

Saco Board of Education
Minutes of February 10, 2009
Finance Committee: 6:30 PM @ City Hall
Regular Board Meeting: 7:00 PM @ City Hall

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ron Michaud at 7:00 PM. Members present: David Galli, Lorraine Whelan, Beth Johnston, Shirley Jones, Dan Cabral, and Superintendent Mike Lafortune,

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Approval of Minutes dated January 20, 2009

Mayor Michaud asked the Board to approve the Minutes from January 20, 2009 as written. A motion was made by Dave Galli and seconded by Lorraine Whelan. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Adjustments to the Agenda

None

Correspondence:

Expenditure Report

The December Expenditure Report was reviewed with the Board. The current budget is at 59%, which at this point was expected to be at 58%. The budget freeze is still in place.

Curriculum Update

Superintendent Lafortune reviewed the February Board Report enclosed for the Boards review.

Young School Volunteer Hours

A handout was provided to the Board with Young Schools' volunteer hours for the month. The volunteers were recognized and appreciated by the Board.

Letter from Commissioner Gendron

Superintendent Lafortune read a letter sent by Commissioner Gendron referencing a Distinguished Educator for Program Review. The Superintendent thanked Special Education Director Cathi Faust, her team, and teachers for a job well done.

Policy JGABB

Superintendent Lafortune addressed the Board requesting to remove the dates and re-word for generic content in the Student Placement Policy, JGABB. A motion will be made later in this meeting.

Public Session

None

Superintendent's Report:

RSU Update

Superintendent Lafortune updated the Board that RSU Election voting is happening currently during this meeting. He informed the Board that new RSU member names would be sent to the State to be certified. The State will then inform the new Board of the date for their first meeting.

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Budget Update

Superintendent Lafortune stated the current freeze has helped and that the School Department should be able to make up the shortfall of approximately \$480,000 from the State.

Staff Reports

None

Committee Reports

None

Old Business/Action Items

None

New Business/Action Items

Transition

Co-Chair Dave Galli reported there needs to be a motion to allow Superintendent Lafortune to continue working on RSU preparations.

A motion was made by Dave Galli and seconded by Lorraine Whelan to approve Superintendent Lafortune the capability to continue working on RSU preparations. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Policy JGABB

Superintendent Lafortune requested to remove the dates and re-word for generic content in the Student Placement Policy, JGABB. Board member Beth Johnston requested that this policy be placed on the sacco.org website. Currently all policies are on the web and once the revision is made, this policy will replace the current outdated policy.

A motion was made by Dave Galli and seconded by Lorraine Whelan to accept the Superintendent's request to remove all dates from the JGABB Policy to accommodate each schools specific needs. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Dave Gali and seconded by Shirley Jones to adjourn at 7:20 P.M. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by:

Respectfully submitted by:

Lynn Ouellette, Transcriber

Michael Lafortune, Superintendent