

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT 71
MINUTES, AUGUST 18, 2008**

Attendance: Chairperson, Maureen King; Vice Chairperson, Brenda Robinson (absent). Directors: James Smith, Gary Koch, Kate Manahan (absent), Art Leblanc (absent), Norm Archer, Tim Hussey and Cathy Kremer. Student Representatives: Taylor Vaughan (absent) and John E. Price.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENT(S)

A. Approval of Minutes - The August 4, 2008 Minutes were pulled until the next meeting. The five people in attendance at the August 4th meeting are not all in attendance at this meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM(S)

A. Approval of Minutes - will be moved to the August 18 School Board Agenda

B. Nomination of Elementary Spanish Teacher, K-1 at Kennebunk Elementary School/Consolidated School – Jennifer Kugler - **CHAIRPERSON KING ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF JENNIFER KUGLER, MOVED BY DIRECTOR SMITH, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR HUSSEY, AND VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE BOARD.**

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Fundraising Lists for 08-09 – An updated list of Kennebunk High School fundraising activities were distributed to the Board. The list of middle school and elementary schools fundraising activities were in the School Board Backup. Director Hussey asked if it was district protocol that all these fundraiser were listed prior to the school year beginning. He wondered about other needs that might come up during the school year. Chairperson King said it was up to the superintendent and principal to approve additional fundraising during the school year. The fundraising activities that were listed are the same each year. It was noted that some of the high school classes did not list any fundraising activities. Director Hussey pointed out there were a lot of fundraising activities. Chairperson King said the fundraising, for some of these groups, keeps the group functioning. Director Kremer asked how specific does the use of funds have to be. Chairperson King pointed out, especially at the high school, the fundraising money is used for programs such as Project Graduation. She explained the Board doesn't want a line item on everything they spend. If items are purchased through fundraising monies, it goes to the department head first for permission. The fundraised money is deposited with the district, and then the district purchases the item rather than gifting it. Director Hussey noted that three of the graduating classes did not have fundraising activities listed. Superintendent Manuel said the fundraising list is a start on becoming organized, and the goal of the principal is to go to the appropriate person and ask why their fundraising activities are not listed on the sheet and to make sure it is complete when presented to the Board. **DIRECTOR KOCH MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE FUNDRAISING LISTS AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR HUSSEY, AND VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE BOARD.**

B. School Board/Administrative Team Retreat – August 25, 2008 – 8:00 a.m. – Superintendent Manuel reported the Education Foundation will join the Retreat from 8-9 am. for breakfast. The Administrative Team and the School Board will meet until 11:00, and then lunch will be served. The School Board should be finished by noontime. Dr. Manuel is creating an agenda for the Retreat. He explained the focus will be on getting to know each other, especially since there are new administrators on board, and the five year goals. The agenda will be sent to the School Board once complete.

C. Nomination of Local Delegate to MSBA Annual Delegate Assembly - This assembly is basically a Board Meeting for the Boards. Chairperson King does not intent to appoint someone at this meeting, but would like it done fairly soon. She asked Board members to consider volunteering for this assembly in October.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Captains' Club Retreat to Washington D.C. November 7-11 – Superintendent Manuel did his best to include everything in the packet. He has heard two concerns in the past, if a student is a junior going on the same trip as a senior what is the point. The seniors will help choose places the Captains' Club will visit in Washington, so there will be no repeats. Another question why travel to D.C. Dr. Manuel explained, the Captains' Club has connections in Washington D.C. and it is fiscally more

