

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 40

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SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES June 23, 2008 Educational Service Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Tod Brown, Carl Cunningham, Tom Gallant, Mary Genthner, Phil Groce, Gail Hawes, Danny Jackson, Bob Jones, Bonnie Davis-Micue, Kim Miller, Nancy Watson, Dennis Wooster
BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:	David Benner, Carrie Chavanne, Joe Tynan
ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:	Pamela Carnahan (Superintendent of Schools), Scott Vaitones (Business Manager), Susan Jackson, Bob England, Harold Wilson, Ann Hassett, Richard Blackman, Karen Etheridge, Julia Levensaler
OTHERS PRESENT:	Tiffany Strong, Tanya Reed

I. OPENING

A. Call to Order

Chair Davis-Micue called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Note Absentees

Two members were absent when the meeting was called to order.

2. Pledge Of Allegiance

3. Declaration of Quorum

Twelve members were present with the voting total of 782 votes.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (D)-LABOR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

This session was canceled; however, the admin group presented its allocation of budgeted salary increases to the School Board as follows:

	# of work days	FY08-09 Salary (w/ 2.50% increase)
Harold Wilson-Principal-MVHS	220	\$77,367.00
Andrew Cavanaugh-Asst. Principal-MVHS	200	\$65,740.18
Ann Hassett- ½ Asst. Principal, ½ Titles Coord.	200	\$65,387.83
Ben Vail-Principal-MMS	220	\$73,688.14
Bob England- ½ Asst. Principal-MMS	200 (half days)	\$30,480.50
Richard Blackman-Principal @FVS and PMS	220	\$75,968.12
Ann Kirkpatrick-Principal-WCS	220	\$71,802.85
Julia Levensaler-Principal-Miller School	220	\$69,791.94
Jon Caron- ½ Principal-Union Elem.	220 (half days)	\$33,999.56
Lowell Jones-Asst. Principal-Miller School	200	\$55,135.00
Shawna Kurr-Asst. Principal-WCS	200	\$58,565.35
Karen Etheridge-Dir. of Student Services	220	\$69,931.25
Susan Hall-Taylor-Dir. of Adult Ed	220	\$59,670.87
Matt Lash-Athletic Director	210	\$55,425.00
Susan Jackson- .8 Director of Instruction-K-12	220	\$58,726.99
Linda Trenholm-Director of Technology	220	\$54,564.85

III. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action was taken.

IV. INFORMATION FROM LEGAL COUNCIL REGARDING BUDGET REFERENDUM

The Business Manager, Scott Vaitones, told the School Board he had been in consultation with our attorneys regarding the budget being brought back to the public for a vote due to the increased fuel bids that exceeded the budget. The options are very limited; according to legal advice, an election can only be validated if an equal number of voters turns out and/or exceed June's state election. Mr. Vaitones then explained the accounts receivable balance from the food service dept. The Board proceeded to discuss the food service balance.

1. **Bob Jones moved** to have a special referendum to spend the food service fund balance. **Gail Hawes seconded**
There was further discussion.
2. **Gail Hawes made an amendment** to limit the food service balance to \$125,000.00. **Mary Genthner seconded.**
3. **Tom Gallant moved** to call the question. **Bob Jones seconded** the motion.

VOTED: 371 yes: Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Bob Jones, Dennis Wooster, Mary Genthner
411 no: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Tod Brown, Nancy Watson, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue
0 abstentions

4. **Danny Jackson moved** to table the motion. **Kim Miller seconded.**
5. **Bob Jones withdrew his motion.**

V. BUDGET SHORTFALL DISCUSSION

A. The School Board made the following motions to make up the difference in the budget shortfall due to the increase in fuel cost:

1. **Special Ed Position:** **Carl Cunningham moved** to reduce this position at Miller School by \$8500.00. **Danny Jackson seconded.**

VOTED: 529 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Tod Brown, Nancy Watson, Mary Genthner, Bonnie Davis-Micue
253 no: Kim Miller, Bob Jones, Dennis Wooster, Gail Hawes
0 abstentions

- a. **Bob Jones moved to table** this motion so as to hear all options first and then vote. **Gail Hawes seconded.**

