



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on November 12, 2008, at the Lewiston Regional Technical Center, Culinary Arts Building, 156 East Avenue, Lewiston, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Ann Weisleder; Vice Chair Connie Goldman; James Carignan; Philip Dionne; Mabel Desmond; Marilyn Temple Tardy; James Banks, Sr.; Justin Chenette; and Honor Wilkinson. Excused: Jean Gulliver

Also present were: Deputy Commissioner Angela Faherty; Scott Brown, AIA, School Facilities; Harry Osgood, Higher Education Specialist; and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate.

CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Jim Banks, seconded by Jim Carignan, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the October 15, 2008 minutes as written.

CONSENT AGENDA:

No Consent Agenda

REGULAR BUSINESS:

MAJOR CAPITAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM; *DESIGN AND FUNDING APPROVAL*; DURHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, NEW PREK-8 SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN DURHAM, MAINE.

STATEMENT OF FACT: The new preK-8 elementary school will be constructed in Durham, Maine, and will house 505 students. The project received Concept Approval on September 12, 2007. The subsequent referendum passed with a 71% vote in favor of the project.

The new school will be built on the present site of the existing Durham Elementary School. The site is large enough that the students will remain in the existing school until the new school is completed and then the old facility will be destroyed.

The Design and Funding Approval is being requested pursuant to MRSA Title 20-A, Section 15905(1).

The basic design of the project and budget have not changed since Concept Approval, and it has met the needed criteria to move forward which will allow it to be bonded and constructed on schedule.

The Durham School Department is requesting Design and Funding Approval for a new preK-8 elementary school qualifying under State statute and State Board of Education Rule, Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, and

- The Durham School Department proposed school construction project is eligible for school construction under MRSA Title 20-A, Chapter 609;
- The proposed project and authorized method of financing are in the best interest of the State of Maine and the Durham School Department;
- The Durham School Department estimated capital outlay expenditures are reasonable; and
- The Durham School Department proposed project is in compliance with MRSA Title 20-A, Chapter 301, as it relates to special education facilities.

Project Information

Project: New PreK-8 Elementary School

Superintendent: Dr. Shannon Welsh

Principal: William Pidden

Architect: Harriman

School(s) to be closed: The existing Durham Elementary School

Project Budget Information

Concept Approval Date: September 12, 2007

Total Project Cost: \$23,946,585

Local Only (no State participation): \$2,176,696

Approved for State/Local Debt Service Subsidy: \$21,609,709

Anticipated Maine High Performance Schools Energy Grant: \$160,180

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: At its meeting on November 3, 2008, the Construction Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education grant Design and Funding Approval to the Durham School Department for a preK-8 school construction project located in Durham, Maine.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education grant Design and Funding Approval to the Durham School Department for a new preK-8 school in Durham, Maine, as a Major Capital School Construction Project and approve the design and funding budget as presented.**

*Prepared by the School Facilities Services Team

***This approval constitutes Design & Funding Approval. Final Funding Approval may be subject to adjustment under Section 10, Subsection 1, of the State Board of Education Rules for School Construction Projects, which states: "Final Funding Approval by the Commissioner establishes the Project Budget and takes place after construction bids have been received. At that time, the Commissioner may reduce the budget to finance the project, thus providing additional funds for other projects."*

MOVED by Jim Carignan, seconded by Jim Banks, and unanimously voted by those present to grant Design and Funding Approval to the Durham School Department, New PreK-8 School construction project in Durham, Maine.

MAJOR CAPITAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM; CONCEPT APPROVAL CONSIDERATION; SAD #9, NEW PREK-3 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN FARMINGTON, MAINE.

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Farmington elementary school project (Mallett School) was rated number 20 on the 2004-2005 Approved Projects List. The project will house grades preK-3, and will replace the existing Mallett School located in the village of Farmington.

A complete New vs. Renovation Study is on file with the Department of Education which supports the Department's recommendation to replace the existing Mallett School which was constructed in 1930.

All appropriate State and local agencies have been contacted; and where necessary, documented approvals are on file. The building has been designed to High Performance standards.

The new Mallett School is designed to house 400 preK through 3rd grade students. The school will service children from the towns of Farmington, Temple, Industry, Chesterville, and New Vineyard. The school is located adjacent to the campus of the University of Maine at Farmington, which brings many resources to Mallett School staff and students.

