

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES
DATE: Tuesday, September 8, 2009
WHERE: PCHS**

Members Present: *Brydie Armstrong, James Bell, Shelly Bennett, David Bridges, John Cartwright, Heidi Dow, Blaire Fagan, Carrie Fellows, Vicki French, Cinthia Hoak, Patricia Izbicki, Anita Kain, Donna Littlefield, Michelle Ward, and Charles Woodmancy.*

Members Absent: *Amy D'Augustine and George Nuite*

Also Present: *Trisha Kurt, Kevin Harrington, Julie Orton, Virginia Rebar, Crystal Priest, and Paul Stearns.*

Call to Order: *The meeting was called to order by Michelle Ward at 7:00 p.m.*

Approval of Minutes: *A motion was made by Patricia Izbicki and seconded by Charles Woodmancy that the minutes of the August 6 and 11, 2009 Board of Directors Meetings be approved with a correction to Brydie (Bridge) Armstrong.*

Vote: Yes ~ 15 No ~ 0 Ab. ~ 0 Student Council: Yes ~ 0 No ~ 0 Ab. ~ 0

Public Forum: *Rex Webb & Carrie Fellows briefed the Board on the Maine Community Heritage Foundation Project and invited them to a community hearing on October 3.*

Correspondence: *Mr. Stearns read a letter from the Commissioner that gave final approval to the school closing savings figures.*

Educational Reports: *Mrs. Orton provided the Board with a handout showing average scaled MEA scores. She also provided the Board with insight as to why the scoring declined between Grade 3 and Grade 8. She then reviewed strategies for improvement. She also discussed the various challenges involved in switching over to the NECAP tests in October.*

Mr. Harrington discussed the SAT results and went over strategies for improvements as well.

1. Adjustment to Agenda: *none*

2. Votes to be Adopted:

A motion was made by James Bell and seconded by Brydie Armstrong:

VOTED: That the Regional School Unit Board find that the McKusick Elementary School is unnecessary and unprofitable to maintain and that the additional cost of keeping the school open is estimated to be \$199,004.22.

VOTED: That the Regional School Unit Board find that the Guilford Primary School is unnecessary and unprofitable to maintain and that the additional cost of keeping the school open is estimated to be \$174,226.37.

VOTED: That the Warrant and Notice of Election for the referendum on Question 1 relating to minor capital renovations at Piscataquis Community High School, Question 2 relating to closing the McKusick Elementary School, and Question 3 relating to closing the Guilford Primary School presented at the meeting be approved and that a Regional School Unit referendum be called for November 3, 2009 for the purpose of voting on those three questions.

FURTHER VOTED: That the notice of public hearing presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved for the purpose of notifying the Regional School Unit voters of the date, time, and place of the public hearing on the three questions to be voted on at the November 3, 2009 referendum.

Vote: Yes ~ 14 No ~ 1 Ab. ~ 0 (*Anita Kain voted no*) Student Council: Yes ~ 0 No ~ 0 Ab. ~ 0

3. Nomination (2009-2010):

A motion was made by Shelly Bennett and seconded by Cinthia Hoak that the Board of Directors accepts the following nominations for 2009-2010:

- Michelle Figg – Music Teacher

Vote: Yes ~ 15 No ~ 0 Ab. ~ 0 Student Council: Yes ~0 No ~ 0 Ab. ~ 0

4. Recommendation to Employ for 2009-2010 (one year contract):

A motion was made by Patricia Izbicki and seconded by Charles Woodmancy that the Board of Directors accepts the recommendation to employ David Pepin for PCHS Golf for 2009-2010:

Vote: Yes ~ 15 No ~ 0 Ab. ~ 0 Student Council: Yes ~0 No ~ 0 Ab. ~ 0

5. Committee Reports: Building, Grounds, & Transportation: Shelly Bennett reported on the BGT Meeting of September 1. She gave updates on the various restructuring projects.

6. TCTC Report: *none*

7. Adult Education Report: *none*

8. Administrative Reports: *Mr. Harrington added that the school year at PCHS is off to a good start. He recognized Mrs. MacFadyen and Ms. Priest for their efforts and expertise.*

9. Chairperson's Report: *none*

10. Superintendent's Report: *Attached*

11. Adjournment: A motion was made by Shelly Bennett and seconded by Anita Kain to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul A. Stearns

Superintendent of Schools