

MINUTES of the Madawaska School Committee Regular Meeting held March 12, 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
Christine Cowie
Donald Garon
Barbara Pineau

GUESTS PRESENT: see attached list

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m.
- II. Adjustment to the Agenda.
 - A) Adjustments
 - ✧ Consideration by Donald Garon to withdraw his resignation as MMHS Assistant Principal - Item D New Business
 - ✧ Letter of Resignation From Mary Lunney, Elementary Principal - Item E New Business
 - ✧ Two Administrative Reductions - Item C New Business
 - ✧ Placing Cameras in both Schools - Item F New Business
- III. Superintendent's Report.
 - ✧ Draft of the 2008-09 budget
 - ✧ ED 281 - Amount of subsidy for school year 2008-09 increase of \$150,000
 - ✧ Superintendent read letters from Donald Garon and Mary Lunney
 - ✧ School bus radio system needs to be changed. We are presently on the town's frequency.
- IV. Correspondence & Announcements.
 - A) Professional Leave Report
 - B) Christine Cowie, Adult Ed Director provided handouts regarding Adult Education opportunities.
- V. Period of Public Participation About Items on this Agenda.
 - ✧ Parent's and staff members spoke on behalf of the position of Special Education Director.

- ✧ Gilbert Cyr, Jr. noted the importance of a new bus annually.
- ✧ Allow a concerned parent to enter into executive session after Old Business.
- ✧ A staff member spoke on the importance of the middle school guidance position.

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

David Morneault moved to approve the minutes with corrections as presented seconded by Paul Cyr and so passed 4-0-0.

February 25, 2008 Minutes

School committee member Paul Cyr expressed that he didn't make the motion on item IX-D. Mr. Malinski read to the audience word for word what Paul Cyr's motion was.

David Morneault moved to cease discussion seconded by Roger Thibodeau and so passed 3-2-0. Della Schlicher and Paul Cyr opposed.

Chairman Dube called for a recess while the DVD was obtained at the Superintendent's office.

Mr. Malinski then showed the audience at 1:46 and 36 seconds that in fact the motion was made as presented in the minutes.

David Morneault moved to accept minutes with the corrections on item VIII - sentence to read: Little was ~~very~~ accomplished. Item IX-A remove the words seconded by Paul Cyr. Seconded by Roger Thibodeau and so passed 3-2-0. Paul Cyr and Della Schlicher opposed.

VII. February 2008 Financial Report.

Roger Thibodeau moved to accept financial report as presented. Seconded by David Morneault and so passed 3-2-0. Della Schlicher and Paul Cyr opposed.

VIII. OTHER REPORTS:

RPC

Chairman Dube reported that by April 1/2008 the RPC committee needs to send a letter on the progress made and what the status is at this time. RPC meetings have been cancelled until they know what the State wants. Sub-committee's will continue to meet.

The RPC group set a referendum for September so that if adjustments need to be made they could be made and have a second vote in November.

IX. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

New Business:

A) Early Release Good Friday, March 21, 2008

David Morneault moved to accept early release for Friday, March 21, 2008 seconded by Roger Thibodeau and so passed 5-0-0.

B) Continuing Contract Teacher Elections

Della Schlicher moved to accept the recommendations of Mary Lunney, Wayne Anderson and the Superintendent. Seconded by David Morneault and so passed 5-0-0.

Elementary School

Rose Morin
Lynne Cyr
Jennifer Corriveau
Peggy Ruest
Tammy Baron-Hedou
Joan Sirois-Albert
Lise Pelletier
Melissa Morneault
Benjamin Sirois
Bonny Tingley-Plourde
Georgianna Babin
Kellie Michaud

Christine Chasse
Carol Collin
Debbie Ouellette
Dianne Daigle
Jennifer Sirois
Rita Pelletier
Gina Jandreau
Beatrice Ouellette
Phyllis Thayer
Daniel Cyr
Melissa Johnson

Middle/High School

Balazs Gereben
Berthe Garcia
Colin V. Jandreau
Elizabeth Ann Daigle
Gisele D. Faucher
Leo James Dugal
Martha Michaud
Lisa Charette
Michael S. Taggett

Carlene Levesque
Connie Mollison-Vanier
Debbie Nadeau
T. Mark Kelly
Linda McDermott
Lisa Welch
Matthew A. Rossignol
Clarence Soucy
Marc Albert

Nicole Cyr
Teresa Madore
Vickie Boucher
Virginia Bechard
Merilda Plourde
Thomas Gerard

James Charette
Louise Albert
Judy Bouchard
Wanda Henderson
Theresa Cyr

C) Action on Reduction of Administrative Staff

Paul Cyr moved to table the reduction of the Special Education Director and Curriculum/Assessment Director until March 17, 2008 at a special meeting seconded by Roger Thibodeau and so passed 5-0-0.

D) Rescind Letter of Resignation

Roger Thibodeau moved to accept Donald Garon's request to withdraw his letter of resignation dated January 6, 2008. Seconded by Paul Cyr and so passed 5-0-0.

E) Letter of Resignation

Roger Thibodeau moved to accept the letter of retirement resignation from Mary Lunney, Principal effective June 30, 2008. Seconded by David Morneault and so passed 5-0-0.

F) School Security Cameras

Authorize the Superintendent to formally bid for the security cameras for both schools. The Superintendent to request from Paul Chasse a listing of possible vendors.

OLD BUSINESS:

A) First reading of Policy KBF (TitleIA)

Paul Cyr moved to accept policy KBF as presented for first reading with the second reading to take place on Monday, March 17, 2008. Seconded by Roger Thibodeau and so passed 5-0-0.

Paul Cyr moved to enter into executive to hear a parent concern in accordance under 20 USC § 1232 G 34 FR part 99. Seconded by Yves Dube and so passed 3-1-0. David Morneault opposed. David Morneault was unable to stay for remainder of the meeting.

Time In: 10:06 p.m.
Time Out: 10:43 p.m.

POST EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No report.

- X. Della Schlicher moved to adjourn at 10:44 p.m. seconded by Roger Thibodeau and so passed 3-0-0.

DVD supports these minutes.

Respectfully submitted:

Paul J. Malinski
School Committee Recorder

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