

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 18
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SEPTEMBER 16, 2009
MINUTES

Chair Laura Tracy called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Library Media Center at China Middle School in China. Directors Lawrence Brown, Lora Downing, Elwood Ellis, Kerri Oliver, Deanne Pizzo, Rebecca Seel, and Laura Tracy were present. Directors Glen Davis and Cathy McKelway were absent. Director Donna Doucette joined the meeting at 7:19 p.m. A quorum was declared. Also present at all or parts of the meeting were Gwen Bacon, Irene Belanger, Lois Bowden, Daniel Bowers, Carol Browne, Paula Callan, Charles Clark, Stephen Cturo, Carl Gartley, Monique Gilbert, Catherine Gordon, Kathy Harris-Smedberg, Mark Hatch, Linda Laughlin, Paul MacDonald, Richard McFarland, Jennifer McGee, Cheryl Mercier, Jonathan Moody, Constance Packard, Darlene Pietz, and Nancy Reynolds.

Principal Carl Gartley conducted a tour of China Middle School for members of the Board and the public. (7:03 p.m. to 7:22 p.m.)

There were no delegations to be heard.

Seel/Brown The minutes of the September 2, 2009 meeting be approved as printed.
Motion carried unanimously.

The Superintendent's Report was updated. Superintendent Smith reminded Board members about the Board workshop scheduled for Wednesday, September 30, 2009. The workshop will begin at 6:00 p.m., with a light supper served at 5:30 p.m.

Superintendent Smith noted that there have been some comments from people regarding changes in the lunch program for the China schools. He has asked the School Health Coordinator to meet with the nutrition staff to review their questions.

Superintendent Smith noted that there has been a tremendous amount of work completed with respect to planning for the flu vaccine. MaineGeneral Health is coordinating vaccination clinics for their service area, which includes approximately 60 schools. Regional School Unit No. 18 will be one of the first school units in this area to offer the flu vaccine to students. Assistant Superintendent Linda Laughlin noted that approximately 45 to 50% of the RSU students have requested the vaccine, and there are still many permission forms that need to be returned to the schools from families. Vaccination clinics for staff at the China schools and Williams Elementary School have been scheduled for October.

Superintendent Smith provided the Board with an update regarding Board terms. The approved consolidation plan provides that the initial terms of Board members shall be, in addition to the transitional period, one, two or three years. Board members elected to a one-year term would have terms expiring on June 30, 2010, as their terms began on July 1, 2009. Drummond Woodsum will be submitting to the School Unit a legal opinion regarding Board member elections and terms, and an update will be provided to the Board on October 7, 2009.

On August 5th the Board discussed the current administrative structure at Messalonskee High School. The Board had requested that this issue be revisited in September. Superintendent Smith is still working on completing background work regarding this issue and will provide the Board with an update at a future meeting.

There were no additions to the agenda by the Chair or Directors.

Linda Laughlin provided a report of the Re-Inventing Schools Coalition (RISC) Performance-Based Fall Symposium held on September 13 through 15, 2009. Administrators Lois Bowden, Catherine Gordon, Linda Laughlin, Jennifer McGee, Jonathan Moody, and Gary Smith attended the Symposium. The purpose of the Symposium was to build understanding and awareness of the RISC Model of a learner-centered, performance-based educational system. Topics discussed included: an overview of the RISC Model, why shared vision is important, leadership at all levels, moving from a time-based to a performance-based system, continuous improvement at all levels, how the model works in the classroom, and first steps to get going in the class, school, and school district. Board members Elwood Ellis and Laura Tracy attended the condensed session offered on Sunday evening, September 13. This condensed session provided an opportunity to begin to develop an initial understanding of the components of the RISC Model and learner-centered, performance-based educational systems.

Ms. Laughlin noted that over the course of this year, the District would like to send representatives to some follow-up symposiums, with the understanding that the School Unit begin this growth process and then come up with an action plan of what direction it would like to take. Upcoming Symposiums are scheduled for January and April 2010.

Mr. Smith apprised the Board of the resignation of Terri Fox from her position as an English language arts teacher at Messalonskee Middle School, effective September 11, 2009.

The Board reviewed a list of winter coaching nominations for the 2009-10 school year.

Doucette/Downing The nominations of the Superintendent are accepted, and the slate of winter coaches be elected for the 2009-10 school year. (See attached list.)

Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Laughlin, Assistant Superintendent, reviewed with the Board the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) reports for the School Unit. There are three categories of identification for individual schools: "Making AYP", "Monitor" status, or "Continuous Improvement Priority School" (CIPS) status. Schools that are identified as not meeting all AYP targets for the first time are considered to be on "Monitor" status and are not subject to federal sanctions. Schools identified as not meeting AYP targets for two or more years are referred to as CIPS schools. CIPS schools that have a Title IA program have obligations, and additional requirements for allocation of funds.

