

Calais School Committee
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The Calais School Committee met on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at Calais Middle/High School in the Library. In attendance were Chairman, John Hill, Vice Chairman, Robert Greenlaw, James Macdonald, Dale Earle, and Superintendent of Schools, Keith S. Laser, Ed.D.

I. Call to Order

Chairman, John Hill called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

II. Consent Agenda

A. Motion by Dale Earle, second by Robert Greenlaw, unanimous vote to approve the Agenda for the meeting with one amendment, table C under new business - Overnight request for the 8th Grade Class Trip during the week of June 9, 2014.

B. Motion by James Macdonald, second by Dale Earle, unanimous vote to approve the Minutes of December 3, 2013 as presented.

III. Present Communications to the School Committee received from the community

Superintendent Laser apologized for any confusion in relation to school cancellations and made the board aware that notices had gone out to the Calais Elementary School parents and an advertisement had been placed in the Calais Advertiser to try and help avert any further confusion. Also the heat on buses was discussed and due to such low temperatures the buses have been colder than usual.

IV. Public Participation

None Noted

V. Superintendent's Update

A. Superintendent Laser discussed the completion of the Central Office Basement.

B. Superintendent Laser informed the board that Ann Schneider from Maine Municipal Association will be visiting the Calais Schools on January 22, 2014.

C. The ownership of lights and roads was discussed. John Hill asked to have LED lights put on the maintenance schedule. Marcia Rogers spoke about crossing at the intersection on Garfield Street and North Street.

D. Superintendent Laser spoke on the computer donation at Calais Elementary School.

E. Superintendent Laser thanked the custodial crew for all their hard work during the recent bad weather.

VI. New Business

A. Principal Matt Clark and Lori Ellis gave a presentation on the M.M.S. Electronic Grade Books.

B. Motion by Robert Greenlaw, second by Dale Earle, unanimous vote to approve an overnight request for the Academic Decathlon to participate in the State meet in Portland, February 28th through March 2, 2014

C. Tabled

D. Motion by Dale Earle, second by Robert Greenlaw, unanimous vote to move the Calais High School Business Program under the St. Croix Regional Technical Center's Career & Technical Education Program.

E. Motion by Dale Earle, second by Robert Greenlaw, unanimous vote to accept the resignation of Tara Grey as Ed Tech I at the Calais Elementary School.

F. A discussion was held on 8th Grade Step Up. No vote was taken.

G. Motion by Robert Greenlaw, second by Dale Earle, unanimous vote to approve the first reading of Policy AC - Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action.

Motion by Robert Greenlaw, seconded by Dale Earle to approve the first reading of Policy AC-R - Grievance Procedure for Persons with Disabilities.

Motion by Dale Earle, second by Robert Greenlaw, unanimous vote to approve all policies listed under G.

Motion by Dale Earle, second by James Macdonald, unanimous vote to accept the motion to approve all policies listed under G.

ACAA - Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students

ACAA-R - Student Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedure

ACAB - Harassment and Sexual Harassment of School Employees

ACAB-R - Employee Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedure

ACAD - Hazing

AD - Educational Philosophy/Mission

ADA - School District Goals and Objectives

ADAA - School System Commitment to Standards for Ethical and Responsible Behavior

ADC - Tobacco Use and Possession

ADC-R - Tobacco Use and Possession Administrative Procedure

ADF - School District Commitment to Learning Results

AEC - Accountability - Reporting to the Public

H. Motion by Dale Earle, second by Robert Greenlaw, unanimous vote to hire Karen Hood as Ed Tech III to work in the CMS/CHS Library for 35 hours per week.

I. Motion by James Macdonald, second by Dale Earle, unanimous vote to approve the Custodial Evaluation Protocol.

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J. Motion by Dale Earle, second by Robert Greenlaw, unanimous vote to approve the Custodial Job Description with amendment of removing scaffolding.

VII. Old Business

Dale Earle made the suggestion that we call contractors, etc. to fix any problems that may arise from work completed. John Hill asked that Dr. Laser contact Dead River and ask for quoted price and time frame.

VIII. Sub Committee Reports

Finance - Marcia Hayward
Policy - Marcia Hayward
Audit - James Macdonald
Curriculum - Dale Earle
Negotiations - Robert Greenlaw
Building - Dale Earle
City Liaison - James Macdonald

IX. Upcoming Meetings

- January 21, 2014 MMA presentation
- February 4, 2014

X. Future Agenda Items

Superintendent Laser suggested all agenda items from the board should go through the board chair.

It was also determined that an agenda item should be added - Administrative Reports in case there are questions from the board on the submitted reports or if the Administrators want to add something in addition to their report.

XI. Executive session

XII. Adjournment

Motion by James Macdonald, seconded by Dale Earle, unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

Keith S. Laser, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools