

Calais School Committee
Tuesday, November 18, 2014
Minutes
Page -1-

The Calais School Committee met on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at the Calais Middle/High School Library. In attendance were Chairman Robert Greenlaw, John Hill, James Macdonald, Lea Farrar and Dale Earle (arrived 5:38 p.m.)

I. Call to Order/Introduction

Chairman Bob Greenlaw called the meeting to order and led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Motion by John Hill, seconded by Lea Farrar, unanimous vote to approve an adjustment to the Agenda. Add "C" under new business.
- B. Motion by James Macdonald, seconded by John Hill, unanimous vote to approve the agenda for this meeting.
- C. Motion by Lea Farrar, seconded by John Hill, unanimous vote to approve the Minutes of the November 5, 2014 meeting as presented.

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

None noted.

IV. Public Participation

None noted

V. Superintendent's Update

- A. Superintendent Moholland explained that per Legislation, by 2018 all diplomas will be proficiency based. He informed the board that tonight's presentation is the first out of possibly five or six that will be held.
- B. Linda Laughlin from Region 18 will be conducting a presentation on Maine Cohort for Customized Learning on November 24th. Eastport and Woodland school staff have been invited to attend.
- C. Superintendent Moholland asked the board members to notify the office by November 19, 2014 if they are interested in attending a Collective Bargaining Workshop on December 10, 2014.
- D. Daniel Taylor was recognized for 25 years of service to the Calais School Department as a Substitute Teacher.
- E. Superintendent Moholland distributed the financial reports and asked the board to review.
- F. Railings on bleachers are being installed.

VI. Administrative Reports

Principal Sue Carter reported that Calais Elementary School is participating in a service project for PAWS. The students are collecting cat and dog food. A bus, leaving at 1:30 p.m. will be

Calais School Committee
Tuesday, November 18, 2014
Minutes
Page -2-

traveling to Machias on November 22, 2014 to see the Nutcracker. The PTO will be sponsoring a visit from the author of Merry Moosey Christmas, Lynn Plourde, to the school on December 2, 2014 for a book reading. Freshies fundraising cards are available and for six months 10% of sales using the card will go to Calais Elementary School. The book fair was held, the after-school program is going well with one student being hired to work with the students. The Parent-Teacher Conferences were well attended. Principal Carter will start emailing her Friday letter to parents to the Superintendent and board. Brenda Batson may be taking four students on a trip to Arlington Cemetery. More information on this trip will be provided at the December 2, 2014 meeting.

Barry Raymond reported that he had been busy with meetings and paperwork, trainings and workshops.

Tom Robb reported that the Parent-Teacher Conferences were well attended. The Student Council did a great job assisting by getting people to the right location in the building. Academic Decathlon will be meeting on Saturday, November 22nd. Winter sports practice has started. The Student Council did a great job with the Veteran's Day Assembly and it was well attended. A benefit dinner will be held at the school for Tristan Croman on Friday, November 21st from 5:00 – 7:00. The Coffee House sponsored by Alison Brennan and her class went well and a tentative date for the Rockathon has been set for December 5, 2014 to raise money to purchase gifts for the Day Treatment students at Christmas.

Superintendent Moholland thanked the Student Council for a great job on the Veteran's Day Assembly. It was a great tribute to the Veterans and their families. The SCRTC school review is scheduled for December 8, 2014. The fire truck for the Fire Science Program still needs to be picked up. A workshop will be held on November 25 between the Robbinston School Committee and the Calais School Committee.

VII. New Business

A. Representative Joyce A. Maker presented Stan Sluzenski with a sentiment with congratulations for being selected as the CTE Teacher of the Year.

B. Motion by John Hill, seconded by Lea Farrar, unanimous vote to approve the Second Reading and Adoption of Calais School Committee Policy JHB – Truancy.

Motion by John Hill, seconded by Lea Farrar, unanimous vote to approve the Second Reading and Adoption of Calais School Committee Policy JIC – Student Code of Conduct.

Motion by John Hill, seconded by Lea Farrar, unanimous vote to approve the Second Reading and Adoption of Calais School Committee Policy JICC – Student Conduct on School Buses.

Calais School Committee
Tuesday, November 18, 2014
Minutes
Page -3-

Motion by John Hill, seconded by Lea Farrar, unanimous vote to approve the Second Reading and Adoption of Calais School Committee Policy JICH – Drug and Alcohol Use by Students.

Motion by John Hill, seconded by Dale Earle, unanimous vote to approve the Second Reading and Adoption of Calais School Committee Policy JICIA – Weapons, Violence and School Safety.

C. Motion by Dale Earle, seconded by John Hill, unanimous vote to approve Rod Tirrell as a Varsity Girls Volunteer Coach as recommended by the Superintendent.

VIII. Old Business

None noted.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

December 2, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

December 16, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

X. Requested Future Agenda Items

None noted.

XI. Executive Session

None

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Dale Earle, seconded by John Hill, unanimous vote to adjourn at 6:08 p.m.

Robert F. Moholland, Superintendent of Schools