

MINUTES AUGUSTA BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 9, 2011

Business Meeting 7:00 P.M. CATC Cafeteria

The following Board Members were present:	
Chair:	William Burney
Board Members:	Members Susan Campbell, Deborah Towle, Willie Emerson, Nancy Bernier, Kim Martin, Katie Vose, Betty Jo Libby, Jane Dennison.

The following Board Members were absent:	
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Also present were:	
Superintendent:	Cornelia L. Brown
Curriculum Coordinator:	Tina Meserve
Business Manager:	Karla Miller
Student Representative	Nathaniel Nalley

7:00 PM

1) **Opening:**

2) **Call to Order:**

3) **Pledge of Allegiance:**

4) **Presentations:**

- A. Lindsey E. Morin, Prevocational Educational Technician at Cony High School; Kristen Pietri - Producer's Assistant, Corey Lim - President, Nicole Kirschner - Vice President and Dylan Cheever presented to the Augusta Board of Education a small outline of what would be performed at this year Chizzle Wizzle.
- B. Tina Meserve, Curriculum Coordinator reviewed with the Board the current NECAP data and how each school ranked in comparison to the district as a whole as well as the State.

5) **Approval of Minutes:**

A. The Board approve to accept the Minutes of the Business Meeting of February 9, 2011

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	Yeas: 8
	Nays: 0
	Vote: Motion Passed: 8 to 0

6) **Communications:**

Dr. Brown shared with the Board a letter she received from the Maine Department of Education commenting how well our Special Education Department is on a Monitoring Review. Additionally she informed the Board that she had received a letter from the Augusta Food Bank thank the Cony High School (French, Spanish, German, and Latin Classes) for their generous donation of \$595.00 as well as canned good. Next Dr. Brown shared a brochure outlining the revolving renovation funds that are to be voted on March 29, 2011 for replacement of the Gilbert Elementary ventilation system. Lastly Dr. Brown informed the Board that they had received two letters from the Cony High School guidance staff for consideration during the budget process.

7) **Resignations and Retirements:**

A. **Resignations:** NONE

B. **Retirements:** NONE

8) **Recognitions:**

Donna Madore; Director of Special Education: Dr. Brown recognized for the outstanding job she did with the Special Education Department Monitoring Review, and congratulated her on the praised the Department received.

Maine State High School Bowling Champions: Dr. Brown recognized the winners of the Maine State High School Bowling Championship who were five Cony High School students: Stephen Babb; Donovan Gilbert; Harry Rogers; Chase Marquis; Joey Guimond; and Coach Jeremy Allen.

9) **Student Council Report:**

Mr. Nathaniel Nalley shared with the Board the upcoming blood drive at Cony High School. He additionally commented that this years Chizzle Wizzle looks to be coming together well and should be a lot of fun to watch.

10) **Informational Items:**

A. **Professional Day Requests**

1. **Carol Kalajainen:** 45th Annual TESOL Convention and Exhibit – New Orleans, LA
March 16 - March 19

2. **Tom Fullam:** Northeast Sustainable Energy Conference – Boston, MA
March 8 - March 9

3. **Hazel Henderson:** NEASTC Visit – Fitchburg, MA
March 7 - March 9

4. **Michael Brachett:** Trip to Montreal Canada – Montreal, Canada
April 29

5. **Michael Brachett:** Trip to Italy / Spain – Italy / Spain
April 13 – April 21

6. **Joshua Poulin:** Annual AP Conference – San Francisco, CA
July 21 - July 24

11) **Committee Reports:**

A. **Finance Committee Report:** Mrs. Dennison

1. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes – NONE

2. Business Manager's Report:

Mrs. Karla Miller reviewed with the Board that currently the School Department should be approximately at 46% of the budget spent, and we are at 48%. She stated that it was the Transportation line that was higher than projected but that had been anticipated, she commented that it is being watched closely. Lastly Mrs. Miller informed the Board that the vacancy in the Business Office had been filled, the candidate selected was Mrs. Nicole Stonier who will be starting March 28, 2011.

B. **Curriculum & Education Committee Report:** Mrs. Libby

1. Curriculum & Education Committee Meeting Minutes– NONE

2. Curriculum Coordinator's Report:

Mrs. Meserve commented how well the grade level meetings had gone, each grade levels NECAP scores are being looked at for areas that are weak and what could be done with the remainder of this year and moving forward to improve them. In addition to that Mrs. Meserve commented that work is being done to complete the Health Center grant for Cony High School.

C. **Personnel Committee Report:** Mrs. Campbell

1. Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes– NONE

Mrs. Campbell commented that there are on going Administrative Negotiations.

