

R.S.U. No. 67
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes
Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
Mattanawcook Academy Library

Mission: R.S.U. No. 67 strives to provide a safe, caring, supportive educational environment which empowers all individuals to fulfill their unique potential as lifelong learners and responsible, contributing citizens in an ever-changing global society.

Board of Directors: Regginal Adams, David Edwards, Board Chair; Darla Lichtenberg, Jeff Schick, Carolyn Smith, Debra Tardy, Jackie Thurlow, Board Vice-Chair; John Trask, Sean Sibley, Student Representative

Members excused: Sarah Crockett, Judy McComb, Jessica Worster

Members absent:

R.S.U. No. 67 Staff: Superintendent Michael F. Marcinkus, Principals: Mike Bisson, William Ben Lothrop, Larry Malone, Henry Pietras; Director of Special Services, Cheryl Morin; Director of Curriculum and Academic Achievement, Donna Vigue; School Health Coordinator, David Hainer; Director of Facilities, Bob Morin; Administrative Assistant, Lisa Morin

Guests present:

- A. Call to order:** Chair Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- B. Adjustment to the agenda:** See revised copy
- C. Consideration of the minutes of Wednesday, September 16, 2009 School Board meeting:**

Discussion: Change from Bob Morin and staff to R.S.U. No. 67 as a whole.

Motion by Director Thurlow, seconded by Director Adams to accept the motion as read.

Vote: Unanimous

- D. Communications:** Resignations read from Daniel Schlaefer and Teresa King. Both resignations accepted with regret.
- E. Public Participation:** Representative Jeff Gifford gave an update on the state of the State. There was 990 million dollars in 2010 for school spending. In 2011 it drops to 945 million (a cut of about 4.5%). Questions were entertained regarding IDEA stimulus monies and the stipulations

surrounding them, and the formation of RSU's and any compensation for those who have followed the law.

F. Personnel: None

G. Reports from Staff:

1. Curriculum Coordinator (D. Vigue) – Written report. RSU 67 was 1 of 3 schools in Maine to receive the Learn and Serve America service learning grant. It includes a pre-and post- survey for ALL staff to take, including School Board members.
2. Special Education (C. Morin) – Written report
3. Mattanawcook Academy (H. Pietras) – Mr. Pietras reported that Mattanawcook Academy had first math meet of the year. The MA Maroon team came in second overall. Mrs. Goodwin has been filling in for the library as we have not gotten a suitable applicant. We will re-advertise for the position mid-year. MA is now issuing laptops to students as you would checkout a book. Usage is up this year. MA is also in the midst of homecoming. They had the 1st bomb scare since 2000 and have learned quite a bit. We are currently in the midst of making changes to procedures and also in the midst of the final investigation. We are also making changes to accommodate special needs students so it isn't so upsetting to some of them when the school needs to evacuate.
4. Mattanawcook Junior High (L. Malone) – Mr. Malone gave updates on the changes made to the student handbook. They are currently advertising for 7 & 8 grade ELA teacher and will be using a long term sub for now. The Technology Instructor position is still open and they will be using a long term sub for that as well. The standards grading pilot are now building rubrics around the grading process. They will send academic alerts for students who are in danger of failing. The intent on October 20th is to have a parent meeting to show in depth what is going on in the parent portal to see rubric and expectations. There were 84 students and 6 staff members who went to Camp Keive. They arrived at 10:30 and the kids are very excited.
5. Ella P. Burr (M. Bisson) – Mr. Bisson updated the board on how they were educating about fire safety week. The fire department gave a presentation to the 4 year olds. They have had 4 fire drills out of the mandatory 10 to date. Mid trimester reports are going home this Friday. The reports mostly report on testing (DIBELS and MWEA and NECAP). They currently have 47 4 yr. olds with 3 other prospects. The 4yr. old program is what we thought it would be.

The kids are excited to come to school and it is a very positive program.

6. Tobacco Grant (D. Hainer) – E-mailed written report. Thursday, October 22nd is the annual MASH clinic meeting. They will be giving an update on the clinic and having a health fair. There will be 10 - 12 booths and 8 break-out sessions on relevant topics.
7. Facilities Director (B. Morin) – absent

H. Committee Reports:

1. Region III – Director Smith briefed the board on the voting on the 6th which passed.
2. Operations Committee – has not met
3. Policy Committee – on agenda
4. Personnel Committee – on agenda
5. Gifted and Talented – written report met on September 29th.

