

**Saco Board of Education  
Minutes of September 13, 2005  
7:00 PM**

**Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Doyle, at 7:00 PM. Members present: Vice Chair Carol Doyle , Jeff Robinson, Lorraine Whelan, Jean Leach , Dan Cabral, Cindy Belanger, Superintendent Lafortune, Principals Peter Harrison , Rick Talbot, Steve Marquis, Maureen McMullin, Special Services Director Cathi Faust, Curriculum Coordinator Carol Marcotte and Business Manager Dennis Carignan.

Members Absent: Chair David Galli

*The Pledge of Allegiance was recited*

**Approval of Minutes dated August 9, 2005**

A motion was made by Jean Leach, seconded by Dan Cabral to approve the minutes of August 9, 2005 as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

**Adjustment to the Agenda**

Item VIII.B. Sports Done Right was moved to the October agenda

Item VIII.C. Carol Marcotte will discuss the York County Collaborative for Professional Development

**Correspondence****Expenditure Report**

The August Expenditure Report was disseminated for the Board's review.

**Homeschool Students Counts for 05-06**

The Superintendent informed the Board there are currently 24 home school students in Saco vs 46 this time last year.

**MSMA Annual Fall Conference**

The Superintendent asked that any Board member interested in attending please contact Tonya Muchemore as soon as possible to ensure registration.

**Public Session**

None

**Superintendent's Report**

The Superintendent noted new and leaving staff members.

Superintendent Lafortune informed the Board the State of Maine will audit all schools by January for Professional Development. The State will determine what the District's needs are.

The Superintendent thanked all staff for a smooth beginning to the school year.

## **Staff Reports**

### **Food Service Presentation**

Jeff Bridges thanked the Board for all their support.

Mr. Bridges noted this year they came close to not making a profit in the lunch program. As costs increase, it will be more difficult to maintain profitability.

Jeff noted they had bought some capital equipment and thanked the Board for that support. He also noted they were going to have more of an emphasis on nutrition going forward.

The Board thanked Mr. Bridges for his presentation.

### **Recognition of Bus Drivers**

Donna Harrison, Transportation Director recognized the bus drivers for the Summer Bus Driver Competition. Richard Boissonneault and Diane Morin worked as a team to take first place for the State of Maine for the event in Special Needs Competition. This qualifies both Richard and Diane to attend the national competition in March 2006.

Carol Doyle recognized Donna Harrison for receiving a sub-grant for the Maine Clean School Bus Project. This grant will pay for DOC mufflers and Spiracle crankcase filter kits which will be installed on our buses saving \$21,315.

Carol Doyle recognized Jean Leach, who will leave the Board due to moving. Superintendent Lafortune presented her with a plaque from the Board.

### **State of the School Reports**

Principals McMullin, Harrison, Marquis and Talbot presented their State of the School Reports updating the Board on current enrollment numbers, programs and staff.

### **Committee Reports**

Policy – Carol Doyle noted the committee had met and is reviewing policies.

York County Collaborative for Professional Development – Carol Marcotte noted the committee had met to discuss professional development for the collaborating school.

### **Old Business/Action Items**

None

### **New Business/Action Items**

### **Appointment of School Physician**

A motion was made by Jean Leach, seconded by Lorraine Whelan to accept the

Superintendent's nomination to appoint Dr. Ian McInnes as School Physician for the 2005-2006 school year. Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

### **Recommendation of Cross Country Coach**

A motion was made by Lorraine Whelan, seconded by Cindy Belanger to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of Christine Reaser as Cross Country Coach for the 2005-2006 school year only. Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

### **Nomination of One Year Special Education teacher at Young School**

A motion was made by Jean Leach, seconded by Cindy Belanger to accept the Superintendent's nomination of Ann List as One Year Special Education Teacher at Young School . Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

### **Nomination of Special Education Teacher at SMS**

A motion was made by Lorraine Whelan, seconded by Cindy Belanger to accept the Superintendent's nomination of Michael Carestia as Special Education Teacher at SMS. Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

### **Recommendation of 7 th Boys Soccer Coach**

A motion was made by Jean Leach, seconded by Cindy Belanger to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of Michael Carestia as 7 th grade boys soccer coach for the 2005-2006 school year only. Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

### **Executive Session**

A motion was made by Jean Leach, seconded by Cindy Belanger to enter into Executive Session at 7:50 PM to discuss personnel matters pursuant to M.R.S.A. 1 § 405 (6) (A). Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Carol Doyle, seconded by Lorraine Whelan to end Executive Session at 8:07 PM . Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

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

A motion was made by Carol Doyle, seconded by Jean Leach to grant Michelle Libby a one year leave of absence to work in Dayton as a teacher. Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Carol Doyle, seconded by Lorraine Whelan for Deb Thompson to be placed on the Continuing Contract Teacher status as of 2005-2006 school year. Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Carol Doyle, seconded by Cindy Belanger to adjourn at 8:12 PM . Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

Minutes prepared by:

Tonya S. Muchemore, Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:

Michael Lafortune, Superintendent

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