

**Saco Board of Education
Minutes of April 10, 2007
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, Lorraine Whelan, Dan Cabral, Scott Nason, Beth Johnston (arrived at 7:10 PM), Shirley Jones, Dave Galli, Superintendent Lafortune, Principals Rick Talbot, Peter Harrison, Maureen McMullin, Terry Young, Special Services Director Cathi Faust, Curriculum Director Carol Marcotte, Technology Director Laurie Underwood and Business Manager Kathie Winchenbach.

Members Absent: Michel Ohayon

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Approval of Minutes dated March 13, 2007

The Mayor asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes after their review. Dan Cabral noted he was in attendance at the last meeting and asked to have his name added to the list of members present. Minutes were then approved.

Adjustment to the Agenda

None

Correspondence

Expenditure Report

The Mayor noted the Expenditure Report had been reviewed at the Finance meeting prior to the Board meeting.

Curriculum Update

Carol Marcotte reviewed the Curriculum Update supplied to Board members.

Letter to Kerra Cartwright from the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital

The hospital is making a donation of \$500 towards the school's exercise classes through Saco Parks & Rec. The school district is pleased to accept the donation.

Public Session

None

Superintendent's Report

Bus Driver Appreciation

Superintendent Lafortune thanked the bus drivers and Transportation Director for their outstanding work during the gas leak.

Staff Reports

None

Committee Reports

Calendar– Superintendent Lafortune reported on the calendar. He noted a local meeting had been held as well as a superintendent's workshop with neighboring districts to help coordinate the calendar.

Advisory Council – David Galli reported the collaborative work was still ongoing. A subcommittee had

been formed for staff development days needed for the calendar. Staff Development proposals were presented to the Council and a Summer Institute is being proposed. The next meeting will be April 26.

Old Business/Action Items

None

New Business/Action Items

State of the School Report – Thornton Academy

Carl Stasio, Rene Menard and Mary Nasse were present to present the State of the School Report. SATs and PSATs were reviewed, the process for incoming 8th grade students was explained, and the goals of Thornton Academy were discussed. The main areas of concern with SATs were mathematics and gender differences.

Superintendent Lafortune thanked Carl Stasio and his staff for everything they have done.

1st Reading of 2007-2008 School Calendar

Superintendent Lafortune reviewed the calendar. He noted the March 21st staff development day may move to January 2nd.

The mayor asked why school was beginning prior to Labor Day as the Business Community does not like this.

The Superintendent noted it seems to work well for both teachers and students. K-8 students start before and 9-12 start after Labor Day.

David Galli inquired about the April 18th day being a vacation day.

The Superintendent noted most schools locally are now taking this as a vacation day.

A motion was made by David Galli, seconded by Dan Cabral to approve the 1st Reading of the 2007-2008 calendar. Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

Nomination of 40% Speech Therapist for C.K. Burns School

A motion was made by David Galli, seconded by Shirley Jones to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Meredith Carbone as a 40% Speech Therapist for C.K. Burns School. Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

Recommendation of Spring Track Coaches

A motion was made by David Galli, seconded by Lorraine Whelan to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of Pattie DeMaria, Brian Dougher, Lisa Hall and Daron Kinsman as spring track coaches for the 2006-2007 school year only. Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

Budget Update

Superintendent Lafortune noted workshops with the City Council were scheduled for April 23 & April 30.

Executive Session

A motion was made by David Galli, seconded by Shirley Jones to enter into Executive Session at 8 PM to discuss custodian negotiations and the unionization of secretaries and bus drivers pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D). Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

A motion was made by David Galli, seconded by Shirley Jones to exit Executive Session at 8:30 PM. Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

Action(s) as a Result of Executive Session

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by David Galli, seconded by Lorraine Whelan to adjourn at 8:31 PM. Voted unanimously. Motion passed.

Minutes prepared by:

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Respectfully submitted by:

Michael Lafortune, Superintendent