

Minutes of the Madawaska School Committee **Regular** Meeting held October 24, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the Superintendent's Conference Room.

PRESENT: Yves Dube, Chairperson Terry L. Wood, Superintendent
 Roger Thibodeau and Recorder
 David Morneault Wayne Anderson
 Walter Desrosier Ginette Albert
 Keith Theriault Christine Cowie

GUESTS PRESENT: See attached list

I. The meeting was called to order at 4:02p.m.

 Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Adjustment to the Agenda.

By consensus substitute pay was added to agenda as item IXC.

III. Correspondence and Announcements.

 A) Congres Mondial Acadien 2014.

The school committee discussed the letter as a whole.

IV. Period of Public Participation about Items on this Agenda.

No one took advantage of public participation.

V. Approval of Minutes. of the September 12, 2011 regular meeting.

Keith Theriault moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 12, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Roger Thibodeau and so passed.

VI. Approval of the Financial Report.

There was discussion on specific costs. Caryl Albert reported on expenses along with the administrators.

Roger Thibodeau moved to approve the September 2011 financial report as presented. Seconded by David Morneault and so passed.

VII. Superintendent's Report.

A) Biomass – Phase I/Phase II

Mrs. Wood informed the committee that the project has begun. Contract on Phase II is being prepared with WBRC.

B) Classroom Teachers Negotiation Update.

Yves Dube updated the committee on negotiations.

C) Transportation.

Mrs. Wood informed the committee that the new bus has been ordered with the arrival date either January/February.

The transportation department will be focusing on preventative maintenance to help deter major repairs.

VIII. Other Reports:

A) Assessment Data Wall – Elementary Principal.

Mrs. Albert explained to the committee about DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) data wall and that staff will put information on chart and watch students progress through RTI (Response To Intervention) and that a ½ hour block has been put into the schedule.

B) Potato Harvest Survey – Middle/High School Principal.

Mr. Anderson shared information with the committee.

Yves Dube discussed the possibility of having to change potato harvest.

Keith Theriault discussed issue of the St. John Valley Technology Center.

Are students being at a disadvantage with NECAP testing?

Does harvest break have impact on students?

C) Website and Upcoming classes/courses suggestions – Adult Education Director.

Mrs. Cowie discussed Fall Classes and a description of courses. She gave out magnets and a course request form.

Walter Desrosier will be placing the form on the Twin Rivers electronic newsletter.

D) Band Boosters Presentation.

Don Gendreau shared with the school committee all of the activities planned for the 2011-12 school year.

IX. Items of Business:

New Business:

A) Appointment of X-Country Coach.

Walter Desrosier moved to appoint George Bragdon III as the X-Country coach for school year 2011-12. Seconded by David Morneault and so passed 5-0-0.

B) Nomination of Half-time Elementary Teaching Position.

Mrs. Wood nominated Julie Albert-Cyr for the half-time position for school year 2011-12 school year only. Seconded by Roger Thibodeau and so passed 5-0-0.

Walter Desrosier discussed his approval of the high caliber of candidates being hired for positions.

C) Substitute Pay.

Discussed daily rate ranges.

Walter Desrosier asked to place this on the November 21, 2011 regular meeting.

Yves Dube discussed the possibility of looking at paying substitute teachers more if they were highly qualified in the areas they are substituting for.

Discussion included the possibility of \$5.00 increase in all categories and addressing substitutes for half-days.

Old Business:

X. A) 2ND reading policy JFCC-R – Student Conduct on School Buses.

Keith Theriault moved to accept revisions of policy for 2nd reading. Seconded by Roger Thibodeau and so passed 5-0-0.

Policy will be in effect immediately.

X. **Roger Thibodeau moved to adjourn meeting at 5:27p.m. Seconded by Keith Theriault and so passed 5-0-0.**