The present plan is to heat the school with wood pellets. The fuel is readily available from both domestic and Canadian suppliers. By the time the school opens, wood pellets will be manufactured in Strong, which is a town adjacent to Farmington. The application of solar power will be investigated during design development.

Site Approval was held up a number of months while issues relating to historic preservation were worked out. This gave the architect time to develop the plans and budget to the level appropriate for Concept Approval.

The school is very compact and works well on the Mallett School site. The design and finishes should be very easy to maintain and are compatible with the University's buildings.

This Concept Approval is being requested pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 20-A, Section 15905(1).

SAD #9 is requesting Concept Approval for a new preK-3 elementary school qualifying under State statute and State Board of Education Rule, Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects.

Superintendent's Statement: The new MSAD 9 Pre-k to 3 Elementary School will replace an antiquated K-3 building that was built over 75 years ago. The existing building has led to many difficulties keeping current with new curricula and the integration of new technology. A new facility will help us address many issues of energy efficiency, air quality and program space, which has been a concern over the last several years.

The new elementary school will bring together both the existing student population as well as adding a pre-K program. This building project will allow us to use current technology, which is extremely difficult to implement with the existing facility.

The school will be designed to be energy efficient, use alternative energy resources, and operate as green as possible. The quality of the learning environment will be drastically improved with a focus on healthy students, thus eliminating many concerns about air quality.

The construction of the new school will add significantly to the overall capital improvement plans of the district and allow for major improvement for this particular school community.

Project Information

Project: New PreK-3 Elementary School

Superintendent: Dr. Michael Cormier, Assistant Superintendent: Sue Pratt

Principal: Tracy Williams

Architect: Stephen Blatt Architects

School(s) to be closed: Mallett School (Farmington)

Project Budget Information

Total Project Cost: \$18,900,000

Local Only (no State participation): \$75,000

Approved for State/Local Debt Service Subsidy: \$18,675,000

Anticipated Maine High Performance Schools Energy Grant: \$150,000

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: At its meeting on November, 3, 2008, the Construction Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education grant Concept Approval to SAD #9 for a new preK-3 elementary school construction project located in Farmington, Maine.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education grant Concept Approval to SAD #9 for a new preK-3 elementary school in Farmington, Maine, as a Major Capital School Construction Project and approve the concept budget as presented.**

*Prepared by the School Facilities Services Team

**This approval constitutes Concept Approval. Final Funding Approval may be subject to adjustment under Section 10, Subsection 1, of the State Board of Education Rules for School Construction Projects, which states: *“Final Funding Approval by the Commissioner establishes the Project Budget and takes place after construction bids have been received. At that time, the Commissioner may reduce the budget to finance the project, thus providing additional funds for other projects.”*

MOVED by Marilyn Temple Tardy, seconded by Connie Goldman, and unanimously voted by those present to grant Concept Approval to SAD #9, New PreK-3 Elementary School Construction Project in Farmington, Maine.

CONSIDERATION OF THE SCHOOL ENERGY FUND OUTLINE

STATEMENT OF FACT: The School Construction Committee has developed the parameters for the development of a new section to Chapter 61 to address school energy funding. In order to ensure that the State Board of Education has the authority to initiate rulemaking as an emergency, the bond bill package needs to be amended to provide emergency rulemaking authority.

Construction Committee Recommendation: The School Construction Committee voted to present the School Energy Fund Outline dated November 7, 2008, to the State Board of Education on November 12, 2008. The Committee recommends that the State Board of Education endorse the School Energy Fund Outline and charge the School Construction Committee with developing a new rule in Chapter 61 which will be recommended to the State Board of Education to initiate rulemaking through the APA process as soon as the energy bond passes by referendum vote. The Committee also recommends that the State Board of Education authorize the Department to amend the bond bill package to include emergency rulemaking authority.

