

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

PRESENT: Yves Dube, Chairman
Paul Cyr (**absent**)
Roger Thibodeau
Michael Lavertu
David Morneault
Michael C. Wright, Recorder & Superintendent of Schools
Ginette Albert
Wayne Anderson
Christine Cowie
Barbara Pineau
Lyford P. Beverage

GUESTS PRESENT: see attached list

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

II. Adjustment to the Agenda.

A) Adjustments

Add executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

III. Correspondence and Announcements.

Chairman Dube had questions on information he had received about 403b plans. Mr. Beverage added to the clarification. Chairman Dube wanted to know what differences are coming that would impact us. Mr. Beverage said that more responsibility is placed on employer.

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

No one took advantage of public participation.

V. Approval of the Minutes of meeting September 11, 2008 and meeting of November 12, 2008.

Roger Thibodeau moved to approve minutes of September 11, 2008 as presented seconded by David Morneault and so passed 4-0-0.

Chairman Dube asked if we were going to develop a policy regarding the code of ethics. The response was "no."

After the discussion David Morneault moved to approve minutes of November 12, 2008 as presented seconded by Roger Thibodeau and so passed 4-0-0.

VI. Approval of the October and November 2008 Financial Reports.

Roger Thibodeau moved to approve the October financial report as presented seconded by David Morneault and so passed 4-0-0.

Roger Thibodeau moved to approve the November financial report as presented seconded by Michael Lavertu and so passed 4-0-0.

Chairman Dube commented about student services page 7 of 11 (Local Entitlement Funds) how they are dispersed.

VII. Superintendent's Report:

- ✧ Mr. Beverage thanked everyone for his experience in Madawaska.
- ✧ Chairman Dube expressed thanks to Mr. Beverage.
- ✧ Mr. Beverage reported on the wood chip burner at Leavitt area High School.
- ✧ Mr. Beverage updated school committee on AOS.

VIII. Other Reports:

None

IX. Items of Business.

New Business:

A) David Morneault moved to approve early dismissal on December 23, 2008 seconded by Roger Thibodeau and so passed 4-0-0.

B) Tractor Lease/Purchase – Elementary School

- ✧ Doesn't have to be a John Deere.
- ✧ Ginette Albert spoke about the need for a new tractor and the town's participation in snow removal.
- ✧ Michael Williams spoke about the frustrations of using broken equipment. Recently, employees brought their own tractors to school to help with snow removal.
- ✧ Discussion took place about contracting with other people.
- ✧ Mr. Wright asked the committee to allow him to investigate further.

C) Accreditation Update (New England Association of Schools and Colleges).

Mr. Anderson updated the school committee on the letter enclosed in the school committee packet. Mr. Beverage and Mr. Wright commented on the extremely positive letter.

NOTE: At this point Chairman Dube mentioned that he had forgotten to make a motion to add executive session 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A) to discuss a personnel issue. Roger Thibodeau moved to enter into executive session seconded by Michael Lavertu and so passed 4-0-0.

Time In: 7:45 p.m.

Time Out: 8:02 p.m.

POST EXEUCTIVE SESSION:

No report.

D) 2009 - 10 Budget Discussion

Mr. Beverage introduced topic - the principals have been working on the process. The budget is an ongoing cycle. Mr. Wright will be working with the principals soon and will be planning a budget meeting schedule.

Old Business:

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

Mr. Beverage shared photos of Leavitt's wood chip system that he had recently visited.

B) Policies for second reading:

Roger Thibodeau moved to adopt policy IHBAAR Referral Administrative Procedure as presented seconded by David Morneault and so passed 4-0-0.

Roger Thibodeau moved to adopt policy JFC Dropout Prevention Student Withdrawal from School as presented seconded by Michael Lavertu and so passed 4-0-0,

X. Roger Thibodeau move to adjourn meeting at 8:24 p.m. seconded by David Morneault and so passed 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Wright