

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT No. 52

Greene, Leeds, and Turner, Maine

Minutes of the Sixth Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors for 2012-2013

October 25, 2012 6:30 P.M. Greene Central School

Members present: Elizabeth Bullard; Diana Morgan; Ronald Nadeau; Jon Woodard; Catherine Carey; Robert Allen; JoAnn Nickerson; Richard Gross

Members absent: Peter Ricker

Others Present: Becky Foley, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; 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; Danielle Harris, Leeds Central School Principal; Razell Ward, Adult Education Director; Glen Reynolds, Facilities/Transportation Director; Karen Potvin, Technology Education Coordinator; District Citizens; District Employees

1. Chairperson Elizabeth Bullard called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by JoAnn Nickerson.
2. The Minutes of the Fifth Regular Meeting, October 11, 2012 were accepted under general consent.
3. Communications:
 - 3.1 Assistant Superintendent Foley reported Pam Lanyon has been appointed to a 4-hour van driver position.
4. Adjustments to Agenda:
 - 9.1.1 Removal of agenda item.
5. Committee Reports:
 - 5.1 Finance Committee: Jon Woodard reported the committee has not met.
 - 5.2 Plant/Transportation/Building Committee: Ronald Nadeau reported the committee has not met.
 - 5.3 Curriculum/Policy Committee: JoAnn Nickerson reported the committee met earlier this evening and had a discussion about the intermediate report card that will be presented this evening. The committee previewed a job description for the District Wide Computer Technicians. Another policy that will be on the next Board agenda for review is the regulation portion of the Employee Technology and Internet Use policy. The regulations will include who is responsible for damages to District owned cell phones. There has been a lot of staff development recently: 12 teachers (K-8) are off to training at Teacher's

College; Kellie Smith, literacy consultant, has worked with teachers for two days this week; and teachers spent today scoring writing throughout the District.

- 5.4 Student Representative's Report: Ben Ramser reported that the following sports' teams are in the playoffs: cross country, field hockey, and football!
- 5.5 Administrator's Report: Turner Elementary School Principal Cynthia Alexander reported the fourth grade classes had attended the Portland Symphony Orchestra. The students were dressed very nicely and acted respectfully. New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) testing has been completed. Teachers are very appreciative of the new projectors being purchased for use in the Everyday Math Program. Teachers are seeing that the students are stronger in their math skills due to the work done last year in math. Mrs. Alexander said the scoring of the writing prompts went well. Some of our students are becoming quite strong in their writing skills, enough for their stories to bring tears to the eyes of the readers!
- 5.6 Superintendent's Report: Assistant Superintendent Foley reminded the Board of the budget workshop session that is scheduled for November 13, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. in the music room at Greene Central School.

6. Public Comment:

- 6.1 Gayton Breton Jr. from Greene shared with the Board that he still is not satisfied with the transportation being provided for his two children.

7. Old Business: None

8. Consent Agenda

8.1 Non-Instructional Appointments

A motion was made by Diana Morgan, seconded by Jon Woodard and voted unanimously by those present to approve all Non-Instructional appointments as presented.

- 8.1.1 Chelsea Groleau, Turner Primary School Special Education Ed Tech III.
- 8.1.2 Terry Judd, District Wide Van Driver.

9. New Business:

- 9.1 Instructional Nomination – A motion was made by Catherine Carey, seconded by Diana Morgan and voted unanimously by those present to approve the following Instructional Appointment as presented:

- 9.1.1 Agenda Item removed
- 9.1.2 Christina Cloutier, Leeds Central School 2/5 Nurse.

9.2 A motion was made by Catherine Carey, seconded by Jon Woodard and voted unanimously by those present to approve the 2012-13 Comprehensive Emergency Plans.

9.3 & 9.4

A motion was made by Diana Morgan. Seconded by Jon Woodard and voted unanimously by those present to approve Second Reading and Adoption of revised Policy JKE: Expulsion of Students and Policy JKE-R: Expulsion of Students-Guidelines and Second Reading and Adoption of Policy KDB: Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Access.

9.5 Assistant Superintendent Becky Foley gave an overview of the work done thus far by the report card committee. Sheila Lyman, teacher at Leeds Central School, explained how teachers have to convert the standards to a letter grade. The Board approved getting rid of the letter grade portion of the report card at the request of the committee. The revision of the descriptors will change for next year's report card. A motion was made by Robert Allen, seconded by Catherine Carey and voted unanimously by those present to approve revision of existing elementary/intermediate Grades 4-6 report card.

9.6 Agenda item was tabled by general consent.

Hearing no objections, Chairperson Bullard moved to Agenda Item 9.8.

9.8 Board members Elizabeth Bullard, Diana Morgan, JoAnn Nickerson, Catherine Carey and Business Manager Deb Roberts attended the Maine School Management Association (MSMA) 39th Fall Conference. JoAnn Nickerson attended sessions on employee grievances, Mass Customized Learning, and handling conflict. Diana Morgan attended sessions on student feedback, Getting out the Real Story on Maine Schools, and special education litigation. Diana Morgan also was the delegate and attended discussions about virtual charter schools, reopening the restraint policy, and the controversy over the commissioner overturning superintendent agreements. Chairperson Bullard attended sessions about a Bridge Year in Herman where students can receive college credits while in high school, School Board Legal, and Creative Bargaining. Business Manager Deb Roberts attended many of the same sessions. All participants reported that the lunch speaker was very good

Hearing no objections, Chairperson Bullard returned to Agenda Item 9.7.

9.7 A motion was made by Jon Woodard, seconded by Robert Allen and voted unanimously by those present to enter into Executive Session for discussion of administrators' negotiations pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D).

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:34 P.M.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:58 P.M.

No action was taken.

Hearing no objections, Chairperson Bullard moved to Agenda Item 10.

10. Other Business:

10.1 JoAnn Nickerson noted that she may not be able to attend the budget workshop next week. Chairperson Bullard asked her and any other board members that may not attend to please email any suggestions to her and she will share them at the meeting. She also shared with other Board members that Superintendent Aliberti, Business Manager Deb Robert, and she will meet next week to put together a framework for the meeting since this is the Board's first budget workshop session. Betsy Bullard requested any board member who has thoughts on what the meeting might look like to send them to either Superintendent Aliberti or her. The agenda for the workshop will be posted just like any other board meeting and it will be open to the public. Superintendent Aliberti will get in touch with the three town managers to invite them and their selectmen to participate.

11. A motion was made by Diana Morgan, seconded by Catherine Carey and voted unanimously by those present to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry Aliberti". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Henry Aliberti, Secretary