

Maine School Administrative District No. 49

Albion ~ Benton ~ Clinton ~ Fairfield
School Street, Fairfield ME 04937

Board Meeting AGENDA Thursday October 3, 2024

***Policy and Planning Committee Meeting, 5:00 PM**

Board Workshop for annual training with DrummondWoodsum, 6:00 PM

A meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of School Directors will be held on Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 7:00 PM at Lawrence Junior High School Gymnasium.

1. Call to order

2. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum:

Brown-Woods	()	Hussey	()	Michaud	()
Davis-Folsom	()	Kenney	()	Wentzel	()
Dumont	()	Knowles	()	Warren	()
Hachey	()	Kusiak	()		
Hartley	()				

Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes:

- Vote to accept the minutes of the September 19, 2024 school board meeting?

Moved: _____ 2nd _____ Y NA

4. Citizen Input

5. Old Business:

6. New Business:

- Comprehensive Health and Safety Emergency Management Plan Review: SRO Day
- Vote to approve Comprehensive Health and Safety Emergency Management Plan?

Moved: _____ 2nd _____ Y NA

Appointments:

Resignations:

7. Superintendent Report:

8. Committee Reports:

9. Other Business:

Adjournment:

10. Vote to adjourn?

Moved: _____ 2nd _____ Y N A

Time: _____

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The next regular meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of Directors at 7:00 PM in the Lawrence Junior High School Gymnasium on October 17, 2024.

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A meeting of the M.S.A.D. #49 Board of School Directors was held on Thursday, September 19, 2024 at Lawrence Junior High School.

- 1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Kusiak at 7:00 PM**
- 2. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum**

Brown-Woods	: Absent	Hartley	: Absent	Kusiak	: Present
Davis-Folsom	: Present	Hussey	: Present	Michaud	: Present
Dumont	: Late arrival	Kenney	: Present	Wentzel	: Absent
Hachey	: Absent	Knowles	: Present	Warren	: Present

Pledge of Allegiance

- 3. Approval of Minutes**

24-09-11

Motion by Michaud, 2nd by Kenney to vote to accept the minutes of the September 5, 2024 school board meeting. Passed: 7-0-0.

- 4. Citizen Input:**
- 5. Old Business:**
- 6. New Business:**

- Instructional Improvement Plans – School Principals
- Northwest Evaluation Association – Assistant Superintendent Boynton
- District Priorities – Superintendent Hersom

Appointments:

Resignations:

Kathleen Stockford, High School English, Retirement June 2025

- 7. Superintendent Report**

Superintendent Hersom discussed the ongoing work of schools to improve student outcomes as principals demonstrated in their results of last year’s Instructional Improvement Plans and improvement plans for this school year. Superintendent Hersom reported that the Wednesday, September 25 *Delayed Start* day in the calendar is dedicated to *Visible Learning*, facilitated by teacher *Professional Development Facilitators* (PDFs) with elementary school staff and *Restorative Practices* for grades 7-12 staff. This *Delayed Start* is the first of three that the Board approved in the 2024-2025 calendar. Superintendent Hersom updated the Board on action steps the District is taking in response to critical information about mosquito-borne illnesses received by the MDOE. Both Kennebec and Somerset are among the high risk counties identified by the CDC. Superintendent Hersom has notified families and taken measures to use mitigation strategies as recommended by the CDC—an important component is raising awareness and providing education for families about the risk, and personal protections they can take for themselves and their families. Families were notified via robo call stating the presence of the illnesses, and that the risk

for getting a mosquito-borne disease is highest from **dusk to dawn** and when temperatures are above 50°F and mosquitos are most active. Precautions include using repellent and wearing protective clothing. More information is published on the District site with many hyperlinks to resources for families. Superintendent Hersom also directed athletic administrators to alert coaches and advisors of the situation and to make repellent available for athletic and co-curricular participants who may be outside during after-dusk hours. The District purchased an ample amount of EPA-approved repellent and followed Integrated Pest Management procedures as coordinator Scott Washburn arranged for the District to treat the perimeter of all school property. Superintendent Hersom updated the Board on the Building Committee's meeting. The school construction project is on track to be enclosed by the end of November. Superintendent Hersom will arrange for a Board Tour of the new school once it is fully enclosed. CHA will begin working with the District to build the budget and put together furnishing bid packages. Superintendent Hersom has coordinated a meeting with CHA and staff representatives for specialty areas that include art, band, Learning Commons, STEM, cafeteria, nurse and office. Another Furniture Fair will be scheduled in late October for the specialty spaces. We will also work to assemble technology bid documents, for release in Spring 2025. The *Percent for Art* portion of the project will begin in collaboration with the Maine Arts Commission. Superintendent Hersom updated the Board on the disposition of the former Fairfield Primary School property. She is consulting with counsel to arrange a transfer agreement. The Town of Fairfield will receive this information once the firm prepares the documents. The District will then negotiate the transfer agreement, and the Town will vote to accept the agreement. If approved, there will be a closing and transfer of the property from the District to the Town. The Board's action by motion in March 2024 authorized this process for each of the schools identified for closure, also including Albion Elementary School and Clinton Elementary School. The same process will be initiated by Superintendent Hersom once the District vacates those buildings.

8. Committee Reports

Finance and Facilities Committee Chair Terry Knowles introduced committee members Max Kenney, Rae Davis-Folsom and Karen Kusiak. Chair Knowles referenced the MSAD 49 District Priorities outlined earlier by Superintendent Hersom and noted that the Committee will use these priorities as a guide. The Committee will work with the Superintendent to update the District's Capital Improvement Plan. The Committee discussed the condition of athletic fields in general. Other financial matters, Mr. Whitcomb reviewed his packet of information about which the Committee will review and make a recommendation to the Board following the October meeting. MSAD 49 District Priorities 2024-2025 as presented to the Finance and Facilities Committee and to the Board:

Instruction & Services

- FY 25 Review and Revision of Science Curriculum
- Monitor and Assess Implementation of ELA Curriculum materials
- *Visible Learning*—District-wide Implementation and Ongoing Professional Development
- Student Engagement & Holistic Supports-
 - *Restorative Practices*
 - *Visible Learning—student metacognition: awareness, strategies, agency*
 - *Secondary Program Opportunities*
 - *Pathways & Workforce Development*

Finance

- Assessing Resources and Prioritizing Needs
 - Supporting Educational Programming and Services
 - Cost of Maintaining Facilities
- Bargaining with the Employees Association
- FY 26 Budget Development

Facilities

- Maintaining Existing Facilities—5 Year Capital Improvement Plan
- School Construction Project—planning for consolidation logistics

9. Other Business

24-09-12

Motion by Michaud, 2nd by Davis-Folsom to vote to go into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)E to consult with legal counsel. Passed: 8-0-0.

Time In: 8:49 pm

Time Out: 9:09 pm

Adjournment


24-09-13

Motion by Davis-Folsom, 2nd by Warren to adjourn. Time: 9:12 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,



Roberta E. Hersom, Board Secretary