

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

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mayor Johnston, at 7:00 PM. Members present: Chair Mayor Johnston, Beth Johnston, Dan Cabral, Lorraine Whelan, Jeff Robinson, Dave Galli, Superintendent Lafortune, Principals Rick Talbot, Peter Harrison, Terry Young, Maureen McMullin, Special Services Director Cathi Faust, Technology Director Laurie Underwood, Assistant Special Services Director Roxie Johnston, Curriculum Director Carol Marcotte and Business Manager Kathie Winchenbach.

Members Absent: David Versel, Cindy Belanger

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Approval of Minutes dated October 10, 2006

The Mayor asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes after their review. Seeing none the minutes were accepted as written.

Adjustment to the Agenda

Recognition Plaques –Mayor Johnston presented Jeff Robinson with a plaque in recognition of his years of service to the Board of Education. Jeff expressed his appreciation to the Board and staff.

Correspondence

Expenditure Report

The Expenditure Report was reviewed.

Grant Award from Exxon/Mobil to SMS

The Superintendent noted Saco Middle School had received a grant in the amount of \$500 from Exxon/Mobil.

Quarterly Report for the 5210 Goes to School pilot program

The Board had received copies of the report in their packets, the Superintendent briefly reviewed it with the Board.

Curriculum Update

Carol Marcotte provided a written curriculum update to the Board for their review.

Public Session

None

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent informed the Board that the budget preparations will begin soon.

Superintendent Lafortune reviewed Bond #2 which was passed on November 7.

Volunteer hours at the schools were reported.

Staff Reports

Alternative Education Presentation by David Durkee and students Ashley Marcotte and John Ramsey

A pamphlet and newsletter were distributed to the Board, along with a portion of a handbook.

David Durkee reported on the success and development of the program. There is 85% attendance.

Ashley Marcotte said she felt she couldn't succeed in a regular program; this program helped her get motivated.

John Ramsay, a Senior, said the school has made him feel safe and that his life had meaning.

The Board thanked them for their presentation.

Good News

Superintendent informed the Board that Fairfield PTO brought Cathryn Falwell, children's author, to Fairfield on October 25th and 26th. She will also be hosting an author signing "Cookies & Cocoa with Cathryn" at Fairfield on November 16th from 5:30 – 7:00 PM.

Fairfield is also collecting for the Saco Food Pantry through November 21st.

Committee Reports

Advisory Council – David Galli informed the Board the new co-chairs are Pat Evans and Kerra Cartwright. He commented on the good work being done.

Facilities – Superintendent Lafortune reported for Dave Versel. The committee met with Burns and Fairfield Schools to seek their needs. They still need to review SMS & Young.

Old Business/Action Items

None

New Business/Action Items

Nomination of School Physician, Nomination of Bookkeeper, Recommendation of Basketball Coach
Beth Johnston asked what role the position plays.

Superintendent Lafortune reported the physician is consulted by the nurses for any health issues.

A motion was made by Dave Galli, seconded by Lorraine Whelan to accept the Superintendent's nomination of Dr. Victoria Rogers as School Physician for the 2006-2007 school year; to accept the Superintendent's nomination of Colleen Taylor as Bookkeeper for the Saco School Department and to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of Mark Snow as 7th grade girls Basketball Coach for the 2006-2007 school year only." Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

Notification of Grant Awards

Carol Marcotte gave an overview of grant allocations for 2006-2007.

Superintendent Lafortune informed the Board how much Carol was appreciated for all her efforts.

Report on MSMA conference and MSBA Delegate Assembly

Jeff Robinson reported on the conference and Assembly. He felt it was a very worthwhile event and feels Saco is setting the pace.

1st Reading of Policies: JJI – Saco School Department Philosophy of Athletics, JJIBA – Hiring and Evaluation of Coaches, JJIBB – Sportsmanship, JJIBC – Relations with Booster Groups, JJIB – Sponsorship and Evaluation of Athletic Programs, JICK – Bullying

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2nd Reading and Adoption of the Wellness Policy

A motion was made by Beth Johnston, seconded by Jeff Robinson to approve the 2nd Reading and Adoption of the Wellness Policy. Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

Approval of Policy Revision for EFE – Competitive Food Sales – Sales of Food in Competition with the School Food Service Program

A motion was made by Dave Galli, seconded by Beth Johnston to approve the Revision to EFE – Competitive Food Sales – Sales of Food in Competition with the School Food Service Program. Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

Executive Session

None

Action(s) as a Result of Executive Session

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Dave Galli, seconded by Dan Cabral to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

Minutes prepared by:

Tonya S. Muchemore, Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:

Michael Lafortune, Superintendent