

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 52

Greene, Leeds, and Turner, Maine

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

May 26, 2016

Leavitt Area High School

Members present: Elizabeth Bullard, Chairperson; Diana Morgan, Vice Chairperson; Yuri Kowalski; Richard Gross; Peter Ricker; JoAnn Nickerson

Members absent: Robert Allen; Carlos Gnipp; Jon Woodard

Others Present: Henry Aliberti, Jr. Superintendent; Thomas Ambrose, Assistant 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; Kimberly Long, Facilities and Transportation Director; District Citizens; District Employees

1. Chairperson Elizabeth Bullard called the meeting to order at 6:21 P.M.
2. The Minutes of the Fourth Special Minutes, May 10, 2016 and the Minutes of the Seventeenth Regular Minutes, May 12, 2016 was distributed. Action will be taken at the June 9, 2016 board meeting.
3. Communications:
 - 3.1 Superintendent Aliberti reported the resignation of Nicole Pelletier as Turner Primary School Ed Tech III for Autism Services Program, effective June 16, 2016.
 - 3.2 Superintendent Aliberti reported the transfer of Amy Duguay, classroom teacher at Greene Central School to Turner Primary School.
4. Adjustments to Agenda – None.
5. Committee Reports:
 - 5.1 Finance Committee: Diana Morgan reported 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 – Nate Allen gave a presentation on the end of the year activities at Leavitt. Senior projects went really well and everything is wrapping up.
 - 5.5 Tri-Town Support Staff Negotiations (ESP): Peter Ricker reported June 2, 2016 is the start of Fact Finding and no executive session will be needed later this evening.
 - 5.6 Tri-Town Education Association Negotiations (Teacher) – Yuri Kowalski reported the committee has not met and no executive session will be needed later this evening.

- 5.7 Administration Negotiations: Peter Ricker reported an executive session will be needed later this evening.
 - 5.8 Administrator's Report – None. Special Education Director Deb Alden will report out at the next Board meeting.
 - 5.9 Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Aliberti reported there is no update on the legal actions from the town of Turner at this time but there is a court date next week so there will be an update for the June 9, 2016 board meeting. We have an executive session scheduled this evening to discuss if the District desires to accept a settlement with the Department of Health and Human Services for alleged billing violations. If so, the MSAD 52 Board of Directors would take a vote to authorize the Superintendent to sign the settlement agreement.
6. Public Comment:
 - 6.1 Tripp Middle School Principal Gail Marine reported that the transitions for the 6th graders were awesome. Board member Peter Ricker noted that his son had a blast visiting the middle school.
7. Old Business:
 - 7.1 Mr. Tom Seekins gave an overview of the Siemens Energy Project and the amazing work of the MSAD 52 staff including the award presented to the District by the Association of Energy Engineers New England.
8. Consent Agenda – None.
9. New Business:
 - 9.1 Instructional Nominations – A motion was made by Diana Morgan, seconded by Richard Gross and voted unanimously by those present to approve the following Instructional Nominations.
 - 9.1.1 Kathryn Ventrella, Turner Elementary School Teacher.
 - 9.2 A motion was made by Peter Ricker, seconded by Diana Morgan and voted 5 Yes (Bullard, Morgan, Kowalski, Ricker, Nickerson) and 1 Abstain (Gross) to nominate Ryan LaRoche as Leavitt Area High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director.
 - 9.3 The Board held a discussion regarding the request for district contribution toward health insurance dependent coverage for an Occupational Therapist. A motion was made by Diana Morgan and seconded by JoAnn Nickerson to amend the employment agreements of the occupational therapists and school psychologists to offer coverage at the same rate as the teacher's contract (77%). Peter Ricker motioned to amend the motion and to add van drivers. Motion was not seconded. A motion was made by Elizabeth Bullard, seconded by Diana Morgan and voted 3 Yes (Bullard, Morgan, Nickerson) 2 No (Gross, Ricker) and 1 Abstain (Kowalski) to approve district contribution toward health insurance dependent coverage for an occupational therapists and school psychologists.
 - 9.4 A motion was made by Richard Gross, seconded by Yuri Kowalski and voted unanimously by those present to approve anonymous \$500 donation to Turner Elementary School

9.5 A motion was made by Peter Ricker, seconded by Richard Gross and voted unanimously by those present to act on the recommendation of the Superintendent for Administrator contract extensions for the following:

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| Eben Shaw, | - Principal Leavitt Area High School |
| Derek Galway | - Assistant Principal Leavitt Area High School |
| Heidi Poulin | - Director of Guidance Services |
| Gail Marine | - Principal Tripp Middle School |
| Susan Pilote | - Assistant Principal Tripp Middle School |
| Cynthia Alexander | - Principal Turner Elementary School |
| Theresa Gillis | - Principal Turner Primary School |
| Danielle Harris | - Principal Leeds Central School |
| Thomas Ambrose | - Assistant Superintendent |
| Deborah Alden | - Director of Special Education |
| Heidi Connelly | - Assistant Special Education Director |
| Deb Roberts | - Business Manager |
| David Roberts | - Food Service Director |
| Kimberly Long | - Facilities/Transportation Director |
| Karen Potvin | - Technology Education Coordinator |
| Randall Swift | - Technology Education Network Manager |
| Razell Ward | - Adult Education Director |

9.6 A motion was made by Richard Gross, seconded by Diana Morgan and voted unanimously by those present to approve the Board meeting schedule for the 2016-17 school year.

