

Subject: Minutes of the Union #93 Joint School Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 7, 2016

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: Penobscot Community School

School Committee Members Present: Joe Spinazola (0), Temple Blackwood (1359), Jim Lacasse (0), Ben Wootten (2675), Anne Rice (0), Charles Tarr (186), Helen Condon (186), Brad Jones (186), Patty Tapley (186), Matt Freedman (186), Jerald Markley (252), James Goodman (252), Fred Briehl (252), Charles Brenton (252), Anne Hayes-Grillo (252) arrived at 5:50pm, Marlene Tallent (1465), Michelle Berger (0).

School Committee Members Absent: Jan Snow (0), Sean Walsh (0), Kathryn MacArthur (0), Don Driscoll (0), Joan Welgoss (0), Monica Hardy-Torrey (0).

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt, Susan Duddy, Heather Lanpher, Sheila Irvine, Dawn Robbins, Nikki Jaffray, Monique Labbe (Reporter from the Castine Patriot).

1. Joe Spinazola called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. There was a flag salute.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: November 17, 2015

A motion was made by Jerry Markley, seconded by Temple Blackwood, to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2015 meeting as presented.

Ayes: 7437

Nays: 0.

4. Communications

A. Welcome New Board Members

Welcomed two new Board members; Fred Briehl from Penobscot and Patty Tapley from Brooksville.

5. Comments and Questions from the Public:

Talked about the Sharing Resource Committee. The committee will not meet in April but would like to meet in May. Marlene Tallent, Joe Spinazola, Ben Wootten, Jerry Markley and one member from Brooksville will comprise the committee.

6. Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Jerry Markley, seconded by Jim Lacasse, to approve the agenda.

Ayes: 7437

Nays: 0

7. Old Business

A. None

8. New Business:

A. Special Education Director Report

Sheila Irvine informed the Board that it is time for the 5 year Special Education Review. The site visit just happened, and she is pleased with the initial review. Charles Brenton asked what the responsibility is for High School student. Sheila explained her position for High School students.
(Anne Hayes-Grillo arrived at 5:40pm)

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B. Curriculum Coordinator Report

Dawn Robbins informed the Board that the March In-service went very well. Also reported on Title 1 night which took place on March 9th at the Bay School. Motivational speaker Randy Judkins came. It was an awesome night and very encouraging. MEA testing is well under way with few glitches. Dawn is working on Teacher Evaluation Plan and it will be submitted to the State by July 1st.

C. Technology Report

Richard Avery reported that things are going well, and spends time keeping the Central Office running. Will spend more time at Penobscot Community School due to the resignation of their coordinator.

D. Draft Calendar Discussion 2016-2017 School Year

The draft version was put out with no comments from Board or school officials. There is not much change at all. We are gaining a workshop day at the beginning of school. After much discussion, there was agreement made on the calendar. The discussion included: Inclusion of Columbus Day, (it's in most contracts); breaks are extremely important to teachers and students; have to go by tech school in area for bussing; might be a better way to use that day.

E. Possible Curriculum Coordinator Nomination

A motion was made by James Goodman, seconded by Temple Blackwood, to hire Dawn Robbins for the Curriculum Coordinator position.

Ayes: 7689

Nays: 0

F. Executive Session Pursuant to MRSA § 405 (6)(A) with the Brooksville, Castine, Penobscot and Surry Boards with Their Nurse

A motion was made by Temple Blackwood, seconded by Jerry Markley, to enter Executive Session with Nikki Jaffray, at 6:01pm.

Ayes: 7689

Nays: 0

Entered Executive Session at 6:01pm.

Exited Executive Session at 6:13pm.

A motion was made by Brad Jones, seconded by Jim Goodman, to amend Nikki Jaffray's contract to contain 4 professional days and to make her hourly rate \$29.71; all to being on 7/1/2016.

Ayes: 7689

Nays: 0

9. Other Business:

None

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair, Joe Spinazola, at 6:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Lanpher, Business Manager