

**Saco Board of Education
Minutes of July 6, 2005
4:30 PM**

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Galli, at 4:30 PM. Members present: Chair David Galli, Vice Chair Carol Doyle, Jeff Robinson, Lorraine Whelan, Jean Leach, Dan Cabral, Superintendent Lafortune and Business Manager Dennis Carignan.

Members Absent: Cindy Belanger

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Adjustment to the Agenda

None

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent reported Joe Soulard, custodian at Fairfield School was the runner up for the A. Burleigh Oxtun Award for Excellence.

New Business/Action Items**Approval of Thornton Academy Contract**

The Superintendent reported he had conferred with Carl Stasio who agreed to give the annual report of TA in person to the Board in April or May.

The Superintendent spoke regarding curriculum cuts and the changes made to meet Maine Learning Results. He noted approximately 15% of 8th graders are not meeting the Learning Results.

Discussion was held on Literacy Specialist for Middle School, the percentage of reimbursement for Special Education from the State, homeschooled students being allowed to play sports at TA, reimbursement for TA's bus usage and the interaction of Arundel students with TA high school students when the TA Middle School is opened.

A motion was made by David Galli, seconded by Jean Leach to approve the Thornton Academy contract as written. Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

Jeff Robinson noted he would like a sample of the TA curriculum, that he has reservations regarding the contract and would like a breakdown of costs for the attorney to work on the contract.

Adjournment

A motion was made by David Galli, seconded by Carol Doyle to adjourn at 5:10 PM. Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

Minutes prepared by:

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Respectfully submitted by:

Michael Lafortune, Superintendent

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