

Amended minutes at the meeting of July 8, 2009. See **item IIA, item IX B and C** – change done is italic and underlined.

MINUTES of the Madawaska School Committee Regular Meeting held May 13, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Superintendent’s Conference Room.

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

GUESTS PRESENT: **see attached list**

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

II. Adjustment to the Agenda.

A) Adjustments

Paul Cyr motioned to table items IX A & B because he did not believe we should be hiring due to current budget issues. Paul Cyr motioned that positions should be re-advertised so that former and future people who are RIF victims can apply. Motion failed no second.

Paul Cyr moved to postpone items IX C&D due to no performance evaluations. Motion failed due to no second.

Mr. Wright asked that an executive session be added prior to item IX. C to discuss contract extensions. Yves Dube moved to approve seconded by Roger Thibodeau.

Paul Cyr questioned needing executive session to review a process. Mr. Wright asked that motion be withdrawn. Motion was withdrawn.

Mr. Wright also asked that under old business item A be stricken from tonight’s agenda. Consensus.

III. Correspondence and Announcements.

Mr. Dube spoke of the invitation all had received to the end of year banquet. He encouraged all to attend.

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

Balazs Gereben, Madawaska Education President spoke about the budget anxiety and asked if the school committee is looking to reduce dollars or

just bodies. Mr. Gereben reminded the committee that teachers took a 0% increase this year and lowered their medical coverage.

V. Approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting of April 8, 2009.

Roger Thibodeau moved to accept minutes as presented. Seconded by David Morneau and so passed 5-0-0.

VI. Approval of the **April 2009** Financial Report.

Roger Thibodeau moved to accept the financial report as presented. Seconded by David Morneau and so passed 4-1-0 Paul Cyr opposed.

VII. Superintendent's Report:

VIII. Other Reports:

Christine Cowie, Adult Ed Director passed out adult education information to the school committee.

IX. **Items of Business.**

New Business:

A) Hiring of Elementary Special Education Teacher

Roger Thibodeau moved to accept the nomination of Eric Carter. Seconded by Michael Lavertu and so passed 4-1-0. Paul Cyr opposed.

B) Hiring of Middle School Special Education Teacher

Roger Thibodeau moved to accept the nomination of Amy Roy. Seconded by Michael Lavertu and so passed 4-1-0. Paul Cyr opposed.

C) **Action on contract extensions of Professional Staff not covered by a Comprehensive Contract whose current contracts end June 2010.**

Professional Staff: Principals, Guidance, School Nurse, Technology Coordinator and School Nurse.

David Morneau moved to accept the recommendations of Mr. Wright to extend the contracts of the following through 2011:

Wayne Anderson, Middle/High Principal

Ginette Albert, Elementary Principal

Lynn Wetmore, Nurse

Vincent Vanier, Technology Coordinator

Mark Nadeau, Guidance Director

Christine Cowie, Adult Education Director

Seconded by Michael Lavertu and so passed 4-1-0. Paul Cyr opposed.

- D) **Action on contract extensions of Professional Staff not covered by a Comprehensive Contract whose current contracts end June 2009.**

Roger Thibodeau moved to accept the recommendations of Mr. Wright to extend the contracts of the following through 2010:

**Shirleen Gendreau, Elementary Guidance Counselor
Arianna Kelly, Middle School Guidance Counselor**

Seconded by David Morneault and so passed 4-1-0. Paul Cyr opposed.

- E) **Adoption of 2009 - 2010 School Calendar.**

Michael Lavertu moved to accept the calendar as presented. Seconded by David Morneault and so passed 5-0-0.

- F) **Action taken at the May 6, 2009 Budget Committee meeting to create ad hoc school budget committee.**

Mr. Dube read the following to the committee and gave reasons for declaring the past action void.

A last night's budget workshop meeting with the Madawaska Budget Committee, the committee took an action that would have formed a temporary sub-committee made up of two Committee Members, Superintendent, Principals, and two persons from the Teacher's Association. While reflecting on this action, I realized that the motion should have been made during a regular, special, emergency or adjourned meeting where minutes are taken and kept on committee actions. (see policies BE, BEDG). Workshops are meetings put together to discuss a particular subject or to gather input from staff, community, or other groups and where no minutes are kept or formal action is taken. (See MSBA Handbook 2004-2006 edition Chapter 4, p.2).

Within the context of official decision making, committee action must be formally deliberated in meetings where actions can be binding, therefore, until further deliberation is held on the matter, I must rule to hold off on the implementation of the action.

Old Business:

- A) **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.**

See adjustments to agenda - item stricken from this agenda.

- X. **Paul Cyr moved to adjourn meeting at 7:45 p.m.. Seconded by Roger Thibodeau and so passed 5-0-0.**