

**MINUTES** of the Madawaska School Committee Regular Meeting held January 16, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Madawaska Middle/High School Library.

**PRESENT:** Yves Dube, Chairman  
Paul Cyr  
Roger Thibodeau  
Della Schlicher (absent)  
David Morneault  
Paul Malinski, Superintendent  
Wayne Anderson  
Mary Lunney  
Christine Cowie  
Donald Garon  
Barbara Pineau

**GUESTS PRESENT:** **see attached list**

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
- II. Adjustment to the Agenda.
  - A) **Adjustments (none)**
- III. Correspondence & Announcements.
  - \* **Yves Dube updated the committee on the latest RPC meeting. Mr. Malinski also discussed property ownership of buildings/land under the RSU.**
  - \* **Van Buren has been told that the State isn't likely to withhold subsidy and is working with MSAD #24.**
  - \* **Mr. Malinski informed the school department has received two retirement letters from Donald Garon and Charlotte Castleberry.**
- IV. Period of Public Participation about Items on this Agenda.

**No one chose to participate.**
- V. Approval of Minutes of the December 12, 2007 meeting.

**Roger Thibodeau moved to accept minutes as written seconded by David Morneault and so passed 4-0-0.**
- VI. Financial Report.
  - A) **November, 2007**
  - B) **December, 2007**

In explaining budget report Mr. Malinski noted specific budget areas of concern at that time. These were areas where significantly more than 50% of the budget had been expended with still half of the year left to go.

David Morneault moved to approve both November and December 2007 reports seconded by Roger Thibodeau and so passed 3-1-0. Paul Cyr opposed.

Paul Cyr objects to withholding meals from delinquent students. Paul also noted that we do not feed these students jelly sandwiches and milk but give them their regular food that every other student has and that we make every diligent effort to collect that debt. Seconded by Yves Dube. Motion failed 2-2-0. Roger Thibodeau and David Morneault opposed.

**VII. Superintendent's Report.**

**A) Pre-Town Budget Committee workshop**

Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

**VIII. OTHER REPORTS:**

**A) Adult Education - Christine Cowie**

School Committee was provided with information on college access (Madawaska, Grand Isle and MSAD #33 Adult Education Community Education Booklet and a catalog) "Courses and Degrees" from the University of Maine System and explained some of the variety of options being provided and the reasons for it. A college transitions program grant was written by the area adult education directors and Madawaska will be receiving approximately \$9000 from this grant. She also responded to questions regarding the programs and booklets she gave out. Christine also reported on the growth of the relationship between Madawaska Adult Education and Northern Maine Community College. Specific programs offered were in Early Childhood and Nursing. She also distributed sheets from NMCC indicating the course schedule and program sequence.

**IX. Items of Business.**

**New Business:**

**A) Review and Discussion on Policies JI, JK, JK-R**

Discussion of these policies. Three of the committee members indicated that they believed that parents did not have an automatic

**right to a hearing before the school committee for detentions and suspension.**

**B) First Reading of Policy KBF (Title I)**

**From the discussion of the policy it was tabled by consent.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A) None**

**X. Roger Thibodeau motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:17 p.m. seconded by David Morneault and so passed 4-0-0.**

**These minutes are supported by a cd**

**Respectfully submitted:**

**Paul J. Malinski  
School Committee Recorder**

**\*\*NOTE: Should you have a handicapping condition please notify the Superintendent of Schools Office by the Friday prior to the meeting and the Madawaska School Department will make proper accommodations (i.e. stairs, hearing, sight and etc)**