

MINUTES of the Madawaska School Committee **Regular** Meeting held **March 11, 2009** at 6:30 p.m. at the Superintendent's Conference Room.

PRESENT: Yves Dube, Chairman Michael C. Wright, Superintendent
 Paul Cyr (absent) Ginette Albert
 Roger Thibodeau Wayne Anderson
 Michael Lavertu Donald Garon
 David Morneault Christine Cowie
 Barbara Pineau

GUESTS PRESENT: **Caryl Albert, Vincent Vanier**

I. **The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.**

II. Adjustment to the Agenda.

A) Adjustments - none

III. Correspondence and Announcements.

A) Maine Coalition of School Units.

Mr. Wright explained the proposal from the law firm Preti Flaherty to represent schools that have a penalty for not regionalizing. Mr. Wright recommends that we sit on this until further notice to be filed.

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

No one took advantage of public participation.

V. **Roger Thibodeau moved to approve the minutes of the Regular School Committee meeting February 11, 2009 and Special Meeting of March 2, 2009 as presented. Seconded by David Morneault and so passed 4-0-0.**

VI. **Roger Thibodeau moved to approve the February 2009 Financial Report as presented. Seconded by Michael Lavertu and so passed 4-0-0.**

VII. Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Wright shared the results of his meeting with the Valley superintendent's. He shared that all the superintendents feel the same way that there are no answers at this time in regard to State Revenues, forgiveness of penalties and general information needed for budgets.

VIII. Other Reports: **None at this time.**

IX. Items of Business.

New Business:

A) Teacher Continuing Contracts

Elementary School

Rose Morin
Lynne Cyr
Jennifer Corriveau
Peggy Ruest
Tammy Baron-Hedou
Joan Sirois-Albert
Lise Pelletier
Melissa Morneault
Benjamin Sirois
Bonny Tingley-Plourde
Georgianna Babin

Christine Chasse
Carol Collin
Gloria Stoliker
Dianne Daigle
Jennifer Sirois
Rita Pelletier
Gina Jandreau
Beatrice Ouellette
Phyllis Thayer
Daniel Cyr
Melissa Johnson

Roger Thibodeau moved to accept the recommendation from Mr. Wright for teachers on the continuing contract as listed. Seconded by David Morneault and so passed 4-0-0.

Middle/High School

Theresa Cyr
Linda McDermott
Lisa Charette
Marc Albert
Merilda Plourde

Connie Mollison-Vanier
James Charette
Clarence Soucy
Louise Albert

High School

Balazs Gereben
Colin V. Jandreau
Elizabeth Ann Daigle
Gisele Faucher
Leo James Dugal
Martha Michaud
Nicole Cyr
Vickie Boucher
Wanda Henderson

Carlene Levesque
Debbie Nadeau
T. Mark Kelly
Michael S. Taggett
Lisa Welch
Matthew A. Rossignol
Teresa Madore
Virginia Bechard
Thomas Gerard

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Therese Provenzano

Connie Cloutier

Roger Thibodeau moved to accept the recommendation from principal, Wayne Anderson for first year teachers on the continuing contract as listed. Seconded by Michael Lavertu and so passed 4-0-0.

B) David Morneault moved to accept Early Release Good Friday, April 10, 2009 at 12:30. Seconded by Roger Thibodeau and so passed 4-0-0.

C) 2009-2010 Budget Discussion.

Mr. Wright explained what monies were allocated for Madawaska last year and what we will need for next year, because of wages, lost revenues and etc. Mr. Wright mentioned that certain contracts have certain dates attached to them and that possible reductions are coming. He has certain ideas in mind to recommend to the Committee but feels it is premature to announce them until we know more. Mr. Wright distributed the 2009-2010 budget calendar. He also expressed that while we build the budget we need to keep an eye on the future, 3 to 5 years down the road. He reiterated that over the next several weeks we will have difficult decisions to make.

D) Policies for revision:

Roger Thibodeau moved to accept GCFB-R1 - Recruiting and Hiring Staff for first reading as is. Seconded by Michael Lavertu and so passed 4-0-0.

Roger Thibodeau moved to accept GDE - Support Staff Recruiting/Hiring for first reading as is. Seconded by Michael Lavertu and so passed 4-0-0.

E) Roger Thibodeau moved to accept the Program of Studies for school year 2009-2010 at Madawaska Middle/High School. Seconded by Michael Lavertu and so passed 4-0-0.

Old Business:

A) Update on Alliance with MSAD#27 for Special Education Director Services.

Mr. Wright is working on negotiating with MSAD #27 as authorized by the School Committee.

B) Response to RFQ Update - Interviewing firms Saturday, March 21, 2009.

C) Negotiations Update

Roger Thibodeau moved to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(D) to discuss negotiations between Madawaska Educational Support Personnel and the School Committee. Seconded by Michael Lavertu and so passed 4-0-0.

Time In: 7:43 p.m.

Time Out: 8:20 p.m.

POST EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No report.

X. Roger Thibodeau moved to adjourn meeting at 8:20 p.m. Seconded by Michael Lavertu and so passed 4-0-0.