

**Union #7 School Board
Central Office, 90 Beach Street
Saco, ME 04072**

September 25, 2007

6:55 P.M.

A meeting of the School Union #7 Board was held at the Central Office, 90 Beach Street, Saco, ME. Superintendent Lafortune called the meeting to order at 6:55 PM. Members Present: Dan Cabral, Lorraine Whelan, Shirley Jones, Beth Johnston, David Galli, Scott Nason, Millie Tuttle, Skip Cushman and Shawn Dutremble. Administrators Present: Superintendent Michael Lafortune

Members Absent: Tom Bartholomew, Lisa Morse and Michel Ohayon

Scott Nason arrived at 7:15 PM

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Board members introduced themselves to each other.

Approval of Minutes dated December 5, 2006

A motion was made Skip Cushman to approve the Minutes of December 5, 2006 as presented. Voted unanimously.

Adjustments to the Agenda

None

Update on School Consolidation

Dave Galli reported on the Drummond Woodsum meeting he and Superintendent Lafortune attended. He stated the current plan due between November 30th and January 15th will not be possible and a June deadline may be achievable.

It was clarified that the 50% cut in the plan was in system administration is statewide. A binder was handed out with templates for many different areas.

Superintendent Lafortune informed the Board that the plan needs to state in writing what the Board will do if one district drops. The voting process will have many different facets.

How the actual RSU Board will be decided was discussed. The new Board has a great deal of work and time ahead of them; contract negotiations will be a big issue.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Skip Cushman and seconded by Lorraine Whelan to enter into Executive Session . Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

Declared out of Executive Session by Scott Nason and seconded by Lorraine Whelan at 7:40 PM

Actions as a Result of Executive Session

Discussion to move contract renewal from December to November to extend contracts beyond their current expiration. For some employees whose contracts end in 2008, the Board may want to consider extending until 2009.

A suggestion was made to look at contracts that are up in 2008; Carol Marcotte, Mike Garrity, and Superintendent Michael Lafortune.

A motion was made by Shirley Jones and seconded by Dan Cabral to extend Superintendent, Michael Lafortune, Carol Marcotte, and Mike Garrity's contracts to 2009. Voted, Millie Tuttle and Shawn Dutremble against.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Skip Cushman, seconded by Shirley Jones to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Voted unanimously.

Minutes prepared by:

Respectfully submitted by:

Lynn Ouellette
Transcriber

Michael Lafortune
Superintendent of Schools