

Saco Board of Education
Minutes of November 13, 2007
Finance Committee Meeting: 6:30 PM @ City Hall
Regular Board Meeting: 7:00 PM @ City Hall

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mayor Johnston, at 7:00 PM. Members present: Chair Mayor Johnston, David Galli, Scott Nason, Lorraine Whelan, , Shirley Jones, Dan Cabral, Beth Johnston, Superintendent Mike Lafortune, Transportation Director, Neils Mank, Technology Director, Laurie Underwood, Food Service Director, Sue Morrell, and Business Manager Kathie Winchenbach.

Members Absent: Michel Ohayon

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Approval of Minutes dated October 9, 2007

The Mayor asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes after their review. Minutes were approved as written.

Adjustment to the Agenda

None

Correspondence:

October Expenditure Report

The Report was reviewed by the Finance Committee and expressed it was on target.

Curriculum Update

Reviewed by the Board, supplied and highlighted by Superintendent Lafortune

Public Session

None

Superintendent's Report:

Budget Format for 2008-2009

A handout was supplied by the Board and Superintendent Lafortune reviewed the budget validation format and process.

2007-2008 Volunteer Hours

Mike reported on the hours and thanked the numerous volunteers for their hard work.

Consolidation Update/RPC 56

Dave Galli provided the consolidation update. He informed the Board that the RSU would have 7 Wards with 1 at large. Dave stated that a partial plan needs to be submitted by December 1, 2007 and informed the Board that they need to vote on the partial plan before it is submitted. This vote is not approval, just acknowledgement of the plan being submitted as required by State law. There should be Board approval prior to the submission of the partial plan. Mike Lafortune informed the Board that hopefully a new funding formula will be voted on by the state that will help the districts out financially.

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Dave Galli motioned to allow RPC to submit a partial plan to the state, Shirley Jones 2nd the motion. All approved.

Recognize Mayor Mark Johnson

Mayor Mark Johnston thanked the Board for two years of working together. Superintendent Lafortune thanked the Mayor and presented him with a plaque.

Staff Reports:

None

Committee Reports

Advisory Council

Dave Galli reported on and reviewed the Advisory Council participating in a wellness day, an updated calendar, and a CDT update. Next Advisory Council meeting is set for November 14, 2007.

Food Service Report

Food Service Director, Sue Morrell reported on a goal to expand the Breakfast Program. A pilot program was started in September at Fairfield School and the results are:

- Used to serve – 15%
- Now with new Program – 43%

Sue is hoping to expand the program to all classes. Saco Middle School currently has a Grab ‘n’ Go breakfast program which has gone from 9% to 12% participation to date. Sue updated the Board Nutrikids, which will start at Burns School after Thanksgiving. The remaining schools will implement Nutrikids in December.

Sue also provided an updated that the staff is planning a Wellness Day.

Transportation Report

Transportation Director, Niels Mank provided a breakdown of the Transportation Department:

- 42 - Buses
- 15 - Full Time Bus Drivers
- 3 - Spare Bus Drivers
- 1 – Director
- 1 – Secretary

Niels discussed that no students were on the bus for more than one hour. He revised routes to cut down on fuel, mileage, and time on the bus.

A safety campaign was started this year in association with the Police Department. Superintendent Lafortune stated Niels should be commended on his safety work in regards to transportation..

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Technology Report

Technology Director, Laurie Underwood presented a PowerPoint presentation updating the Board on Powerschool's Parental Portal, and First Class E-mail.

Laurie updated the Board on the following:

- A redesign of the Web site for sacco.org
- A new Library Automation System
- Laptop distribution of 150 to the staff with positive feedback
- New and upcoming technology

Old Business/Action Items

None

New Business/Action Items

Nomination of Girl's 7th and 8th Grade Basketball Coach

A motion was made by Dave Galli, seconded by Lorraine Whelan to accept the nominations of Kristi Ouellette and Kris Stryker respectfully as the Girls Basketball Coach's during the 2007-2008 school year. Motion passed.

Nomination of Boy's 7th and 8th Grade Basketball Coach

A motion was made by Dave Galli, seconded by Shirley Jones to accept the nominations of Marci Musgrove and Leonard Bertrand respectfully, as the Boys Basketball Coach's during the 2007-2008 school year. Motion passed.

Nomination of Cheering Coach

A motion was made by Dave Galli, seconded by Dan Cabral to accept the nomination of Bethany Cyr, as the Cheering Coach during the 2007-2008 school year. Motion passed.

Executive Session

None

Action(s) as Result of Executive Session

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by David Galli, seconded by Shirley Jones to adjourn at 7:55 PM. Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

Minutes prepared by:

Respectfully submitted by:

Lynn Ouellette, Transcriber

Michael Lafortune, Superintendent