

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT No. 52

Greene, Leeds, and Turner, Maine

Minutes of the First-Second Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors for 2014-2015

August 21, 2014 6:30 P.M. Leeds Central School

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

Members absent: None

Others Present: Becky Foley, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Deb 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 Pamela Doyen, Greene Central School Principal; Karen Potvin, Technology Education Coordinator; Razell Ward, Adult Education Director; District Citizens; District Employees

1. Chairperson Elizabeth Bullard called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Soucy.
2. The First Regular Meeting Minutes, August 7, 2014, was approved under general consent with correction of misspelled word under 9.7.
3. Communications:
 - 3.1 Assistant Superintendent Foley reported the following resignations:

Misty Favreau	Leeds Central School Title 1A Ed Tech III
Kimberly Spencer	Greene Central School Assistant Principal
Anna Hill	Leeds Central School Food Service Manager
Steven Ginn	Leavitt Area High School Guidance Counselor
 - 3.2 Superintendent Aliberti reported the transfer of Pamela Stewart from Turner Primary School Special Education Ed Tech II to Special Education Ed Tech III.
4. Adjustments to Agenda - None
5. Committee Reports:
 - 5.1 Finance Committee: Jon Woodard reported the committee has met and reviewed financial reports. The committee discussed reducing the fund balance for the well replacement last summer at Leavitt Area High School. They no longer feel the District needs to take this from the Capital Repairs account.

- 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 met and received some input from day care providers on Policy EAAA: Walkers and Riders. The committee also reviewed several job descriptions.
 - 5.4 Student Representative's Report: None.
 - 5.5 Administrator's Report: None.
 - 5.6 Superintendent's Report: Assistant Superintendent Foley reviewed Superintendent Aliberti's report for tonight's Board meeting. She reminded the Board about Opening Day breakfast being held on August 25, 2014.
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 Peter Ricker and voted unanimously by those present to approve all Non-Instructional appointments.
 - 8.1.1 Lawrence Hathaway, Tripp Middle School 7th Grade Football Coach.
 - 8.1.2 Jennifer Simmons, Tripp Middle School 8th Grade Boys Soccer Coach.
 - 8.1.3 Justin Melanson, Tripp Middle School 7th Grade Football Assistant Coach.
 - 8.1.4 Hailee Mulherin, Leavitt Area High School JV Girls Soccer Coach.
 - 8.1.5 Steve McCarthy, Leavitt Area High School Assistant Cross Country Coach.
 - 8.1.6 Jennifer Hare, Greene Central School Ed Tech III Interventionist.
9. New Business:
 - 9.1 Instructional Nominations – A motion was made by Richard Gross, seconded by Robert Allen and voted unanimously by those present to approve an Instructional appointment.
 - 9.1.1 Christie Grant, Turner Primary School Guidance Counselor.
 - 9.2 A motion was made by Peter Ricker, seconded by Diana Morgan and voted unanimously by those present to approve the lease purchase agreements with Androscoggin Bank for three buses.
 - 9.3 Business Manager Deb Roberts shared with the Board three proposals for electricity options and the recommendation is for ME Power Option. The supplier is Consellations @ .0798kw for thirty-five months. A motion was made

by Jon Woodard, seconded by Peter Ricker and voted unanimously by those present to approve ME Power Options for new electricity supplier.

- 9.4 Assistant Superintendent Foley explained the language that has been drafted for Policy EEAA: Walkers and Riders after public input from August 7, 2014 Board meeting. A motion was made by Richard Gross, seconded by Yuri Kowalski to accept the drafted language. A discussion was held. The procedural piece will need to be worked out once the policy is adopted. Peter Ricker shared that other child care facilities in-district contacted him and were concerned that these are not tax paying businesses if they are outside our District. Richard Gross wanted to make sure the day care facilities provided a copy of their license. Robert Allen was concerned we do not have a written procedure in place and this may open a can of worms. District citizens spoke of their concern about this policy change and the impact on tax payers and long bus routes. A motion was made by Richard Gross, seconded by Yuri Kowalski and voted 2 Yes (Gross, Kowalski), 6 No (Woodard, Soucy, Allen, Morgan, Ricker, Bullard) and 1 Abstain (Nickerson) to approve First and Second Reading and Adoption of Policy EEAA: Walkers and Riders. The motion failed.

This policy will go back to the Curriculum/Policy Committee and changes need to be announced, when possible, so all interested parties know the potential impact.

- 9.5 A motion was made by Robert Allen, seconded by Richard Gross and voted unanimously by those present to approve the following job descriptions:

Librarian Associate Technician III
Educational Technician I
Educational Technician II
Educational Technician III
District Technician
Administrative Secretary (School-based)
Food Service Assistant
Food Service Specialist
Food Service Manager
Assistant Special Education Director

- 9.6 Assistant Superintendent Foley explained that Superintendent Aliberti receives requests to attend our schools from out-of-district and the Department of Education Commissioner is overturning his decisions not to allow out-of-district students to attend school in the District and our in-district student requests are being denied. Robert Allen and Peter Ricker feel we have a policy in place. Peter Ricker felt the District needs to address this with the Commissioner and that non-taxpaying citizens should not just be placed here. Yuri Kowalski agreed that we have a policy in place and the District should adhere to this policy. JoAnn Nickerson thinks the District should consider what Superintendent Aliberti is suggesting and it feels uncomfortable that the District is turning down our own District students. Superintendent Aliberti is asking of the Board to give him the leeway to reconsider these in-district requests that have been denied. Assistant Superintendent Foley explained that the Western Maine Superintendent Association is addressing their concerns with the Department of Education Commissioner regarding the overturning of their

decisions but have not seen any changes yet. Business Manager Deb Roberts shared with the Board that the District does eventually get funding for the out-of-district students from the State, but the charter schools get the funding immediately.

A motion was made by Richard Gross, seconded by Jon Woodard and voted 4 Yes (Bullard, Nickerson, Gross, Woodard) and 5 No (Morgan, Allen, Ricker, Kowalski, Soucy) to allow the Superintendent to review the in-district school transfer requests that have been denied and determine if space exists at the grade level in which the students would be attending and work with our principals, if space exists, permit District families to attend their requesting school. The motion failed.

Hearing no objection, Chairperson Bullard moved to Agenda item 10.

10. Other Business:

10.1 Richard Gross asked where money came from when the District makes donations for relatives of employees who have passed. Business Manager Deb Robert explained it was budgeted in the School Board supplies.

10.2 Robert Allen asked about filling the Assistant Principal position that was vacated by Kim Spencer at Greene Central School. Assistant Superintendent Foley explained that the District is going to try without for a while to see what the building does need. Greene Central School Principal Pam Doyen spoke that the BLT is discussing and keeping data to see what they really need in this position.

Diana Morgan and John Soucy left the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

9.7 A motion was made by Peter Ricker, seconded by Robert Allen and voted unanimously by those present to enter into Executive Session to conduct a hearing and consider the readmission of a student pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(B).

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:40 P.M.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:02 P.M.

9.8 A motion was made by Yuri Kowalski, seconded by Peter Ricker and voted 6 Yes (Bullard, Woodard, Allen, Kowalski, Nickerson, Ricker) and 1 No (Gross) to readmit the student.

11. A motion was made by Yuri Kowalski, seconded by Elizabeth Bullard and voted unanimously by those present to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Henry Aliberti, Secretary