

Calais School Committee
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The Calais School Committee held their Organizational meeting on Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at the Calais Middle/High School at 7:00 p.m. per Calais City Charter. In attendance were John Hill, Bob Greenlaw, Dale Earle, James Macdonald, Lea Farrar and Superintendent of Schools Robert F. Moholland.

I. Call to Order/Introductions

Superintendent Moholland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the board in a Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

II. Election of Chairman

The election of Chairman by secret ballot resulted in Bob Greenlaw elected as Chairman of the Calais School Committee for the ensuing year.

III. Election of Vice Chairman

The election of Vice Chairman by secret ballot resulted in John Hill elected as Vice Chairman of the Calais School Committee for the ensuing year.

IV. Consent Agenda

- A. Under New Business add D. Resignation of Kristen Hallowell. Adjustment approved on a motion by John Hill, seconded by Lea Farrar, unanimous vote.
- B. Motion by John Hill, seconded by Dale Earle, unanimous vote to approve the Agenda for this meeting.
- C. Motion by Dale Earle, seconded by John Hill, unanimous vote to approve the Minutes of October 21, 2014.

V. Present Communication to the School Committee received from the Community

None noted

VI. Public Participation

None noted

VII. Superintendent's Update

A. Superintendent Moholland gave a brief update on the MSMA Fall Conference that he attended and listed the following workshops that he participated in: Interest Based Learning, Learning Commons, Proficiency Based Diploma, Policy and Transcripts, Habits of Mind, Proficiency Growth, and a Presentation by Jim Rier Commissioner of Education.

Bob Greenlaw also attended the MSMA Fall Conference and attended the same workshops as Superintendent Moholland as well as Special Education, Teacher Evaluation, and K-2 Literacy and Leadership.

B. The Veteran's Day Assembly will be held on November 10, 2014 at 9:15 a.m. at the Calais

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Middle/High School.

C. Superintendent Moholland informed the board of a Collective Bargaining Workshop on December 10, 2014 in Augusta and asked that any board member wishing to attend contact Faye Donovan in the Central Office.

VIII. Administrative Reports

Principal Sue Carter reported that Mr. Clark's class participated in a mock vote and their results mirrored the election results. Jodie Greene attended a training for the Maine Cohort for Customized Learning in Waterville. The next training will be December 4 and 5 in Waterville.

Principal Matt Clark reported that \$400.00 has been received in memory of Jeff Gagner and Joe Driscoll. The annual Coffee House will be held Friday, November 7th at 7:00 p.m. Thirteen of Alison Brennan's music students were picked for All District Washington County Festival. An update on maintenance projects was given. The Student Council raised \$250.00 for the Turkey-a-thon. Principal Clark also reported a general busy atmosphere at the schools with dances, soccer games, cross country meets, volleyball matches, a celebration for Barbara Lara at the school. Parent Conferences are scheduled for November 13, 2014.

Superintendent Moholland highlighted items from the written report submitted by Bob McShane for the St. Croix Regional Technical Center. Stan Sluzenski was selected as the CTE Teacher of the Year at an award ceremony in Lewiston and Region 10 in Brunswick has donated a dozen sets of turn-out gear and a twenty-one foot Ford fire truck to the Fire Science program as well.

Barry Raymond informed the board that Dr. Candice Bray, Literacy Specialist would be conducting a presentation on November 6, 2014 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on "How to Help my Child in Reading". He also informed the board that the October 1st Child Count has been completed and that the Title VI grant was approved.

IX. New Business

- A. Motion by John Hill, seconded by Dale Earle, unanimous vote to hire Rob Moholland as the Girls' J.V. Basketball Coach as recommended by Superintendent Moholland.
- B. Motion by Dale Earle, seconded by John Hill, unanimous vote to hire Sean Cavanaugh as the Boys' J.V. Basketball Coach as recommended by Superintendent Moholland.
- C. Motion by John Hill, seconded by Lea Farrar, unanimous vote to approve the overnight request for the annual CHS Band Fine Arts trip to Boston, MA on April 29th – May 1, 2015.
- D. Motion by Dale Earle, seconded by Lea Farrar, unanimous vote to approve the resignation of Kristen Hallowell with regret.

X. Old Business

A. Motion by James Macdonald, seconded by Lea Farrar, unanimous vote to hire Karen Hood as an Ed Tech III for the Calais Middle/High School as recommended by the Superintendent.

XI. Upcoming Meetings

November 18, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.

December 2, 2014

December 16, 2014

XII. Requested Future Agenda Items

XIII. Executive Session

On a motion by John Hill, seconded by Lea Farrar, unanimous vote to enter Executive Session Pursuant to Statutory Citation [Title I, MRSA § 405 6 (E)] at 7:43 p.m.

Out of Executive session at 8:03 p.m.

No action taken on a motion by John Hill, second by Dale Earle, unanimous vote.

XIV. Adjournment

Motion by Dale Earle, seconded by John Hill, unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:04 p.m.

Robert F. Moholland, Superintendent of Schools