MOVED by Jim Carignan, seconded by Marilyn Temple Tardy, and unanimously voted by those present to endorse the School Energy Fund Outline and charge the School Construction Committee with developing a new rule in Chapter 61 which will be recommended to the State Board of Education to initiate rulemaking through the APA process as soon as the energy bond passes by referendum vote. The Committee also recommends that the State Board of Education authorize the Department to amend the bond bill package to include emergency rulemaking authority.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION INITIATE RULEMAKING FOR CHAPTER 115 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT.
CHAPTER 115: CHAPTER 115, CERTIFICATION, AUTHORIZATION, AND APPROVAL OF EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL, PART I AND PART II

Background: The State Board is proposing revisions to Chapter 115 as follows:
Proposed amendments to Chapter 115, Part I and II include:

Chapter 115 Part I

Section 1.3: revised the effective date of the rules

Sections 3.2.B.4 & 3.4.C: revised language to clarify intent of the use of criminal history record check approval means for issuance and also for those who commit crimes while being certificated, authorized or approved.

Section 3.3 E has been moved to Section 3.5: revised to reflect the notification process when an error has occurred

Section 3.4.A.3: added language for the approval renewal date

Section 4.1 A: revised to include documentation of possibly an ethics course or other evidence of good moral character

Section 4.1.D.2: add 'under a conditional certificate' to school nurse

Section 4.4.D: new section to prevent repetitive coursework

Section 5.2.B.7.(c) & 5.2.D.3: revised RN license language to include a regional RN license that allows a nurse to practice in Maine as well as the Maine RN license

Section 5.3.B: revised language to match Chapter 118 and re-number sections

Section 14.1.C: include language for people that refuse to cooperate in a possible disciplinary matter.

Section 14.1.D: clarify gross incompetence

Chapter 115 Part II

Section 1.15: revised school nurse RN license language to include a regional RN license that allows a nurse to practice in Maine as well as the Maine RN license

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board of Education initiate rulemaking for Chapter 115 in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedures Act.

MOVED by Connie Goldman, seconded by Marilyn Temple Tardy, and unanimously voted by those present for the State Board of Education to initiate rulemaking for Chapter 115 in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedures Act.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FINALLY ADOPT CHAPTER 13. QUALIFYING EXAMINATIONS FOR TEACHERS, EDUCATION SPECIALIST AND ADMINISTRATORS

Background: The State Board has proposed revisions to Chapter 13 as follows:

Deletion of the transitional 282 Teacher of the Disabled Child B-5 with the Praxis 0353 exam as it is sunsetted.

Addition of a Praxis score for the 292 Deaf/Hearing Impaired.

Addition of a second endorsement for Family and Consumer Science with the new Praxis qualifying score.

Deletion of Section 3.4 on Qualifying Scores not set, as all scores have now been set, and renumbering of all the subsequent sections as a result of the deletion.

There were no comments received by the comment deadline of October 24, 2008.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board of Education finally adopt Chapter 13.

MOVED by Connie Goldman, seconded by Jim Carignan, and unanimously voted by those present for the State Board of Education to finally adopt Chapter 13, Qualifying Examinations for Teachers, Education Specialist and Administrators.

ADOPTION OF MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED RULES FOR 05-071, CMR 149 "PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING AUTHORIZATION FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO CONFER ACADEMIC DEGREES OR TO OFFER DEGREE COURSES/PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF MAINE"

SUBJECT: Adoption of Maine State Board of Education Revised Rules for 05-071, CMR 149 "Procedures for Obtaining Authorization for Institutions of Higher Education to Confer Academic Degrees or to Offer Degree Courses/Programs in the State of Maine"

BACKGROUND: Rule 05-071, CMR 149 identifies the procedures to be followed by a postsecondary institution which seeks to offer within the boundaries of the State of Maine any course or program for which academic credit is granted or to confer within the boundaries of the State of Maine a degree at the Associate degree level or higher. This rule became effective July 6, 1980; was amended in 1981, 1984, 1988 and 1992; and underwent non-substantive corrections for typos and formatting in 2000. The rule serves to guide both in-state and out-of-state applicant postsecondary institutions as they prepare to seek State Board of Education authorization to operate in Maine. It also serves to inform State Board appointed review teams that are selected to evaluate such applications. Since the rule was last amended it had become apparent that some critical clarification of details were necessary.

