

MINUTES of the Madawaska School Committee Regular Meeting held August 12, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Superintendent's Conference Room.

PRESENT: Roger Thibodeau, Chairman Michael Wright, Supt. of Schools
Yves Dube Jeannette Condon, Interim Supt.
David Morneault Wayne Anderson
Walter Desrosier Donald Garon
Keith Theriault Christine Cowie

GUESTS PRESENT: **see attached list**

Chairperson Roger Thibodeau introduced the new Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Jeannette Condon to the audience.

I. **The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.**

II. Adjustment to the Agenda.

A) Mr. Wright informed the committee that under item 9, Old Business we would not need item A due to no new information available.

III. Correspondence and Announcements.

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

An audience member asked if they could discuss budget issues when the budget was discussed later on the agenda.

V. **David Morneault moved to accept minutes of July 8, 2009 as presented. Seconded by Yves Dube and so passed 5-0-0.**

Keith Theriault moved to accept minutes of July 9, 2009 as presented. Seconded by David Morneault and so passed 5-0-0.

David Morneault moved to accept minutes of July 13, 2009 as presented. Seconded by Yves Dube and so passed 5-0-0.

Walter Desrosier moved to accept minutes of July 14, 2009 as presented. Seconded by Keith Theriault and so passed 5-0-0.

David Morneault moved to accept minutes of August 4, 2009 as presented. Seconded by Keith Theriault and so passed 5-0-0.

- VI. **Walter Desrosier moved to accept the May 2009 financial report as presented. Seconded by Yves Dube and so passed.**

David Morneault moved to accept the June 2009 financial report as presented. Seconded by Walter Desrosier and so passed 5-0-0.

- VII. **Superintendent's Report:**

- **Superintendent Wright mentioned we have an athletic director in place for the time being. Also updated the committee on the search of a permanent Superintendent.**
- **Chair, superintendent and two principals met on budget cuts.**
- **Possible budget committee meeting next week.**
- **Spoke with Support Staff negotiator. ESP to meet next week to ratify contract.**
- **Yves Dube asked is Vicky Kohr could be on the Superintendent search committee.**

- VIII. **Other Reports:**

Yves Dube reported to the committee that he met with Clayton Belanger, Supt. of Schools MSAD 24 and with the business manager, Charlie Anderson August 3, 2009 about consolidating programs in the future to curb the cost for both parties. (see attached documentation

Yves Dube moved to start this process with MSAD 24. Seconded by Walter Desrosier. David Morneault stated that this is only discussions and no definitive action be taken beyond that. All agreed and so passed 5-0-0.

- IX. **Items of Business.**

New Business:

- A) Yves Dube moved to appoint Merilda Plourde as the Middle School Girls Soccer Coach. Seconded by Keith Theriault and so passed 5-0-0.**

- B) EEAA/EEAC – School Transportation Safety – 1st reading**

Mr. Wright explained why the need for the change of this policy. He explained why all roads should not be included in the “no crossing the road” policy other that Route 1. Guy Deschaine further explained this situation. Mr. Anderson asked for a clause to allow the crossing of Route 1 on athletic runs only.

Yves Dube moved to accept 1st reading of policy EEAA/EEAC with Mr. Anderson's adjustment to policy. Seconded by David Morneault and so passed 5-0-0.

C) 2009-10 Budget

Chairperson Thibodeau explained the budget workshop meeting with budget committee.

Superintendent, Chairperson and the two principals to meet for additional cuts and be made to public next week.

Jim Cyr asked that cuts made should focus on the least impact possible on students. Yves Dube stated that committee would be cognizant of student needs.

D) David Morneault moved to accept the following dates for the 2009-10 School Committee meetings. Seconded by Walter Desrosier and so passed 5-0-0.

July 8, 2009	January 13, 2010
August 12, 2009	February 10, 2010
September 9, 2009	March 10, 2010
October 14, 2009	April 14, 2010
November 11, 2009	May 12, 2010
December 9, 2009	June 9, 2010

E) 2009-10 School Committee Standing Committees

This item will be taken at the next school committee meeting.

Old Business:

A) To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) to discuss negotiations between Madawaska Education Association as bargaining unit for Madawaska Educational Support Personnel and the Madawaska School Committee.

This item was not needed at this time.

X. Yves Dube moved to adjourn meeting at 7:10 p.m. Seconded by David Morneault and so passed 5-0-0.