

MINUTES
BREWER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

May 7, 2007
High School Student Services

Committee members present: Amanda Bost, Mark Chambers, Calvin Bubar, Mark Farley and Jeff Taylor. Liaison present: Pat Sirois, MSAD #63

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Farley at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Eagle Scout and Brewer High School student Joshua Young was recognized for his accomplishment; an Award for Excellence was presented by Chair Farley and Dr. Lee. Also recognized were Robert Alley for achieving the rank of first in Maine and seventh in the nation on the Level 1 French Exam and Erin Mills for achieving the rank of second for Maine and seventh in the nation on the Level 2 French Exam.

Mayor Celli spoke on DASH and Community of Caring.

A. Minutes

Mr. Farley proposed, without objection and by unanimous consent, that the minutes of the April 2, 2007 regular meeting and the April 9, 2007 workshop meeting be approved.

B. Correspondence

Dr. Lee reported on several correspondence items received since the last meeting.

C. Personnel

1. Dr. Lee nominated Ms. Beth Woodson, Brewer High School Guidance Counselor for continuing contract for 2007 – 2008. Mr. Chambers moved to approve the nomination; Mr. Bubar seconded – VOTED: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.
2. Dr. Lee nominated the following individuals for three year terms on the Teachers' Recertification Committee: Dennis Levesque, grades 3-5; Dottie Whalen, grades 9-12 and Joan Avila, special education. Mr. Taylor moved to approve the nomination; Mr. Bubar seconded – VOTED: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.
3. Dr. Lee nominated Major Constance E. Hoksch, USAF (Ret.) as the senior aerospace instructor for our JROTC unit next year. Ms. Bost moved to approve the nomination; Mr. Taylor seconded – VOTED: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.
4. Dr. Lee nominated Ms. Bonnie Raymond for a 3.0 hour/day food service assistant position at Brewer High School. Mr. Chambers moved to approve the nomination; Mr. Taylor seconded – VOTED: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

5. Dr. Lee reported the resignation of Mr. Thomas Leonard, seventh grade teacher at Brewer Middle School to take another position. Mr. Chambers moved to accept with regret; Mr. Bubar seconded – VOTED: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.
6. Dr. Lee reported the resignations of Ms. Merrienne Perry and Ms. Julie Duran Ed Tech I's at Brewer High School to take positions elsewhere. Mr. Taylor moved to accept with regret; Mr. Bubar seconded – VOTED: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.
7. Dr. Lee reported the resignations of Kathleen Doyle, art teacher at Brewer Middle School for personal reasons; Ms. Jennifer Montgomery-Rice, third grade teacher at Washington Street School for personal reasons and Mr. David Pierce, physics teacher at Brewer High School for the purpose of retirement. Mr. Bubar moved to accept with regret; Mr. Chambers seconded – VOTED: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.
8. Dr. Lee reported the involuntary transfer of Ms. Martha Rowley from grade 1 at Washington Street School to grade 2 at Washington Street School effective for the 2007 - 2008 school year.
9. Dr. Lee requested that Mr. Douglas Thompson be granted a leave of absence without pay for the school year 2007 – 2008. Mr. Chambers moved to approve the leave without pay; Mr. Bubar seconded – VOTED: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.
10. Dr. Lee reported on the voluntary transfer of Ms. Brenda Meehan from sixth grade at Brewer Middle School to fifth grade at State Street School. Mr. Taylor moved to approve the transfer; Mr. Bubar seconded – VOTED: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

D. Reports

1. Mr. Kerry Priest, Pupil Services Director reported on the Department of Education's recent review of our special education program. Mr. Bubar moved to receive the report; Ms. Bost seconded - VOTED: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.
2. Ms. Bubar, Brewer High School Principal reported the SAT's. Mr. Taylor moved to receive the report; Mr. Bubar seconded – VOTED: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

E. Old Business

1. Mr. Bubar moved to approve the revision to Policy ICA 2007 – 08 School Calendar; Ms. Bost seconded – VOTED: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

F. New Business

1. Mr. Bubar moved to approve the first reading of the FY08 School Department Budget; Mr. Taylor seconded - VOTED: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.
2. Mr. Bubar moved to approve the first reading of Policy JJI Brewer School Department Philosophy of Athletics; Mr. Chambers seconded – VOTED: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.
3. Mr. Bubar moved to approve the first reading of Policy JJIBB Sportsmanship; Mr. Chambers seconded – VOTED: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.
4. Mr. Taylor moved to approve the first reading of Policy CGB Director of Psychological Services Compensation and Benefits; seconded by Mr. Bubar – VOTED: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.
5. Ms. Bost moved to approve the update of Policy CDD Administrative Compensation Guide; seconded by Mr. Chambers – VOTED: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.
6. Mr. Chambers moved to approve the update of Policy GDBA Support Staff Compensation Guide; seconded by Mr. Taylor – VOTED: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.
7. Mr. Bubar moved to approve the update of Policy EEB Travel Expenses; Mr. Taylor seconded – VOTED: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.
8. Mr. Bubar moved to approve the update of Policy BEA Brewer School Department Meeting Schedule; Mr. Chambers seconded – VOTED: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.
9. Mr. Bubar moved to accept the gift of an E-machine, a 15.5 inch monitor and a LexMark scanner, copier and printer for Brewer Middle School; Ms. Bost seconded – VOTED: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.
10. Mr. Bubar moved to allow Dr. Lee to request in writing to the Commissioner of Education for a waiver of one day for seniors; Mr. Taylor seconded – VOTED: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

G. Chairperson Farley noted on May 14, 2007 there would be a special workshop meeting about the consolidation. The next regular meeting is slated for June 7, 2007.

Mr. Chambers moved to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel issue in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E); Mr. Bubar seconded. A roll call vote followed: Bost (Y), Bubar (Y), Chambers (Y), Farley (Y) and Taylor (Y).

Entered into executive session at 8:40 P.M.

Returned to regular session at 9:10 P.M.

Ms. Bost moved to adjourn; Mr. Bubar seconded – VOTED: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel M. Lee, Ed.D.
Secretary