It was earlier proposed that the Board amend Chapter 149 to enhance the rule's clarity by adding a definition for "physical presence"; by transferring and aligning language regarding the format for and the depth of topics to be addressed in an application for authorization from Rule 05-071 CMR 170 to Rule 05-071, CMR 149; and by adding three appendices to provide guidance concerning: the meaning, with examples, of "general education courses"; the topical areas to be addressed under "library and learning resources"; and the specifics to cover when responding to "financial resources" for both initial degree-granting applicants and for applications from existing degree-granting institutions. During the September 10, 2008 meeting the Board considered and provisionally adopted the proposed changes to Chapter 149 which served to initiate the APA process. Following postings in Maine's major newspapers, a public hearing concerning the proposed changes was conducted on Monday,

October 20, 2008 from 9:00-10:00AM. No members of the public attended this hearing and since then there have been no public comments submitted for the Board's consideration.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education adopt the proposed rules for 05-071, CMR 149 "Procedures for Obtaining Authorization for Institutions of Higher Education to Confer Academic Degrees or to Offer Degree Courses/Programs in the State of Maine" which supports 20-A MRSA, 409 "Degree-Granting Institution" §§10701-10714.

MOVED by Marilyn Temple Tardy, seconded by Connie Goldman, and unanimously voted by those present to adopt Chapter 149, Procedures for Obtaining Authorization for Institutions of Higher Education to Confer Academic Degrees or to Offer Degree Courses/Programs in the State of Maine" which supports 20-A MRSA, 409 "Degree-Granting Institution" §§10701-10714.

ADOPTION OF MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED RULES FOR 05-071, CMR 170 "STANDARDS FOR EVALUATING REQUESTS FOR DEGREE AUTHORIZATION AND FOR OUT-OF-STATE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS SEEKING TO MAKE ACADEMIC CREDIT COURSE OFFERINGS IN MAINE"

BACKGROUND: This rule establishes the standards to be met when requests are received for degree-granting authorization and for requests from out-of-state postsecondary institutions seeking to make academic credit course offerings in Maine. The purpose of the proposed rule revisions has been to clarify and update the standards to be utilized by State Board appointed review teams when evaluating requests for degree authorization, whether from in-state or from out-of-state postsecondary institutions. Chapter 170 became effective October 1, 1986; was amended July 25, 1994; and was converted to electronic format May 19, 1996. Since the rule was last amended it had become apparent that some adjustments and clarifications were necessary. It was proposed earlier that the Board amend Chapter 170 to enhance the rule's clarity by transferring and aligning language meant to serve as guidance regarding the format for and the depth of topics to be addressed in an application for degree-granting authority from Rule 05-071, CMR 170 to Rule 05-071, CMR 149 and by retaining and expanding upon language that better clarifies the degree-granting standards to be met.

During the September 15, 2008 meeting the Board considered and provisionally adopted the proposed changes to Chapter 170 which served to initiate the APA process. Following postings in Maine's major newspapers, a public hearing concerning the proposed changes was conducted on Monday, October 20, 2008 from 10:00-11:00AM. No members of the public attended this hearing and no public comments have since been submitted for the Board's consideration.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education adopt the proposed rules for 05-071, CMR 149 "Procedures for Obtaining Authorization for Institutions of Higher Education to Confer Academic Degrees or to Offer Degree Courses/Programs in the

State of Maine” which supports 20-A MRSA, 409 “Degree-Granting Institution” §§10701-10714.

MOVED by Marilyn Temple Tardy, seconded by Connie Goldman, and unanimously voted by those present to adopt Chapter 170, Standards for Evaluating Requests for Degree Authorization and for Out-of-State Postsecondary Institutions Seeking to Make Academic Credit Course Offerings in Maine”

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF TEACHER EDUCATION (NCATE) PROPOSAL TO DEFER NATIONAL ACCREDITATION VISITS IN MAINE FOR ONE YEAR, BEGINNING WITH VISITS IN JANUARY 2009

BACKGROUND: In 1992 the State Board of Education unanimously approved entering into a partnership relationship with the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) for the joint conduct of national accreditation and State program approval. NCATE accreditation is voluntary, while state program approval is required. The partnership is designed to satisfy the desire of institutions that wish to seek national accreditation concurrent with State program approval, as the two processes are nearly identical. The exception being that NCATE accredits the unit, or infrastructure that supports the delivery of the program, and the State approves the program for certification purposes. Joint visits, conducted under the partnership, benefit institutions in many ways, including the reduction of two team visits to a campus, to one joint visit; reduction of redundancy in other ways including: the preparation of materials, the scheduling of institutional interviews, and the payment of team visit related costs. Currently Maine’s State joint program approval and national accreditation visits are scheduled on a seven-year cycle, as outlined in Chapter 114, and in the current Maine/NCATE partnership protocol.

