

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT No. 52

Greene, Leeds, and Turner, Maine

Minutes of the Sixth Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors for 2016-2017

October 20, 2016

Leeds Central School

Members present: Elizabeth Bullard, Chairperson; Yuri Kowalski; Robert Allen; Carlos Gnipp; Jon Woodard; Richard Gross; JoAnn Nickerson; Peter Ricker

Members absent: Diana Morgan

Others Present: Kimberly Brandt, Superintendent of School; Deborah Alden, Director of Special Education; Deborah Roberts, Business Manager, Eben Shaw, Leavitt Area High School Principal; Susan Pilote, Tripp Middle School and Greene Central School Assistant Principal; Kelly Marston, Turner Elementary School Principal; Razell Ward, Adult Education Director; Karen Potvin, Technology Education Coordinator; Kimberly Long, Facilities and Transportation Director; District Citizens; District Employees

1. Chairperson Elizabeth Bullard called the meeting to order at 6:37 P.M. and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Carlos Gnipp.
2. The Minutes of the Fourth Regular Meeting, September 22, 2016 and the Minutes of the Fifth Regular Meeting, October 6, 2016 were approved by general consent.
3. Communications:
 - 3.1 Superintendent Brandt reported the resignation of Jamilyn Ellis, as Turner Elementary School Ed Tech II, effective October 12, 2016.
 - 3.2 Superintendent Brand reported the resignation of Matthew Drewal, as Tripp Middle School Intramural Sports Coach, effective October 12, 2016.
4. Adjustments to Agenda
 - 9.11 Agenda Item is not needed.
5. Committee Reports:
 - 5.1 Finance Committee: Jon Woodard reported the committee had met and reviewed the financials for September. The committee discussed the increase of the social worker position at Tripp Middle School from 4/5 for full time and the substitute teacher pay rate. Both of these items will be on the agenda later this evening. The committee also discussed sick leave pay upon retirement.
 - 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 – Leavitt Area High School Eben Shaw shared he has students willing and thought they would be attending this evening.

- 5.5 Tri-Town Support Staff Negotiations (ESP): Peter Ricker reported there will be an executive session later this evening.
- 5.6 Tri-Town Education Association Negotiations (Teacher) – Jon Woodard reported there will be an executive session later this evening.
- 5.7 Administrator’s Report – Special Education Director Deb Alden shared with the Board a PowerPoint presentation which reviewed the steps that are taken before a student receives special education. Additionally, she reviewed the continuum of services and factors special education teams evaluate to make decisions for student services. Ms. Alden distributed handouts of cost comparisons with other districts and this will be further explored at the next Board meeting to be held November 10, 2016.
- 5.8 Superintendent’s Report – Superintendent Brandt shared with the Board the Harvest Supper was held last Friday evening at Leeds Central School. She informed the Board Assistant Superintendent Thomas Ambrose, Tripp Middle School Gail Marine and Leeds Central School Danielle Harris are in New York City at Teacher’s College. Superintendent Brandt and Chairperson Bullard will be working on putting out a newsletter. Superintendent Brandt is planning to attend the selectmen’s meeting in all three communities. She shared the building principals and administrators are interested in using Survey 360 for feedback related to their evaluation. She will be discussing last year’s Effective School surveys with principals. Superintendent Brandt shared with the Board October 7th was a teacher workshop day and she was able to observe several offerings and Assistant Superintendent Thomas Ambrose surveyed staff for feedback. Mrs. Brandt thanked Board member Richard Gross for the new Board bag he gave to her. Facilities/Transportation Director Kim Long shared with the Board the District will be getting two new busses soon. Business Manager Deb Roberts reviewed where we are with the track project. The track should be available for use in July 2017. She explained the bond interest is fixed each year. Superintendent Brandt stated Deb Roberts received the prestigious award Admiral of the Ocean Sea (AOTOS) Mariners’ Rosette from the United Seamen’s Service for her work in creating a college scholarship fund to benefit students pursuing careers at sea through Maine Maritime Academy and for her work with the State’s Legislature to extend student loan tax credits to mariners living in the State of Maine.