I. Superintendent's Report

1. Janitor (Teamsters) Contract – Draft in packets. Mr. Marcinkus reported that the overall negotiations went pretty well after meeting a couple of times.
2. Adjustment from the Auditors – Mr. Marcinkus reported how we can use some of the stimulus monies for energy efficiency. Last year we earmarked money potentially available for boilers but the auditor contacted us and went through some figures and there were some changes on how the State looks at some of the auditing. We had to make some adjustments on the monies we have encumbered. We cannot use the money for boilers but we have to carry forward the monies to next year. Even though we had spent some money, in anticipation for using the encumbered money, we can use the stimulus money for those projects. The only money we can use is the money under the curtailment and it doesn't have to be taken out of local dollars. We can still use money for an energy audit. The encumbered money will be carried forward to next year and will lessen the amount that has to be raised. After the energy audit, if the board chooses and votes on it, we can still use some of the carried forward for a specific project.
3. Police at the last 2 football games – It costs \$27.34 per hour to hire an officer for a minimum of 4 hours. It is a significant expense. We can't do without the coverage, but if it comes down to it we can manage the coverage in another way.
4. R.S.U. No. 67/Towns common meeting – Mr. Marcinkus is looking to set up a meeting with the towns. We have contacted Lincoln and are currently trying to find best day for them (Tuesdays may be a possibility). We will also include the other two towns in this meeting. We should speak about common issues to work more efficiently on.
5. Transfer of the Dr. Carl Troutt School – Mr. Marcinkus announced that we have an official transfer of school documents. The documents were

carried down and presented to Steve Worster as of October 1st for \$1.00.

J. Old Business:

None

K. New Business:

1. Motion for RSU 67 Board of Directors to accept or not accept agreement between janitor's union (Teamsters) contract and R.S.U. No. 67 for 2009-2011.

Motion by Director Thurlow, seconded by Director Trask to accept the motion as read.

Vote: Unanimous

2. Motion to accept or not accept the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint the following coaches for the 2009-2010 school year.

MJHS

- Frank Welch – Boys A Basketball
- Randy Rockwell – Boys B Basketball
- Valarie Locke – Girls B Basketball
- Bonnie Porter – Head Ski Coach
- Julie Housum – Assistant Ski Coach

MA

- Ryan Libby – Boys Varsity Basketball
- P.J. Stanley – Boys Freshman Basketball
- Brian McDormand – Girls Varsity Basketball
- Stephanie Dubay – Girls JV Basketball
- David Ham – Skiing
- Doug Theriault – Wrestling
- Carly Cropley – Cheering
- Bernie Stockley – Indoor Track

Motion by Director Adams, seconded by Director Schick to accept the motion as read.

Vote: Unanimous

3. Motion to accept or not accept the first reading to adopt policies JICA – Student Dress and JIC – Student Code of Conduct.

Discussion: JIC is a required policy by law. It has been in the policy book but has never been officially adopted. JICA is a new policy from MSMA. It has always been handled through the student handbooks. The principles of this policy have not changed and the specifics should be in student handbooks.

Motion by Director Thurlow, seconded by Director Smith to accept the motion as read.

Vote: Unanimous

**4. Motion to accept or not accept the first reading to revise policies
JI – Student Rights and Responsibilities and JICH – Chemical Use by
Students.**

Discussion: JI – under letter E, we have deleted as he/she pleases and also added new references. JICH – under prevention section D, we added “and other health providers” to include the MASH clinic, social worker, health coordinator etc. and took out the EK references. We also updated the cross references.

Motion by Director Smith, seconded by Director Adams to accept the motion as read.

Vote: Unanimous

**5. Motion to accept or not accept the first reading of reviewed
adopted policies; JICIA – Weapons, Violence and School Safety, JIH
– Questioning and Searches of Students, JIH-R – Questioning and
Searches of Students Administrative Procedure, JIH-E – Student
Search Checklist, KLG – Relations with Law Enforcement
Authorities, KLG-R – Relations With Law Enforcement Authorities
Administrative Procedure and JK – Student Discipline.**

Discussion: These policies have been looked at very carefully. We have found that no significant changes were needed because they cover the issues. These policies are general principles.

Motion by Director Smith, seconded by Director Thurlow to accept the motion as read.

Vote: Unanimous

**6. Motion to remove from the table policies JFCL-R – Breathalyzer
Use Procedures, JFCL-E – Breathalyzer Use Checklist, and JFCL –
Breathalyzer Use.**

Discussion: The policy committee has talked the policy all over and looked at all the information we had. The committee recommends that we keep the breathalyzer policy and use it as one more piece of information for reasonable suspicion. Random testing and trained personnel parts have been removed from the policy. Policy committee recommends to accept the policy with the above mentioned changes.

Motion by Director Smith, seconded by Director Thurlow to accept the motion as read.

Vote: 7 for 1 opposed

Motion to accept the second reading of revised policy JFCL – Breathalyzer Use with changes of trained personnel and random testing wording removed.

Discussion: see above

Motion by Director Thurlow, seconded by Director Smith to accept the motion as read.

Vote: 7 for 1 opposed

Motion to accept the second reading to adopt policies JFCL-R – Breathalyzer Use Procedures and JFCL-E – Breathalyzer Use Checklist with changes of trained personnel and random testing removed.

Discussion: See above

Motion by Director Thurlow, seconded by Director Smith to accept the motion as read.

Vote: 7 for 1 opposed

- L. Announcement: Next board meeting Tuesday, October 20th @ 7:00p.m.**
- M. Items requested by Board Members, Community and staff to be included in the next agenda:** A space for the student representative to report will be added.
- N. Adjournment:**
Motion by Director Edwards, seconded by Director Adams to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Unanimous

Time: 8:52 p.m.

NOTE: No new business will be undertaken after 10:00 p.m. unless the Board votes unanimously to extend the meeting beyond 10:00 p.m.