

**Saco Board of Education  
Minutes of September 28, 2004  
7:00 PM**

**Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Galli, at 7:30 PM. Members present: Chair David Galli, Vice Chair Carol Doyle, Jeff Robinson, Jean Leach, Cindy Belanger, Michel Ohayon, Interim Superintendent Wallace, Principals Peter Harrison, Steve Marquis, Maureen McMullin, Rick Talbot, Assistant Principal Peter Flaherty, Business Manager Dennis Carignan, Special Education Director Cathi Faust, Maintenance Director Mike Garrity and Technology Director Dave Saltmarsh.

Members Absent: Lorraine Whelan

*The Pledge of Allegiance was recited*

**Approval of Minutes dated September 14, 2004**

A motion was made by Carol Doyle, seconded by Jean Leach to approve the minutes of September 14, 2004 as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

**Adjustments to the Agenda**

Item XI.C. Nomination of a Special Education Teacher was added.

**Correspondence**

Superintendent Wallace noted that the homeschool student count for this year was 41 versus 28 last year.

**Public Session**

None

**Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Wallace reviewed the current student:teacher ratios at each school with the Board.

The Department of Education did release the results for Adequate Yearly Progress for grades 4 & 8. The Superintendent reviewed the fact that both C.K. Burns and Saco Middle School were on the list this year for areas they did not do well in. He explained that Burns was on the monitor status and Middle School was on the continuous improvement priority list. The decision was made administratively to look at the areas of weakness and work with staff to improve this.

Superintendent Wallace asked that one meeting each month be used to discuss issues both good and bad within the schools.

Discussion was held on the results and what could be done.

**Staff Reports**

Maintenance– Mike Garrity, Maintenance Director gave a report, and presented a slide show, on the Fairfield, Burns and Middle School roofs. He explained the Fairfield roof has 20 years left on the warranty and that both Fairfield and Saco Middle School were to be inspected this Fall. Burns School, with maintenance could last 10 more years. Saco Middle School is in excellent condition. The North Wing needs to be replaced and the estimated cost is \$40,000 which was not budgeted this year.

**Committee Reports**

Adult Ed Governance Committee – Jeff Robinson reported on the meeting held September 22 and the change of space for Adult Education. The next meeting is scheduled for October 27 at Old Orchard Beach.

Tax Cap meeting in Waterboro – David Galli spoke regarding the meeting with Maine Municipal on the Tax Cap proposal. Chair Galli feels voters should be informed of the impact of this proposal and reflected on what happened in Saco when the last tax cap happened. Chair Galli reported on possible cuts for the School Department should the tax cap proposal pass.

Facilities - Jeff Robinson reported the committee did a walk through of the buildings.

**Old Business/Action Items****New Business/Action Items****Appointment of School Physician**

A motion was made by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Carol Doyle to accept the Superintendent's nomination of Ian McInnes as School Doctor. Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

**Recommendation of Fall Cheering Coaches**

A motion was made by Carol Doyle, seconded by Jean Leach to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of Pauline Cote and Tina Antoine as Co-Cheering coaches for the 2004-2005 school year only. Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

**Nomination of Special Education Teacher**

A motion was made by Carol Doyle, seconded by Jean Leach to accept the Superintendent's nomination of Marci Musgrove as Special Education teacher for Saco Middle School. Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

**Executive Session**

None

**Action(s) as Result of Executive Session**

None

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Carol Doyle, seconded by Jean Leach to adjourn at 8:10 PM. Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

**Minutes prepared by:**

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Superintendent

**Respectfully submitted by:**

David Wallace, Interim

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