

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

School Board members present were:

Kathy Ray, Chair
Patricia Brigham, Vice-Chair
Linda Winker
Peter Cotter

Alan H. Hawkins, Superintendent of Schools

School Board members unable to be present were:

Karen Burke
Rebecca Millett

and Student Representatives:

Sara Friedman
Andrew Pezzullo

Chairperson Kathy Ray called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. **Adjustments to Agenda** – ADD 5e, Brandy LaPointe was selected for Board membership on the National Association of College Admissions Counselors; 6f, Scott Shea's physical education adventure field trip; 6g, resignation of bus driver; 6f, reminder about "Hear Our Stories" presentation
2. **Approval of School Board Minutes from October 14, 2008** - Ms. Brigham made a motion that the minutes for the meeting held on October 14, 2008 be approved. Ms. Winker seconded. (Approved 4-0)
3. **Comments from Student Representatives** – none
4. **Comments from Public On Non-Agenda Items** - There were no comments from the public.
5. **RECOGNITION**
 - a. **Erik Nielsen, 4th grade teacher** – Mr. Nielsen explained that he and Shari Robinson recognized a need. He has donated his time to offer regular, weekly technical support to encourage peers' use of technology.
 - b. **Gary Lanoie/ACTEM Conference** - Association of Computer Technology Educators of Maine. Mr. Lanoie was the conference chair this year. The October 16-17 conference was very well attended. Sixteen sessions included national and local presenters.
 - c. **Teachers' CEEF Grant Proposals** – Superintendent Hawkins reported that more than \$70,000 in grant requests were made, with a little over \$20,000 available to award.
 - d. **Fall Athletics Summary** – Mr. Thoreck provided an update on team competitions to date and congratulated all student-athletes, coaches, boosters, and program volunteers.
 - e. **Brandy LaPointe, HS Counselor** – Superintendent Hawkins reported that High School Guidance Counselor Brandy LaPointe was selected for board membership on the National Association of College Admissions Counselors.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. **Bleachers Update** – Mr. Thoreck explained that despite a bit of a delay with the riser portion, installation should be complete and a final walk through scheduled in the coming days.
- b. **Project Graduation** – Superintendent Hawkins briefly reported that the group coordinating project graduation has finalized event details. The specific details are always kept confidential. Students will be traveling less than 125 miles and won't be staying over night, so Board approval is not required.
- c. **Atty General Steven Rowe's "A Call to Action on Underage Drinking"** - Nancy Pezzullo, chair of HOPE (Healthy Outreach for Prevention and Education) Action Team, spoke briefly about the AG's recent presentation.
- d. **International Visitor Leadership presentation** – Ms. Brigham spoke about the enlightening presentation by ten Middle Eastern who spoke about their lives in their home countries. Special thanks to Gretchen McNulty and the World Affairs group students for facilitating this opportunity.
- e. **November 3rd and 4th Staff Development Days** – Superintendent Hawkins reported that staff met by K-12 curriculum groups. Groups continue to focus on learning goals and templates. Every academic area will have these curriculum, instruction and assessment documents for Board approval.
- f. **Physical Education Adventure Field Trip (Scott Shea)** – Superintendent Hawkins provided the Board with information on Scott Shea's class trip to Richmond Island. He noted that this annual event does not meet the current guidelines requiring Board pre-approval.
- g. **Retirement of bus driver Judith Grey, effective December 31, 2008** - Superintendent Hawkins reported Judith Grey's retirement.
- h. **World Language Lecture Series 'Hear Our Stories'** – Brief reminder that the next presentation will be on November 20th at the Community Center.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Consideration of Superintendent's recommendation for High School athletic positions for 2008-09** – (see attachment) Ms. Brigham made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendations for High School athletic positions, with the exception of the Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach (J. Ray). Ms. Winker seconded. (Approved 4-0). Ms. Brigham made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for Boys' Varsity Basketball coach. Ms. Winker seconded. (Approved 3-0; Ray abstained)
- b. **Consideration of Superintendent's recommendation for Middle School athletic positions for 2008-09** – (see attachment) Ms. Brigham made a motion for approval of the Superintendent's recommendations. Ms. Winker seconded. (Approved 4-0)
- c. **Consideration of the following policies for second reading** – Ms. Brigham moved that the following policies be approved as noted. Ms. Winker seconded. (Approved 4-0)
 - JFAB: Admission of Non-Resident Students
 - JJH: Interrupted Study
 - JK: Student Discipline
 - JKA: Corporal Punishment and Use of Force--recommendation for deletion
 - JKE: Expulsion of Students
 - JKD: Suspension of Students
 - JB: Equal Educational Opportunities--recommendation for deletion

d. Consideration of the following policies for first reading

- JJB: School Sponsorship of Social Activities
- JRA: Student Records and Retention
- JRA-R: Student Records and Retention-guidelines
- JRA-E: Student Records and Retention-notice
- JLCC: Communicable Diseases

Ms. Brigham briefly reviewed each policy. - No action required for first reading.

8. Committee Reports –

Policy Committee –Ms. Brigham reported that thanks to Gary Lanoie there is now a substance abuse policy survey on the web site. Community members and students were encouraged to log on and take the quick survey.

Strategic Planning-Ms. Brigham reported that Friday, November 14 would be new School Board member orientation meeting and that in a December workshop, the Board will continue working on goal setting.

9. Public Comment on Agenda Items – None**10. School Board Agenda Requests – None****11. Announcements of Upcoming Meetings –** Ms Ray announced the committee meeting dates are posted on the web site.

- **Calendar Committee** – Thursday, November 6 at 3:15 p.m. in the Madden Conference Room.
- **Personnel Committee** – Thursday, November 13 at 8 a.m. in the Jordan Conference Room.
- **Policy Committee** –Tuesday, November 18 at noon in the Jordan Conference Room.
- **Finance Committee** – ~~Wednesday~~ **Thursday**, November 6 and Wednesday, November 26 at 8 a.m. in the Superintendent's Office.
- **Extra Curricular Committee** – Wednesday, November 5 at 7:30 a.m. in the Jordan Conference Room.
- **School Board Meetings** – Special Meeting: Friday, November 14 at 8:00 a.m. in the Jordan Conference Room; Workshop Meetings: Tuesday, November 18, Tuesday, December 16 and Tuesday, January 27th at 7 p.m. in the HS Library; Regular Meeting: Tuesday, December 2 at 7 pm in Council Chambers.
- **Wellness Committee** – Monday, December 1 at 3:15 p.m. in the Fire Station Meeting Room.

12. Adjournment - Ms. Brigham made a motion for approval. Ms. Winker seconded.

(Approved 4-0) The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan H. Hawkins

Superintendent of Schools