

**Saco Board of Education
Minutes of February 14, 2006
7:00 PM**

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Galli, at 7:05 PM. Members present: Vice Chair Galli, Jeff Robinson, David Versel, Cindy Belanger, Lorraine Whelan, Superintendent Lafortune, Principals Rick Talbot, Peter Harrison, Steve Marquis, Maureen McMullin, Special Services Director Cathi Faust, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Carol Marcotte, and Business Manager Kathie Winchenbach.

Members Absent: Mayor Johnston, Dan Cabral and Beth Johnston

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Approval of Minutes dated January 24, 2006

A motion was made by Cindy Belanger, seconded by Lorraine Whelan to approve the minutes of January 24, 2006 as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

Adjustment to the Agenda

Item VIII.A. C.K. Burns Librarians and Students presentation on Hooked on Books was removed.

Item IX. B. Adult Ed was added.

Correspondence**Expenditure Report**

The Expenditure Report for January was reviewed by the Board.

Thank you letter from Brunswick School Department

A letter from the Brunswick School Department thanking Steve Marquis and Peter Flaherty for hosting two separate visitation teams was reviewed by the Superintendent.

Public Session

None

Superintendent's Report**Staff Updates**

The Superintendent reviewed staff resignations since the previous meeting.

Budget Development (2006-2007)

The Superintendent reported budget workshops have just begun and this will be a tough year with high energy costs and other costs.

Staff Reports

None

Committee Reports

PDT – Carol Marcotte reported on the changes in the PDT. A subcommittee determined the new name of the committee will be Union #7 Advisory Committee and determined new guidelines. Carol disseminated the information to the Board for

review.

David Versel inquired as to whether or not there was Dayton School Committee member on the committee and was informed there was not.

Adult Ed Committee – Lorraine Whelan reported on the subsidy allotment and that there will be a presentation by Sharon Ultsch to the Board in April.

Old Business/Action Items

None

New Business/Action Items

State of the School Report from Thornton Academy

Carl Stasio, Lloyd Hunt and Mary Nasse were present to give the report and disseminated informational packets to the Board members.

Mr. Stasio noted there are currently 1250 students enrolled at Thornton Academy, new technology has been implemented and the cost to Saco is below the State average. He also noted endowments for the next 25 years have been secured and that the curriculum has been modified towards SAT's for encouragement to attend college.

Lloyd Hunt spoke regarding the scheduling and staffing at Thornton Academy as well as the deployment of 400 laptops.

Mary Nasse reported on parent communications and that small group meetings are popular. She noted there are many opportunities available throughout the year to meet with teachers and their Advisors. They also hold college nights for Juniors and Seniors, have previews every six weeks and discussed various other programs and assessments.

Jeff Robinson asked Mr. Stasio how the Board of Trustees was selected, if there were cameras on campus, what percent of students go to the military and if the middle school students were entering lower than expected.

He was informed there was a nominating committee who made recommendations for the Board of Trustees. There is a complex security system and an officer on campus. It is unknown how many students go to the military. They always want students to have the best possible skills at all ages.

David Versel noted he commended Thornton Academy on their technology gains and feels Saco Middle School should collaborate with TA on technology.

Cindy Belanger thanked them for giving the Board so much information.

2 ND Reading and Adoption of Policy EBAA-Chemical Hazards

A motion was made by Lorraine Whelan, seconded by Cindy Belanger to accept the 2 nd Reading and Adoption of Policy EBAA – Chemical Hazards. Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

Adoption of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Saco Board of Education and the Saco Educational Association

A motion was made by Lorraine Whelan, seconded by Cindy Belanger for the Saco

Board of Education to adopt the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Saco Board of Education and the Saco Educational Association as presented. Voted 4-1 (Jeff Robinson). Motion passed.

Jeff Robinson expressed some considerations he felt should be in the contract regarding military and a revision for a failing school.

Superintendent Lafortune noted it was State Law to grant Leave of Absence for representatives of the military and legislators is determined by State Law.

Resignation of C.K.BurnsSchool Principal

A motion was made by David Versel, seconded by Cindy Belanger to accept with regret the resignation of Stephen Marquis effective June 30, 2006. Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

Executive Session

None

Action(s) as a Result of Executive Session

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by David Galli, seconded by Cindy Belanger to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

Minutes prepared by:

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Respectfully submitted by:

Michael Lafortune, Superintendent

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