

MINUTES of the Madawaska School Committee Regular Meeting held February 25, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Madawaska Middle/High School Library.

PRESENT: Yves Dube, Chairman
Paul Cyr
Roger Thibodeau
Della Schlicher
David Morneault

Paul Malinski, Superintendent
Ginette Albert
Wayne Anderson
Mary Lunney (**absent**)
Christine Cowie
Donald Garon
Barbara Pineau

GUESTS PRESENT: see attached list

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

II. Adjustment to the Agenda.

A) Adjustments

None

III. Superintendent's Report.

- * **Bomb Threat**
- * **Met with area farmers concerning the 2008-09 harvest calendar**
- * **State Subsidy Checks may be reduced due to State budget crunch**
- * **St. John Valley Times Letters to the Editor - Parent owes lunch money**

See attached documentation as part of the minutes.

IV. Correspondence & Announcements.

A) **Professional Leave Report - This information was given to the School Committee**

V. Period of Public Participation About Items on this Agenda.

Paul Cyr moved to allow the public participate concerning the FY 09 budget following its presentation seconded by Roger Thibodeau and so moved 5-0-0.

Balazs Gereben had comments and questions after the budget presentation by Mr. Malinski.

A parent commented on the letters to the editor on the St. John Valley Times requesting a positive image be provided.

VI. Approval of Minutes of the January 16, 2008 meeting.

Paul Cyr moved to table the approval of minutes pending changes seconded by Roger Thibodeau and so moved 5-0-0.

VII. January 2008 Financial Report.

David Morneault moved to accept report as submitted seconded by Roger Thibodeau and so moved 3-2-0. Paul Cyr and Della Schlicher opposed.

VIII. OTHER REPORTS:

A) Roger Thibodeau updated the school committee on RPC. Last meeting was poorly attended with only 16 members out of 45. Little was accomplished.

IX. Items of Business.

New Business:

A) Appointment of Elementary Advisors

Della Schlicher moved to approve advisors as presented seconded by Paul Cyr and so moved 5-0-0.

B) Middle/High School Program of Studies

David Morneault moved to accept the Program of Studies as presented. Seconded by Roger Thibodeau and so moved 4-0-1. Paul Cyr abstained.

C) Initial 2008-09 Budget Presentation

Mr. Malinski presented the budget and the staff reductions to the school committee and that it would not eliminate any student programs.

D) Reduction in Staff

Paul Cyr moved to approve the proposed staff RIF for the bargaining positions as presented. Seconded by Della Schlicher and so passed 5-0-0.

Paul Cyr moved to direct the Superintendent to take a real hard look at administration (all positions outside the bargaining unit). Seconded by Della Schlicher and so moved 4-1-0. David Morneault opposed.

Paul Cyr moved to have the Superintendent have ready 05-06, 06-07, 07-08 year to date expenditures. Seconded by Della Schlicher and so moved 5-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Time In: 8:40 p.m.

Time Out 10:06 p.m.

POST EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No report.

X. David Morneault moved to adjourn meeting at 10:08 p.m. seconded by Roger Thibodeau and so moved 4-0-0.

These minutes are supported by cd

Respectfully submitted:

Paul J. Malinski
School Committee Recorder

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