

MINUTES of the Madawaska School Committee Regular Meeting held on August 13, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Madawaska Middle/High School Library.

PRESENT: Yves Dube, Chairman
Paul Cyr
Roger Thibodeau
Michael Lavertu
David Morneault
William Fowler, Supt. and Recorder
Ginette Albert
Wayne Anderson
Christine Cowie
Donald Garon

GUESTS PRESENT: see attached list

- I. **The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.**
- II. Adjustment to the Agenda.
 - A) **Adjustments**
 - **Paul Cyr moved to add discussion of channel 16 on the agenda. Failed due to no second.**
 - **Yves Dube moved to add to item IX C to add French report to the agenda seconded by Michael Lavertu and so passed 5-0-0.**
- III. Correspondence and Announcements.

Mr. Fowler read the letter from the Association regarding the grievance about a RIF'ed teacher dropping the grievance. Paul Cyr noted to the committee members to read the article in the St. John Valley Times by Mrs. Ouellette.
- IV. Period of Public Participation about Items on this Agenda.

Gerard Chasse, High School Custodial supervisor spoke about the heating system at the high school and what need to be done.
- V. **David Morneault moved to table the approval of minutes until the next regular meeting seconded by Paul Cyr and so passed 5-0-0.**
- VI. June 2008 Financial Report.

Paul Cyr moved to table the approval of the report because a full report was not sent. Seconded by Yves Dube and so passed 5-0-0.

VII. Superintendent's Report.

- Asked school committee members if they had any questions about the monthly report he submitted to them.
- AD&D forms were distributed.
- MSBA delegate needed for fall conference.
- RPC schedule distributed with notebooks containing AOS Plan and Interlocal Agreements.
- Special meeting next week Wednesday, August 20, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

VIII. Other Reports.

A) Search Committee Update.

Six applicants and more expected. Paul Cyr moved to broaden search committee to include community representative, one administrator and one associate. Seconded by Michael Lavertu and so passed 5-0-0.

IX. Items of Business.

New Business:

A) Revised Budget for FY 09, discussion with possible action.

Superintendent Fowler reviewed the proposed budget and suggested September 2, 2008 for the town meeting and the following Wednesday, September 10, 2008 for the referendum.

B) Discussion with possible action regarding the location of school Committee meetings.

Roger Thibodeau moved to move school committee meeting location to the Superintendent's Conference Room seconded by David Morneault and so passed 3-1-1. Paul Cyr opposed and Yves Dube abstained.

C) The Core French sub-committee and elementary school principal Ginette Albert met with the French Club on August 11, 2008. Mrs. Albert gave an update on the "Enhanced Core French" program and

stated that the goal of the program is to have students leaving Grade 5 with the ability to read, write and speak French.

OLD BUSINESS:

A) Boiler repair/replacement at the Middle/High School.

Paul Cyr moved to solicit bids to repair and or replace all steam traps at the High School seconded by Roger Thibodeau and so passed 5-0-0.

Paul Cyr moved to solicit bids for a steam system boiler convertible to hot water seconded by Roger Thibodeau and so passed 5-0-0.

Paul Cyr moved to solicit bids for relining and/or replacing the current chimney seconded by Roger Thibodeau and so passed 5-0-0.

B) David Morneault moved to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) to discuss negotiations between Madawaska Classroom Teachers and the School Committee. Seconded by Roger Thibodeau and so passed 5-0-0.

Time In: 8:05 p.m. Time Out: 8:29 p.m.

POST EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Paul Cyr moved to ask the association to go back to the table to resume negotiations seconded by David Morneault and so passed 5-0-0.

C) Roger Thibodeau moved to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) to discuss administrative contracts. Seconded by David Morneault and so passed 5-0-0.

Time In: 8:30 p.m. Time Out: 8:40 p.m.

POST EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Paul Cyr moved to authorize the Superintendent to issue Ginette Albert, Elementary Principal a contract with no increase in current salary. Seconded by Roger Thibodeau and so passed 5-0-0.

X. Paul Cyr moved to adjourn meeting at 8:45 p.m. seconded by David Morneault and so passed 5-0-0.