

LAMOINE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008 AT 5:30 P.M.  
AT THE LAMOINE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL  
LAMOINE, MAINE

Members Present: Christina Harding, Chair; Robert Pulver, Nancy Sargent, Faith Perkins, and Kathleen Rybarz  
Members Absent: None  
Members Late: None  
Staff Present: Val Perkins, Principal; James S. Boothby, Superintendent; Susan Smith, Curriculum Coordinator, Leah Treadwell, and Barbie Engstrom  
Others: Miranda Engstrom, Peter Farragher, Rick Parker, Kathy Guienquist

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

2. A. **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING ON 8/4/08**

**A motion was made** by Kathleen Rybarz, seconded by Nancy Sargent, **to accept the Minutes of 8/4/08 as presented.**

**Vote: Yes 5 No 0**

B. **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING ON 9/29/08**

**A motion was made** by Faith Perkins, seconded by Nancy Sargent, **to accept the Minutes of the meeting on 8/29/08 as amended as follows:**  
Item 2.A. should read: *Nomination of Patti Haslam/Physical Education.*

**Vote: Yes 5 No 0**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 Minutes)**

Kathy Guienquist thanked the School Committee for their efforts during the budget process.

4. **REVIEW OF AGENDA**

No changes

5. **COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS**

A. **Chairperson** – Chrissi Harding reported cards had been sent from the School Board to teachers who had retired or had a job change within the school.

B. **Administration**

1. **Principal's Report** – A copy of Mr. Perkins's written report will be made a part of the official minutes. Leah Treadwell, Athletic Director shared her written report and discussed X Country, Camp Kiev and Soccer.
2. **Superintendent's Report** – A copy of Superintendent Boothby's written report will be made a part of the official minutes. In addition, Mr. Boothby reported on the following:
  - a. Gave an update on Superintendent's agreements;
  - b. Discussed cash handling procedures and training that took place in August with all hot lunch personnel and the secretaries. The training was led by David Bridgham, U92 Business Manager and Annette Gould, lead auditor for Union 92.

C. **Standing Committee Reports**

The School Board took a tour of the building and the viewed many of the renovations completed to date.

D. **Warrant Signatures** – Warrant #3 in the amount of \$177,854.24 was signed by the School Committee.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Update on Consolidation**

Mr. Boothby shared the current information regarding consolidation activities and upcoming meetings. There was an informational meeting for the public at Ellsworth High School September 10, 2008 and there will be a second meeting on September 15, 2008 at Sumner Memorial High School. The RPC will meet September 17, 2008 at the Hancock Grammar School to review public comments and vote to finalize the reorganization plan. There will be public informational meetings at each school in Union 92 during the months of October and November prior to a proposed December vote.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### A. **Susan Smith: Review MEAs & AYP Status**

Susan Smith provided an overview of the Adequate Yearly Progress Report. Mrs. Smith also provided the public information on the Lamoine Consolidated School's NCLB Report Card. The NCLB report card information is available at the Lamoine Consolidated school, at the Union 92 Central Office, and on line at the Union 92 web site.

### B. **Discussion Regarding After School Program**

Superintendent Boothby introduced Peter Farragher, Rick Parker, and Barbie Engstrom of the DownEast YMCA. Peter and his staff gave an overview for the after school program that will be run by the YMCA at the Lamoine Consolidated School. This program will be open to all Lamoine and the cost will be \$70 per child. The program will run from school dismissal until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. On snow days students enrolled in the program will be eligible to attend the program run by the YMCA at the Maine Coast Baptist Church. The program will be housed in the library and will have access to the gym and playground. Mr. Boothby referred the School Committee to Policy KF which provides for agencies (non-profit) such as the YMCA access to the building to provide a program that will be beneficial to the school and community.. At the time of drafting these minutes, seven students are enrolled in the program.

### C. **Discussion Regarding 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip**

Mr. Boothby shared with the Board that he had asked Principals to look into opportunities to collaborate with other U92 schools in planning for 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trips.

### D. **Discussion Regarding Drop Out Prevention Committee**

Mr. Boothby explained the need to have a Drop Out Prevention Committee during this school year as required by law. A letter will be sent to each of the receiving high schools, followed by direct conversation, asking the high schools to inform the superintendent's office of any student who has withdrawn from school. That information will be shared with the committee as well as the efforts to re-engage the student in an educational program.

**E. Freedom of Access Training for Board Members**

All Board Members were provided the Freedom of Access training information provided on line by the State of Maine. The information packet was reviewed and everyone had the opportunity to ask clarifying questions. At the conclusion of the activity, the Board Members indicated they understood the expectations of the freedom of access to information requirements of their office. A copy of the documentation of training will be kept on file in the Superintendent's office as well as a copy will be mailed to the town office.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Board Requests for Information - None**

**B. Board Comments - None**

**C. Future Agenda Items - None**

**D. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 6, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at the Lamoine Town Hall.**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Nancy Sargent at 7:40 p.m.

Attest: a true record

James S. Boothby, Secretary