

**Maine School Administrative District #51**  
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**Board of Directors**

**October 1, 2012 Minutes**

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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Porter, Co-Chair, at 7:00 PM. School Board members present were, Bill Dunnett, Virginia Dwyer, Martha Leggat, Jim Moulton, Kat Pisini, Jeff Porter, Bill Richards, Michael Sacco and Bob Vail.

Administrators present were Karen Bubar, Bob Hasson, Grace Leavitt, Sally Loughlin, Carol MacArthur, Ken Marks, Dan McKeone, Scott Poulin, Susie Robbins and Dirk Van Curan.

**2. Recognition**

Martha Leggat, Chair of the Communications Committee, discussed September achievements and recognition. *Achievements & Recognition* are announced monthly and posted on the district website, [www.msad51.org](http://www.msad51.org). The public can contact Martha at [mleggat@msad51.org](mailto:mleggat@msad51.org) with their suggestions for *A&R*.

Jeff Porter visited the schools over the past week and thanked administrators and staff for welcoming him. He reached out to another district to extend the opportunity for discussion of their students attending MSAD #51. They are currently in discussions with other districts at this time.

**3. Approval of Minutes** – of the Board of Directors meeting held on September 19, 2012.

The minutes will be listed at a later meeting for approval.

**4. Public Comment**

Tara Hill, Cumberland resident, asked all Board members to commit to the education of MSAD #51 students. She expressed disappointment in the co-chair leadership model adopted by the Board and asked that the Board put aside personal agendas and align their mission with the district's mission and goals and work collaboratively with each other and the Superintendent.

Bethany Hanley, Cumberland resident, referred to the prior School Board meeting and a comment made by Board member Bill Richards, “You've got something precious here, don't destroy it.” She asked the community and Board to reflect on what the district has and listed several awards of distinction including Kim Brandt receiving Principal of the Year, an exceptional state academic standing, community service projects supporting local and international projects, a US News and World Report ranking of Greely High School as the 7<sup>th</sup> in the state among other awards. She noted the community deserves effective leadership by a forward thinking Board dedicated to the continued responsible stewardship of the district's schools.

Susan Campbell, Cumberland resident, commented the administration, staff and students make her proud to be part of the MSAD #51 community. She reminded everyone the district is

one of the top performing school districts in the state, it is innovative in that it was one of the first to have all day kindergarten and IB and has and is one of the most fiscally responsible school districts in the state. The administrative costs continue to be below the cost of most public school districts in the state. She asked the Board to understand the critical policy role they play in sustaining the district.

Peggy Pisini, Cumberland resident, reminded the Board they were elected because community members believe in them and asked the Board to support the administrators, staff and students.

Peter Bingham, Cumberland resident, commented on the history of the School Board since 1984. In the past, despite acrimony during or shortly after an election and selection of a Chair, the Board was able to perform their responsibilities well for the remainder of the year or term. He commented the current organization of the Board, although not satisfactory to everyone, is probably the best solution. He has no doubt that Bill and Jeff will work well together.

George Turner, Cumberland resident, commented he served on the Cumberland Town Council with Jeff Porter for many years and attested to Jeff Porter's commitment to the community. He agrees with the co-chair compromise and believes it will work.

## **5. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Hasson discussed background information for a policy the Policy Committee will review and develop. The subject is BYOT, bring your own technology, or BYOD, bring your own device, and refers to a strategy of students bringing their own technology/devices to school. The three-year budget includes technology purchases and this strategy will help people select technology in a way that will synchronize with what is in the schools.

## **6. Presentations**

## **7. Committee Reports**

### Policy Committee

Martha Leggat, Chair, reported the Policy Committee will work on state legislative acts including restraints/seclusion, Freedom of Information, Teacher/Principal evaluations, student expulsions and bullying.

### PATHS

Virginia Dwyer, Chair, reported she and Jim Moulton attending the first PATHS meeting of the school year. PATHS enrollment is up. PATHS recently held an open house. Virginia and Jim are PATHS Advisory Board members and a dinner for advisory members is scheduled in November.

### Communications Committees

Martha Leggat, Chair, reported an appeal for new members was distributed to the school community. They are looking for 1 to 2 community members to serve on the Communications Committee. Interested North Yarmouth and Cumberland residents should contact Martha at [mleggat@msad51](mailto:mleggat@msad51).

The Communications Committee will review and develop ways to inform all members of the communities. She reminded everyone School Board and budget information is located on the district website, [www.msad51.org](http://www.msad51.org), or for those who do not have computers, to contact the Superintendent's office at 829-4800.

## **8. Items For Action**

**a)** Vote to adopt the Strategic Thinking & Planning Committee's report, with a commitment to aligning the District's vision, mission and goals in support of 21<sup>st</sup> century learning

Bill Richards, STPC Committee Chair, reviewed the STPC Report submitted to the Board on June 18, 2012. He stressed the importance of using the core values and beliefs identified by the committee as guideposts in making decisions. The Board discussed the report and voted.

Bill Richards motioned to adopt the STPC Report and Jim Moulton seconded the motion. (Voted: 8-0)

**b)** Vote to appoint individuals to teaching positions for the 2012-2013 school year.

No individuals to appoint to teaching positions this evening.

## **9. Communications**

**a)** Committee Assignments

The list of 2012-2013 Board Committees, proposed members and chairs was distributed and discussed.

The Board discussed the upcoming November 6<sup>th</sup> referendum vote for the Town of North Yarmouth to proceed with State of Maine procedures for withdrawal from MSAD #51.

Agenda items for the next Board meeting to be held on October 15, 2012 and future meetings were discussed.

**10. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.**

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- View meetings live on the TV2 channel or watch replays. The replay schedule will be posted on TV2
- On demand or streaming by VIMEO. You can watch meetings on your computer after they are posted to the MSAD #51 web site and the link is, <http://vimeo.com/msad51tv>