

## Meeting Minutes

### MEETING MINUTES

A special meeting of the School Board was held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 9, 1999 in the William H. Jordan Conference Room.

**School Board members present were:**

George Entwistle, Chairman  
Beth Currier  
Jennifer DeSena  
Marie Prager  
John Ridge  
Kevin Sweeney  
Keith Witherell

Dr. Cynthia Mowles, Superintendent of Schools

Beth Currier made a motion seconded by Kevin Sweeney to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. The motion was approved 7-0.

The Board entered executive session at 7:01 PM.

Beth Currier made a motion seconded by Kevin Sweeney to enter public session. The motion was approved 7-0. The Board entered public session at 7:13 PM.

The meeting was moved to the Council Chambers for the regular monthly business meeting scheduled for 7:30 PM.

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on Tuesday, March 9, 1999, at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers.

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John Ridge  
Kevin Sweeney  
Keith Witherell

Dr. Cynthia Mowles, Superintendent of Schools

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman George Entwistle.

Others present included: **Peter Dawson, Nancy Hutton, Tom Eismeier, Dwight Ely, Carmen Melito, Marla Bonneau, Pauline Aportria, Sue Weatherbie, Keith Weatherbie, Jeff Butterworth, Alicia Chang, Mary Ann Chapman, Amelia Wiggins**

1. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Chairman Entwistle

2. Adjustments to agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

3. Approval of School Board Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting held on February 9, 1999 and the special meetings held on February 23, and 26, 1999 were approved as presented.

4. Comments by Student Representatives

Elicia Chang and Jeff Butterworth reported on items of interest from the students' perspective at the High School.

Middle School representatives Mary Ann Chapman and Amelia Wiggins updated the Board on activities of interest going on at their school.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5a. Kevin Sweeney thanked all of the students, coaches and faculty involved in the winter sports and co-curricular activities.

5b. George Entwistle reported that he, Beth Currier and Dr. Mowles testified before the Joint Legislative Committee on Education in Augusta in support of LD 1215, an act to prohibit participation on a school board of an individual who is, or whose spouse is, involved in suing the board with the possibility of monetary gain. He added that John Ridge also testified in opposition to the bill.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

6a. Dr. Mowles announced that the Calendar Committee will meet on March 31, 1999 to work on the draft of a calendar for the 1999-2000 school year. Board members on the committee are Beth Currier, Marie Prager and John Ridge. Also serving on the committee are members of the administrative and teaching staff and a student representative. The draft should be ready to present for School Board consideration at the April 13, 1999 meeting.

6b. Dr. Mowles announced that Hannah Ashley, a social studies teacher at the high school, has submitted her resignation effective at the end of the current school year. She stated that Hannah has been a valuable, contributing member of our faculty and her resignation is accepted with regret.

## 7. PRINCIPALS<sup>1</sup> REPORTS

The assistant principals assumed the role of reporters from each of the schools to inform the Board of important issues and events taking place in the three schools during the last month and of those coming up in the near future.

## 8. SCHOOL BOARD SUBCOMMITTEES AND REPORTS

### 8a. Finance Subcommittee

Finance Subcommittee Chairman Keith Witherell reported that the subcommittee met prior to the school board meeting where they signed warrants, reviewed appropriations reports, and discussed items including a report of the 30<sup>1</sup>s Building renovation report, a resolve concerning educational funding, and a food services report. Chairman Witherell explained that the educational funding resolution is one supported by the Maine School Board Association. They are asking school boards throughout the state to adopt the resolution to urge the State to return to the 55% funding level for school budgets. Keith Witherell made a motion to adopt the resolution and forward copies as indicated in the MSBA correspondence. Beth Currier seconded the motion. The motion was approved 7-0.

### 8b. Policy Subcommittee

Chairman Kevin Sweeney reported that the Policy Subcommittee met briefly (after the superintendent search meeting) on February 11, 1999. Several items were discussed, but no policies were finalized for presentation to the School Board. He also announced that the March meeting will be rescheduled, with the date yet to be determined.

### 8c. Update on Superintendent Search

Beth Currier reported that during the week of February 22, three board members and four administrators did two site visits of finalists. She thanked everybody for their time. She also thanked everyone on the screening committee for their time and energy devoted to the process. She announced that the process is over and a nomination will be made tonight.

## 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business for consideration.

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

10a Consideration of the nomination of the superintendent of schools for 1999-2000

Beth Currier nominated Dr. Thomas Forcella to the position of Superintendent of Schools for the coming school year. She gave a brief synopsis of his background including that he has served as Superintendent of Schools in Wells/Ogunquit for the past five years. She further stated that he has agreed to a three year contract with the salary for the first year at \$85,000 and the salary for the two successive years to be negotiated. John Ridge seconded the motion. The motion was approved 7-0.

10b. Consideration of the superintendent's nominations to athletic fee positions

Dr. Mowles nominated:

Middle School

Rebecca Williams – M.S. Girls Lacrosse  
David Reid – 8th Grade Softball  
Chris Jaskson – 7th Grade Boys Lacrosse  
Jerry McQueeney – 8th Grade Baseball  
Ted Ray – 7th Grade Baseball  
Wayne Bridgham – 7th Grade Softball  
Kevin McDonnell – 8th Grade boys Lacrosse

High School

Bill Brown – Assistant Tennis  
William Robidoux – Assistant Varsity Softball  
Tony Miner – Assistant J.V. Baseball

Keith Witherell made a motion to accept the superintendent's nominations. Marie Prager seconded. After a brief discussion the motion was approved 7-0.

10c. Consideration of the superintendent's nomination to a co-curricular fee position

Dr. Mowles nominated :

Judy Ferrante – Pond Cove Drama/Music

Kevin Sweeney made a motion seconded by Jennifer DeSena to accept the superintendent's nomination. The motion was approved 7-0.

10d. Consideration of proposed extended baseball trip, and;

10e. Consideration of proposed extended lacrosse trip

Dr. Mowles indicated that items 10 d & e could be taken together. She referred Board members to the written proposals included in their school board packets giving the details of the trips. Since all of the paperwork is in order, she recommended that both trips be approved.

Kevin Sweeney made a motion to accept the superintendent's recommendation to approve both trips. Marie Prager seconded. The motion was approved 7-0.

Chairman Entwistle announced dates of upcoming meetings involving the Board and its subcommittees.

There being no further business, Beth Currier made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Jennifer DeSena seconded. The Board approved the motion 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

After a brief recess, the Board reconvened in a workshop session to discuss the FY 2000 School Budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Cynthia Mowles

Superintendent of Schools

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