D. **Policy Committee Report:** Mr. Emerson

1. Policy Committee Report

E. Mr. Emerson informed the Board that policies ADC and ADCR had been tabled at February's meeting and has been tabled again to April's meeting. Mr. Emerson informed the Board that the following policies had been table till the next Policy Committee meeting: Policy ADC – Tobacco Use and Possession; Policy ADC-R – Tobacco Use and Possession Administrative Procedure; Policy IMG – Animals In School; BBBDA: Board Declared Vacancy Caused by Absenteeism. Next Mr. Emerson informed the Board of the policies that would be coming forward for a first reading at the April 13, 2011 Board meeting: Policy IMG A: Service Animals in School; Policy BBBAA: Student Representative to the Board; Policy BBBE: Unexpired Term Fulfillment / Vacancies; Policy BCA: School Committee Member Code of Ethics. The Committee decided to keep the current version of Policy BCB – Conflict of Interest; and started to review Policy BCD – Nepotism.

12) **Consent Items:** *(All matters listed under this item will be considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. A Board Member may ask to have an item(s) removed and considered individually.)*

13) **Public Comment on Non-Personnel Agenda Items:**

14) **Unfinished Business:**

15) **New Business:**

Chairperson Burney Moved to suspend the rules, and consolidate motions A-N:

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Motion: Move to adopt Policies ACAB; ACAB-R; ACAD; AD; ADA; ADAA; ADF; AEC; BB; BBA; BBAA; BBAB; BBBA; BBBB:

Move to adopt Policies ACAB; ACAB-R; ACAD; AD; ADA; ADAA; ADF; AEC; BB; BBA; BBAA; BBAB; BBBA; BBBB.	Motion: <u>Willie Emerson</u> Second <u>Jane Dennison</u> Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Vote: Motion Passed: 8 to 0
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A. Motion: Move to adopt Policy ACAB: Harassment and Sexual Harassment of School Employees:

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B. Motion: Move to adopt Policy ACAB-R: Employee Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedure:

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C. Motion: Move to adopt Policy ACAD: Hazing:

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D. Motion: Move to adopt Policy AD: Educational Philosophy/Mission:

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E. Motion: Move to adopt Policy ADA: School District Goals and Objectives:

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F. Motion: Move to adopt Policy ADAA: School System's Commitment to Standards for Ethical and Responsible Behavior:

Move to adopt Policy ADAA: School System's Commitment to Standards for Ethical and Responsible	Motion: <u>Willie Emerson</u> Second <u>Jane Dennison</u> Yeas: 8 Nays: 0
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G. Motion: Move to adopt Policy ADF: District Commitment to Learning Results:

Move to adopt Policy ADF: District Commitment to Learning Results.	Motion: <u>Willie Emerson</u> Second <u>Jane Dennison</u> Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Vote: Motion Passed: 8 to 0
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H. Motion: Move to adopt Policy AEC: Accountability- Reporting to the Board and Public:

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I. Motion: Move to adopt Policy BB: School Board Legal Status:

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J. Motion: Move to adopt Policy BBA: Powers and Responsibilities:

Move to adopt Policy BBA: Powers and Responsibilities.	Motion: <u>Willie Emerson</u> Second <u>Jane Dennison</u> Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Vote: Motion Passed: 8 to 0
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K. Motion: Move to adopt Policy BBAA: Board Member Authority and Responsibilities:

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L. Motion: Move to adopt Policy BBAB: School Board Self-evaluation:

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M. Motion: Move to adopt Policy BBBA: School Board Member Qualifications:

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N. Motion: Move to adopt Policy BBBB: Board Member Resignation:

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16) Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Brown shared with the Board the Maine Department of Education's proposed Priority List for Major Capital Improvement for rating cycle 2010-2011, and for Hussey Elementary it was ranked 17 out of 71; Dr. Brown followed up that it is a long process for the type of project. Dr. Brown also shared another piece of good news with the Board from the Maine Department of Education in regards to QZAB Bond through the stimulus funds for window and ADA requirements for Gilbert Elementary School. The application was for the approximant amount of \$357,000.00 and Dr. Brown was pleased to shard that the funds were approved. Mrs. Miller explained the terms; we have 3years to use the funds, and prior to using the funds a lender will need to be in place. Dr. Brown did remind the Board and audience that the special referendum for the Gilbert ventilation will be March 29. Dr. Brown also reminded that there would be a Special Board Budget Workshop in March 15, 2011 at 6:30 at CATC. Dr. Brown also commented on the Legislative Bills that are currently being reviewed at the State level. Lastly Dr. Brown commented that the Governor's proposed budget is being watch closely, as the General Purpose Aid could change effecting the 2011-2012 budget.

17) Reports from Other School Officials:

Michelle Michaud shared with the Board that Hussey Elementary School had received a grant from the Tabatha and Stephen King foundation in the amount of \$4,500.00 to go towards the summer reading program.

Lori Bolster shared with the Board how well the Lincoln Read-A-Thon went. They had a total of 34 Civic Leaders come and read. Lincoln had plans to continue their Read-A-Thon.

18) Audience Recognition for Non-Agenda Items:

19) Adjourn:

A. Motion to Adjourn:

Motion to Adjourn	Motion: <u>Sue Campbell</u> Second <u>Willie Emerson</u>
	Yeas: 8
	Nays: 0
	Vote: Motion Passed: 8 to 0
	Time: 8:05 P.M.

<p>Next Meeting of the Augusta Board of Education 7:00 p.m., April 13, 2011 Cony Auditorium</p>
