

A regular meeting of the MSAD 36 Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, March 10, 2004 at the Cedar Street Learning Complex with the following members in attendance: Chair Denise Rodzen, Betsy DuBois, Kimberly LaVoie, Fred Nadeau, Rod Newman, Ashley O'Brien, Eric Rodzen, Elaine Smith, Jean Tardif and Cynthia Young; arriving at 9:15 was Jackie Knight and absent was Elizabeth Parker. Also attending were Superintendent Terry Despres, High School Principal Rod Wright, Middle School Principal Matt Gilbert, Elementary Assistant Principal Jeannine Backus members of the staff, students, members of the press and public.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chair Denise Rodzen.
2. Chair Rodzen stated that we would change the order of the agenda this evening to accommodate students and staff present this evening for presentations.
3. Motion was made by Jean Tardif and seconded by Elaine Smith that the minutes of the February 12<sup>th</sup> regular Board meeting be approved. It would be noted that Betsy DuBois was excused at the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. The vote in favor was seven (7) with Fred Nadeau, Kim LaVoie and Betsy DuBois not voting of the ten (10) members present.
4. Superintendent Despres informed the Board that he has received a letter of resignation from Russell Flagg.
5. Motion was made by Eric Rodzen and seconded by Elaine Smith to accept Russell's resignation. The vote in favor was unanimous of the ten (10) members present.
6. Superintendent Despres stated that with elections in June we would go through the process and not replace the vacant positions at this time.
7. Co-Curricular Appointments
  - Varsity Softball LFHS - Brent Hammond
  - JV Softball LFHS - Michelle Merrill
  - Varsity Baseball LFHS - Brian Dube
  - JV Baseball LFHS - Ken Jones
  - Track LFHS - Cathy Nichols
8. Superintendent Despres stated that all upcoming contract appointments for fall sports will be posted. There are no implied contracts under the fair labor laws all positions need to be posted.
9. Mr. Despres stated that he is greatly concerned about the moral at both the state and local level in the field of education. He further stated that supporters of education need to share words of appreciation and encouragement. Public

education is under its greatest attack at this time of year. We need to recognize accomplishments by both students and staff and be positive. Good schools start with people who feel they have value.

10. Cindy Young reported that the Policy Committee met this week to further review the Middle School handbook policies. The committee has completed the review of the High School handbook and will continue to work on reviewing handbooks and Board policies to make sure they are making the same statement.
11. Grace Eaton, LFHS Advisor for the Youth Council group along with several students and Nicole Ditata - Healthy Community Coalition Director of Youth to Youth Programs were available to inform the Board of the work they are doing at LFHS and also to share their project to purchase furniture for the high school. Students in attendance were Tara Harrington, Felicia Thompson, Stephanie Greene, Kayla Gray, James Cooper-Horn, Megan Jackman, Heather Roux and Vanessa Blair. Ms. Ditata stated that the students were a really dedicated group and she thanked MSAD 36 for working with them through this process. Mrs. Eaton stated that the group has presented this proposal to the staff and they think it is a good idea.
12. Matt Gilbert along with student Laura Howell presented a proposal for a Dance Team at the LFMS from approximately March 30<sup>th</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>.
13. Motion was made by Jean Tardif and seconded by Elaine Smith to approve starting a dance team with review and approval by the Principal. The vote in favor was unanimous.
14. Superintendent Despres shared with the Board samples of material to be used on the LFHS gym floor for protection during the off season when it is used for purposes other than basketball. Mr. Despres also stated that this was planned for in the budget. It was the unanimous consensus of the Board to approve this proposal.
15. Mr. Despres suggested that Board members review the Honeywell Service Agreement proposal and that action would be taken at the next meeting. He would recommend that the Honeywell proposal be considered.
16. Also the Specialized Purchasing Consultants, Inc Reprographic bid analysis was presented for Board review to be acted on at the next regular meeting.
17. The school calendar for 2004-2005 was reviewed and will be presented at the next regular Board meeting for a vote. Mr. Despres is to meet with the Teacher's Association to meet and consult on the calendar tomorrow .
18. Mr. Despres recommended a calendar change for the In-Service day scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup> to be a make-up day for the LES for October 16<sup>th</sup> when the power was out in their building and they had no school. The high school and middle school will have no school on the 26th.

19. Motion was made by Rod Newman and seconded by Eric Rodzen to approve the calendar change for March 26<sup>th</sup>. The vote in favor was unanimous.
20. At 8:15 PM the Board took a break returning to open session at 8:25 PM.
21. Superintendent Despres informed the Board that the A-Team had a budget kick-off session today and that the new ED-261 is expected tomorrow. It is the plan to have minimal impact on the community for the upcoming budget.
22. Superintendent Despres reviewed the latest Essential Programs and Services funding model from the Maine Education Policy Research Institute. This will help us develop ballpark figures in the budget building process.
23. Superintendent Despres reviewed with the Board the work that the Field Facilities Committee has done to this point. The group will now be moving into the 501-3c phase of work. Mr. Despres stated that we are looking at community members willing to chair and co-chair this organization. Two community members in government and finance have been contacted and it is the hope that they will be willing to serve on this committee. The Board also reviewed the field layouts and agreed to the recommendation that the committee presented.
24. Motion was made by Jean Tardif and seconded by Elaine Smith to appoint Fred Nadeau to the Field Facilities Committee. The vote in favor was unanimous of the nine (9) members present. Kim LaVoie left at 8:55 PM and Jackie Knight arrived at approximately 9:15 PM.
25. Motion was made by Jean Tardif and seconded by Elaine Smith to approve the recommendation for the field lay out that the committee presented. The vote in favor was unanimous of the nine (9) members present.

#### Calendar and Agenda

March 17, 2004 - Food Service Committee - 2:30 PM

March 17, 2004 - Policy Committee - 6:30 PM

March 18, 2004 - Fields Facilities - 6:00 PM to be followed by Building and Grounds

March 25, 2004 - Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 PM - Cedar Street

April 15, 2004 - Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 PM - Cedar Street

26. At 9:30 PM motion was made by Fred Nadeau and seconded by Jean Tardif to adjourn. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Superintendent of Schools

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Board Chair

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Recording Secretary