9.7 A motion was made by made by Peter Ricker, seconded by Richard Gross and voted unanimously by those present that the Computation and Declaration of Votes dated May 26, 2016 is hereby approved (see attached).

A motion was made by made by Peter Ricker, seconded by Richard Gross and voted unanimously by those present that the Computation and Declaration of Votes be entered upon the records of the District.

A motion was made by made by Peter Ricker, seconded by Richard Gross and voted unanimously by those present that a certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes be sent to each of the municipal clerks with the Maine School Administrative District No. 52.

9.8 A motion was made by made by Peter Ricker, seconded by Richard Gross and voted unanimously by those present authorize the Superintendent of School to offer contracts and/or hire during the summer.

9.9 Superintendent Aliberti reported the completion of the following probationary employees:

Dylan Chase	Transportation Administrative Secretary	5-1-16
Kristie Davis	LAHS Food Service Assistant	5-21-16

9.10 A motion was made by Diana Morgan, seconded by Richard Gross and voted unanimously by those present to approve the March Expenditure Operating reports.

9.11 A motion was made by Peter Ricker, seconded by Diana Morgan and voted unanimously by those present to approve the job description MSAD 52 Adult Basic Education Coordinator and Instructor.

9.12 A motion was made by Richard Gross, seconded by Peter Ricker to approve First Reading and Acceptance of Policy IGA: Curriculum Development and Adoption and deletion of Regulations IGA-R: Curriculum Development. A lengthy discussion of various points of view regarding the policy was held. In summary, staff who spoke felt that the policy change “took away the voice of the teachers in the process of developing curriculum”. Administration noted that letter “E” of the policy made teacher voice in the process mandatory and at “an appropriate level”. Mr. Peter Ricker stated multiple times that he felt that the policy needed more “teeth” with regard to teacher input. Various board members expressed that they felt the policy was fine as written.

A motion was made by Richard Gross, seconded by JoAnn Nickerson and voted 5 Yes (Bullard, Gross, Nickerson, Morgan, Kowalski) and 1 No (Ricker) to approve First Reading and Acceptance of Policy IGA: Curriculum Development and Adoption and deletion of Regulations IGA-R: Curriculum Development.

Chairperson Bullard said that she is confident that there will be feedback about the effectiveness of the new policy.

9.13 The Board reviewed the revised Regulations IKFA-R: Awarding of MSAD 52 Diploma.

9.14 The Board discussed the 2016-17 budget process.

9.15 A motion was made by Yuri Kowalski, seconded by Diana Morgan and voted unanimously by those present to enter into Executive Session to discuss MaineCare audit settlement pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E).

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:50 P.M.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:04

9.16 A motion was made by Peter Ricker, seconded by Richard Gross and vote unanimously by those present to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign MaineCare settlement agreement.

9.17 & 9.18

Agenda item not needed.

9.19 & 9.20

Agenda item not needed.

9.21 A motion was made by Yuri Kowalski, seconded by Diana Morgan and voted unanimously by those present to enter into Executive Session to discuss information related to negotiations with Administrative Group pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(D).

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:05 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:35 p.m.

9.22 No action taken.

10. Other Business – None.

12. A motion was made by Peter Ricker, seconded by Richard Gross and voted unanimously by those present to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Henry Aliberti, Secretary

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 52
COMPUTATION AND DECLARATION OF VOTES

The total number of votes cast in the Towns of Greene, Leeds, and Turner in the affirmative on Article 1 of the Warrant and Notice of Election of the Budget Validation Referendum held May 17, 2016 is **135** and the total number of votes cast in the negative is **101**, said votes being computed as follows:

	AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE
Town of Greene	_____ 29 _____	_____ 22 _____
Town of Leeds	_____ 34 _____	_____ 14 _____
Town of Turner	_____ 72 _____	_____ 65 _____
TOTAL	_____ 135 _____	_____ 101 _____

The School Board hereby declares that there were **more** votes cast in the affirmative than in the negative on said Article and finds that said Article has **passed**.

The total number of votes cast in the Towns of Greene, Leeds, and Turner in the affirmative on Article 2 of the Warrant and Notice of Election of the Budget Validation Referendum held May 17, 2016 is **148** and the total number of votes cast in the negative is **85**, said votes being computed as follows:

	AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE
Town of Greene	_____ 38 _____	_____ 13 _____
Town of Leeds	_____ 28 _____	_____ 18 _____
Town of Turner	_____ 82 _____	_____ 54 _____
TOTAL	_____ 148 _____	_____ 85 _____

The School Board hereby declares that there were **more** votes cast in the affirmative than in the negative on said Article and finds that said Article has **passed**.

Dated: May 26, 2016

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Christy J. Bullard

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Richard F. Gross
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A majority of the School Board of Maine School Administrative District No. 52

A true copy, attest:

[Signature]
Henry Liberti, Jr., Secretary