aliberti, Secretary