Students traditionally have taken the Maine Educational Assessments (MEAs) in grades 3 through 8, while students in grade 11 took the SAT. The NECAP is the common assessment program. Students take the test in October. Subject tests are reading, math, writing and science. Special Education students take the test with some accommodations, which are regulated through their regular IEP or PAAP. The targets the School Unit has to meet increase each year. If a school doesn't attain AYP one year, it has another year. If the school doesn't attain AYP a second year, then it is classified as needing improvement, and there are standards that need to be met. To be removed from the list a school must attain AYP for two years in a row. If a school doesn't make proficiency in a particular score, it is expected to show improvement. If a school shows 10% improvement over the previous year, the school is considered to be in "safe harbor" (SH). If a school's status is listed as "Making AYP-SH" that indicates that a review has been completed for a group's pending safe harbor designation, and the school met the required targets. (Please see attached summary of AYP reports.)

The Board reviewed the bid results for snow plowing for the 2009-10 school year.

Downing/Doucette The Board accept the bid of B.K. Construction for snow plowing for the 2009-10 school year for the James H. Bean School, and the bid of S.B. Martin for snow plowing for the 2009-10 school year for the China schools as listed below, and hold on the bid for Belgrade Central School until the administration has the opportunity to research Board policies related to contracted services, with review and action scheduled for the October 7, 2009 meeting.

Requested Items	*B.K. Construction	*Rick Damren Plowing & Sanding	*S.B.Martin
	James H. Bean	Belgrade Central School	China Schools
Insurance Workers' Compensation	No	No	No
Injury Benefits Property Damage	Yes (National Grange Mutual Insurance)	Yes (The Kyes Agency)	Yes (Peerless Insurance)
Job Rate Plowing	-\$50.00 per hr (pickups/3/4 ton) -\$60.00 per hr (skid steer) -\$85.00 per hr (3 yard loader)	-\$79.95 per hr (3-4 yard loader) -\$45.00 per hr (1 ton truck) -\$45.00 per hr (pickups)	\$80.00 per hr (pick up) \$80.00 per hr (trac machine)
Sanding	-\$75.00 per yard	-\$62.95 per hour (2 yard sander)	\$80.00 per hr (truck) \$40.00 per yard salt

Motion carried unanimously.

Downing/Doucette The meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously.

Time: 8:12 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Gary N. Smith
Superintendent of Schools

MEETINGS

Wednesday, September 30, 2009 – Board Retreat – 6:00 p.m. – Central Office

Wednesday, October 7, 2009 – Educational Programming Committee – 6:00 p.m. – Belgrade Central School Library

Wednesday, October 7, 2009 – Budget, Finance and Property Committee Meeting – 6:15 p.m. – Belgrade Central School Music Room

Wednesday, October 7, 2009 – Regular Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Belgrade Central School Cafeteria

Monday, October 19, 2009 – Mid-Maine Technical Center Governance Board – 4:00 p.m. – Mid-Maine Technical Center

Wednesday, October 21, 2009 – Regular Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – James H. Bean School Cafeteria

Thursday, Friday, October 22-23, 2009 – 36th Annual Maine School Management Association Fall Conference – Maine School Management Association

Wednesday, October 28, 2009 – Messalonskee Middle School and Messalonskee High School Band Concert – 7:00 p.m. – J. Duke Albanese Performing Arts Center – Messalonskee High School

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 18
WINTER COACHING NOMINATIONS, 2009-10
September 16, 2009

CHINA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Basketball, Boys	
Varsity	Jon Garrity
Junior Varsity	Tori Roddy
Basketball, Girls	
Varsity	Dwaine Drummond
Junior Varsity	Becky Hapgood
Cheering	
Varsity	Vacancy
Junior Varsity	Vacancy

MESSALONSKEE HIGH SCHOOL

Basketball, Boys	
Varsity	Tom Hill
Junior Varsity	Keith Derosby
Freshmen	Todd MacArthur
Basketball, Girls	
Varsity	Brenda Beckwith
Junior Varsity	Robert Rodrigue, Jr.
Cheerleading	
Varsity	Vacancy
Ice Hockey	
Head Coach	Michael Latendresse
Assistant Coach	Harvey Bureau
Swimming	
Head Coach	Amanda Hebert-Delorie
Assistant Coach	Tom Sheridan

MESSALONSKEE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Basketball, Boys	
Grade 8	Dale Breton
Grade 7	Peter Dewdney
Basketball, Girls	
Grade 8	Roanne Colizzi
Grade 7	Dana Michaud
Swimming	
Head Coach (girls and boys)	Donna Fischer
Assistant (girls and boys)	Lisa Workman

Date of Adoption: September 16, 2009