Chairperson Bullard spoke, thanking Diana Morgan for her many years of service on the School Board.

6. Public Comment – None.

7. Old Business – None.

8. Consent Agenda:

8.1 Non-Instructional Appointments: A motion was made by Yuri Kowalski, seconded by Richard Gross and voted unanimously to approve the Non-Instructional appointments:

- 8.1.1 Suzy Lawrence, District Wide On-Call Snow Plow Driver.
- 8.1.2 Jeremy Hersey, Weekend Custodian (Turner schools).
- 8.1.3 Lynda McGarey, Greene Central School Special Education Ed Tech I.
- 8.1.4 Walesca Whitcomb, Greene Central School Mail Run stipend.
- 8.1.5 Elizabeth Cook, Leeds Central School Mail Run stipend.
- 8.1.6 Christopher DeMerchant, Leavitt Area High School JV Boys Soccer Coach.

9. New Business:

- 9.1 Instructional Nominations – A motion was made by Robert Allen and seconded by Peter Ricker and voted unanimously by those present to approve the following Instructional Nominations.
 - 9.1.1 Tammy Rioux, Tripp Middle School Day Treatment Program Special Education Teacher.
- 9.2 Superintendent Brandt explained she was removing the last sentence under “No School Day” since, if the decision to allow a pre-scheduled evening extracurricular activity should the weather and road conditions improve, coaches/advisors will notify the participants. Peter Ricker shared that he would like for games that will be held to be announced on all radio stations. A motion was made by Yuri Kowalski, seconded by Peter Ricker and voted unanimously by those present to approve the 2016-17 Emergency School Closing Procedures with addition of calling radio stations.
- 9.3 A motion was made by Peter Ricker, seconded by Jon Woodard and voted unanimously by those present to approve the donation from the Anderson Foundation in the amount of \$3,000.
- 9.4 The Board reviewed each resolution from the Maine School Board Association and expressed their thoughts as to whether they were in support or not. Richard Gross will be the delegate.
- 9.5 A motion was made by Yuri Kowalski, seconded by Peter Ricker and voted unanimously by those present to approve the Math Video Challenge contest for Gifted and Talented students.
- 9.6 A motion was made by Jon Woodard, seconded by Peter Ricker and voted unanimously by those present to approve the increase of 4/5 Social Worker at Tripp Middle School to full time for the 2016-17 year.

Hearing no objection, Chairperson Bullard moved to Agenda Item 9.11

- 9.11 Executive Session to discuss compensation of Professional Staff Substitutes is not needed. Superintendent Brandt recommended a change in the Professional Staff Substitute pay rate to pay staff who are hired, pending initial certification, at \$150 per day plus retroactive pay for long term substitute assignment. A motion was made by Jon Woodard, seconded by Peter Ricker and voted unanimously by those present to approve the rate of pay change.

Hearing no objection, Chairperson Bullard returned to Agenda Item 9.7

- 9.7 A motion was made by Carlos Gnipp, seconded by Peter Ricker and voted unanimously by those present to enter into Executive Session to discuss information related to negotiations with Tri-Town Education Association Support Staff (ESP) pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D).

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:08 P.M.
The Board returned to Open Session at 8:15 P.M.

9.8 No action was taken.

9.9 A motion was made by Robert Allen, seconded by Jon Woodard and voted unanimously by those present to enter into Executive Session to discuss information related to negotiations with Tri-Town Education Association (Teachers) pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D).

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:16 P.M.

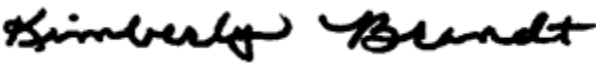
The Board returned to Open Session at 8:55 P.M.

9.10 No action was taken.

10. Other Business – None.

11. A motion was made by Carlos Gnipp, seconded by Richard Gross and voted unanimously by those present to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberly Brandt". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Kimberly Brandt, Secretary