VOTED: 353 yes: Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Bob Jones, Dennis Wooster, Mary Genthner, Gail Hawes
429 no: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Tom Gallant, Tod Brown, Nancy Watson, Gail Hawes
0 abstentions

MOTION FAILED

2. **Social Worker Position at MVHS-** Ann Hassett explained to the School Board that the Social Worker at MVHS could be funded through Title IV A. **Carl Cunningham moved** to fund \$13,000 of this position through Title IV A. **Nancy Watson seconded.**

VOTED: 529 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Tod Brown, Nancy Watson, Mary Genthner, Bonnie Davis-Micue
253 no: Kim Miller, Bob Jones, Dennis Wooster, Gail Hawes
0 abstentions

3. **Guidance Director at MVHS-** **Tom Gallant moved** to reduce the Guidance Director by 10 days (\$3,200). **Carl Cunningham seconded.**

VOTED: 529 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Tod Brown, Nancy Watson, Mary Genthner, Bonnie Davis-Micue

253 no: Kim Miller, Bob Jones, Dennis Wooster, Gail Hawes
0 abstentions

4. **Out of District Special Ed- Carl Cunningham moved** to reduce out of district Special Ed by \$20,000. **Tom Gallant seconded.**

VOTED: 73 yes: Carl Cunningham
709 no: Danny Jackson, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Tod Brown, Nancy Watson, Mary Genthner,
Bonnie Davis-Micue, Kim Miller, Bob Jones, Dennis Wooster, Gail Hawes
0 abstentions

MOTION FAILED

5. **Central Office Receptionist- Danny Jackson moved** to reduce the new receptionist position from 25 to 20 hours. **Carl Cunningham seconded.**

VOTED: 584 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Tod Brown, Nancy Watson,
Mary Genthner, Gail Hawes, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue
198 no: Kim Miller, Bob Jones, Dennis Wooster
0 abstentions

6. **Teacher at Union Elementary- Tom Gallant moved** to eliminate a new teacher at Union Elementary. **NO SECOND, NO VOTE**

7. **Instruction- Carl Cunningham moved** to cut Math and Science from Instruction by \$5,000. **Danny Jackson seconded.**

VOTED: 474 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Tom Gallant, Tod Brown, Nancy Watson, Mary Genthner, Bonnie Davis-Micue
308 no: Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Dennis Wooster, Mary Genthner, Bob Jones
1 abstention: Gail Hawes

8. **Guidance at Prescott, Friendship & Union Schools- Gail Hawes moved** to reduce Guidance at Prescott, Friendship and Union Schools to .4 each at a total savings of \$73,767. **Kim Miller seconded.**

VOTED: 459 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Tom Gallant, Nancy Watson, Mary Genthner,
Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue
268 no: Phil Groce, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Dennis Wooster
1 abstention: Kim Miller

9. **Bob Jones moved** that the Board reconsider #6, which never was voted on. **Tod Brown moved** to eliminate the new teaching position at Union. **Tom Gallant seconded.**

VOTED: 359 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Tom Gallant, Tod Brown, Nancy Watson
353 no: Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Bob Jones, Dennis Wooster, Mary Genthner, Gail Hawes
1 abstention: Bonnie Davis-Micue

- a. **Gail Hawes moved** to amend the motion to consider cutting the two new teachers at Warren Community School. **Kim Miller seconded. Gail Hawes withdrew her motion, Kim Miller agreed.**

- b. **Bob Jones moved** to table the discussion. **Dennis Wooster seconded.**

VOTED: 313 yes: Phil Groce, Bob Jones, Dennis Wooster, Mary Genthner, Bonnie Davis-Micue
469 no: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Tom Gallant, Tod Brown,
Nancy Watson, Gail Hawes
0 abstentions

MOTION FAILED

- c. **Bob Jones moved** to amend the motion and cut guidance at Miller and Warren. **Danny Jackson seconded the motion. Bob Jones withdrew the motion.**

10. **Ed Tech III at Union- Nancy Watson moved** to add this position to Union Elementary (\$14,200). **Tom Gallant seconded.**