responsible to go there because most venues are free of charge. Dr. Manuel considered taking only seniors on the Retreat this year, but thought it would divide the class in the early stages of forming the class. He did shorten the trip time frame, and students will miss one day of school. The value of the trip is what they see while in D.C., and who they interact with is a valuable experience. Mark Carney, School Resource Officer, will be teaching the Captains' Club Intro Class this year. Director Archer said it appears the funding comes from fundraising and the students themselves. Dr. Manuel said some of the money will come from the No Child Left Behind, Title 4, Federal government monies. The students will contribute \$200 each. The places students visit, in connection to the drug/alcohol education, include the Century Council, where the Captains' Club is one of their focus groups, DEA, CIA, and the FBI. This group will hopefully meet up with the sister group from St. Louis again this year. In Washington the students have class every day and this is integrated into what they do in the classroom back at home, which is bringing real life experiences back to the classroom and discussing them. Dr. Manuel said this year's Captains' Club will work more with the high school and will expand their work with Day One and Truth Days. The trip will enhance this work. Director Hussey noted the reference to visiting the embassy in Taiwan. This has already been arranged for the students. Former Superintendent Farrell is working in Taiwan and the students thought it would be interesting to find out more about that part of the world. Director Kremer asked if anyone can join the Captains' Club. Dr. Manuel said the class is based on an application process, once a student is in the class, and they live up to the class expectations, they stay in the class. No student has been turned away this year, and there are 30 juniors/seniors and 15 sophomores. The students self-select to get into this class. All students in the Captains' Club go on the trip as long as they are eligible and have their school work done. **CHAIRPERSON KING ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CAPTAINS' CLUB TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C., MOVED BY DIRECTOR ARCHER, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR HUSSEY, AND VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE BOARD.**

b. Committee Reports

1. Facilities Committee – Will meet Wednesday morning at 7:30 a.m. at the middle school.

2. Policy Committee – Will meet on August 26 at 4:30 p.m. at the Central Office. This will not be the regular meeting time.

3. Maine School Board Association Update – Chairperson King shared her binders she receives working on a committee that is looking over the curriculum requirements for awarding a diploma. This committee has nice representation across the state. Chairperson King is there as a School Board member, and Lori Hall, also a member of the committee, is a guidance counselor at Kennebunk High School. This is a legislative required committee. The committee discusses high school standards, and Ms. Gendron is looking for statewide standards. At the last meeting, Waldo County did a presentation, they can be in inner city school with the issues they have. They have had to set up an elaborate intervention program because their graduation rate was abysmal. Waldo County is in no position to do what has been suggested by Ms. Gendron with this early push for high standards, they can barely get the students graduated. There is a balancing act between southern and northern Maine. Director Hussey asked if there was a legislative timeline. Chairperson King said it is on hold. The committee is supposed to report out before the end of November so the report can go to the Education Committee when they get back. Director Hussey thought implementation of the standards was for 2009. Chairperson King said everything has been held off.

4. Maine 21st Century Council – Chairperson King is also on this committee. This group was formed from a three year grant. If interested, go to the 21st Century website for further information on what the council is about. The council is partnering with high powered companies, and is looking at a more measured approach to students skills when they get out of high school. Maine School Board Association has assigned two people to this council from the committee looking at graduation requirements because they feel it is tied together, even though the state sees them as separate. This council is creating good business partnerships.

5. Regional School Unit (RSU) Update – The committee will meet tomorrow evening. Letters were sent today from the Kennebunk Selectmen and the Kennebunkport Selectmen. They will be sent to the Board after the RSU Meeting tomorrow. It now appears there will be a lot of work to get the two sides to meet. It will take a lot of cooperation and consensus at tomorrow's meeting to get to an over EPS formula. Director Archer asked what were the big differences, Chairperson King said it basically boiled down to Kennebunkport looking at 50/50 based on student numbers, with a trigger should the population change, and to re-evaluate the formula every 10 years. Also should the RSU Board decide they want to close a school that would trigger a look at the property vs. pupil formula? Kennebunk is looking for a 60/40 split with no triggers. They don't want to go back and look at it, when it's in, it's in! The difficulty is there needs

to be a formula that will pass all three communities. If consolidation is voted down, the penalties are extreme. Kennebunk could be looking at a million dollar penalty, and the penalties will increase each year. It would be wise to mitigate the impact on students and education and try to reach a compromise. Director Archer asked who has the authority to close schools. Chairperson King said the bottom line is the School Board can vote to close a school. If, for example purposes only, Consolidated School was chosen to be closed, the citizens of Kennebunkport would vote on the closure of their school, not the entire district. Also, Kennebunkport could vote to keep it open and pay the difference. That is how it is now. If the committee wants, they can write specific language in the RSU plan, where the cost sharing formula is the only place to affect any type of change.

The Staff Breakfast will be Tuesday, August 27 at the Middle School starting at 8:00 a.m.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT
DIRECTOR SMITH MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:30 P.M., SECONDED BY DIRECTOR KOCH,
AND VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE BOARD.**

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