VOTED: 529 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Tom Gallant, Tod Brown, Nancy Watson,
Mary Genthner, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue
253 no: Phil Groce, Kim Miller, Bob Jones, Dennis Wooster
0 abstentions

11. **Two Teachers at WCS- Kim Miller moved** to cut the two new teachers at Warren Community School (\$76,762). **Danny Jackson seconded.**

VOTED: 0 yes
712 no: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Bob Jones,
Tod Brown, Dennis Wooster, Nancy Watson, Mary Genthner, Gail Hawes
1 abstention: Bonnie Davis-Micue

MOTION FAILED

12. **Elementary Guidance Positions- Gail Hawes moved** to restore the Guidance positions at Prescott, Friendship and Union by .2 each (\$36,883). **Mary Genthner seconded.**

VOTED: 526 yes: Danny Jackson, Phil Groce, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Dennis Wooster, Nancy Watson,
Nancy Watson, Mary Genthner, Bonnie Davis-Micue
201 no: Carl Cunningham, Tom Gallant, Gail Hawes
1 abstention: Kim Miller

- a. **Bob Jones amended** the motion to add .333 to each school. **Danny Jackson seconded.**

VOTED: 338 yes: Phil Groce, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Dennis Wooster, Nancy Watson
389 no: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Tom Gallant, Mary Genthner, Gail Hawes, Bonnie
Davis-Micue
1 abstention: Kim Miller

MOTION FAILED

13. **Principal at Union- Gail Hawes moved** to cut the .5 principal at Union (\$41,702) and have existing, qualified administrative staff overseeing the staff and students of Union Elementary and include a stipend for head teacher. **Danny Jackson seconded.**

- a. **Kim Miller moved** to amend the motion to say the leadership would be the Warren Community Schools principal. **Danny Jackson seconded. Motion was withdrawn.**

- b. **Tom Gallant moved** to table the motion. **Nancy Watson seconded.**

VOTED: 143 yes: Tom Gallant, Nancy Watson
639 no: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Bob Jones, Tod Brown,
Dennis Wooster, Mary Genthner, Gail Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue
0 abstentions

MOTION FAILED

- c. Back to the original motion #13,

VOTED: 444 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Tom Gallant, Mary Genthner, Gail
Hawes, Bonnie Davis-Micue
338 no: Phil Groce, Bob Jones, Tod Brown, Dennis Wooster, Nancy Watson
0 abstentions

14. **Second Guidance Counselor at MMS- Tom Gallant moved** to cut the additional Guidance Counselor at MMS. **Mary Genthner seconded.**

VOTED: 128 yes: Tom Gallant, Gail Hawes

654 no: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Phil Groce, Bob Jones, Tod Brown,
Dennis Wooster, Nancy Watson, Mary Genthner, Bonnie Davis-Micue
0 abstentions

MOTION FAILED

Director Wooster left the meeting changing the voting total to 712 votes.

15. **Private Transport Drivers- Tod Brown moved** to make as a goal, a reduction of 10% of the money allocated to transport Special Needs children by private drivers. **Nancy Watson seconded.**

VOTED: 466 yes: Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Tom Gallant, Tod Brown, Nancy Watson, Gail Hawes,
Bonnie Davis-Micue

173 no: Phil Groce, Bob Jones, Mary Genthner

1 abstention: Danny Jackson

- a. **Tom Gallant moved** to empower the Business Manager to form a committee to investigate the costs associated with transporting Special Needs students. **Motion failed for lack of a second.**

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Bob Jones moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 p.m. **Carl Cunningham seconded.**

VOTED: 271 yes: Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Bob Jones, Nancy Watson

441 no: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Kim Miller, Tod Brown, Mary Genthner, Gail Hawes,
Bonnie Davis-Micue

0 abstentions

MOTION FAILED

* **Bob Jones moved** to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 p.m. **Carl Cunningham seconded.**

VOTED: 602 yes: Danny Jackson, Carl Cunningham, Phil Groce, Tom Gallant, Bob Jones, Tod Brown,
Nancy Watson, Mary Genthner, Bonnie Davis-Micue

110 no: Kim Miller, Gail Hawes

0 abstentions

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Carnahan, Superintendent of Schools

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To show entire voting