In a communication dated November 3, 2008, NCATE President, Dr. James Cibulka, put forth a proposal and has asked for each state’s permission for its implementation. In consideration of the current financial exigencies facing NCATE-accredited institutions, the NCATE Executive Board took action at its fall 2008 meeting to help alleviate the short-term financial impact of accreditation on NCATE-accredited schools, colleges, and departments of education. Specifically, NCATE is seeking permission to offer all accredited institutions, except those with focused or probation visits or those with documentation due to remove a condition/provision, the option of deferring their visits for one year, beginning with visits in January 2009. The only NCATE accredited institutions in Maine that could be affected by visit deferral are the University of Maine at Farmington (due fall of 2009) and the University of Maine (due fall of 2012).

If the State Board of Education agrees to permit these Maine institutions the option to defer their visits by one year, NCATE will work with Maine to re-schedule these reviews. Because a Maine approved and NCATE accredited educator preparation program cannot defer its visit without the State’s approval, the State Board of Education needs to consider and take action concerning this matter.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Maine State Board of Education endorse the NCATE Executive Board's proposal to offer Maine's State approved and NCATE accredited educator preparation programs the option of deferring their visits for one year, beginning with visits in January 2009. It is understood that such action will affect only the University of Maine at Farmington (due fall of 2009) and the University of Maine (due fall of 2012).

MOVED by Connie Goldman, seconded by Mabel Desmond, and unanimously voted by those present to endorse the NCATE Executive Board's proposal to offer Maine's State approved and NCATE accredited educator preparation programs the option of deferring their visits for one year, beginning with visits in January 2009.

BOARD RESPONSIBILITY TO SET THE DATE FOR THE INITIAL MEETINGS OF THE NEWLY VOTER APPROVED REGIONAL SCHOOL UNITS [RSUS] AND ALTERNATE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES [AOSS]

Background: The State Board of Education, pursuant to state statute 20-A MRSA §1473(1), is authorized to set the date, time and place for the initial meetings of the RSU. As the attached memo from Jim Rier to the municipal clerks explains there are some very specific timelines in statute regarding the issuance of the Certificate of Organization and the setting of the dates for the election of the new RSU and AOS boards. In order to expedite the process and to ensure that the timing of the required steps is adhered to, it would appear that a delegation of authority to the State Board chair to set the date, time and place for the first meeting would be appropriate. This is comparable to the delegation that you made by motion at the July 9, 2008 State Board meeting for the chair to sign the Certificates of Organization.

Recommendation: The State Board of Education move to delegate authority to the Chair of the State Board of Education to set the date, time and place for the initial meetings of the voter approved Regional School Units and Alternate Organizational Structures.

MOVED by Jim Carignan, seconded by Jim Banks, and unanimously voted by those present to delegate authority to the Chair of the State Board of Education to set the date, time and place for the initial meetings of the voter approved Regional School Units and Alternate Organizational Structures, and for the Chair of the State Board to submit a letter to each School Board recommending inclusion of student members on the newly Reorganized School Unit Boards.

REPORTS

Certification Committee Report:

Connie Goldman presented a certification meeting update of the October 27, 2008 committee meeting. Connie also reviewed with Board members Dan Conley's

handout “The Maine Model for Identifying Highly Qualified Teachers” (general information).

Student Voices Committee Report:

Chair Ann Weisleder reported that the Student Voices Committee has not met yet, but is in the process of scheduling a conference call meeting with Glenn Nerbak.

Justin Chenette reported on the MSMA Conference that he and other SBE members attended on October 23, 2008. Justin shared that the Board received positive response from the audience as well as lots of great questions. The Board was very informative as each member spoke. Justin spoke at the clinic on youth participation on Boards and the necessity to have civic engagement curriculum.

Ann received a letter from Dale Douglass, Executive Director at MSMA thanking the Board for their contributions to the conference and giving us the opportunity to access the evaluations. Mary will contact MSMA to get the evaluation results.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:

- No Report

CHAIR’S REPORT:

Announcements from Ann Weisleder:

- That the Board needs to develop a policy for meeting cancellations due to inclement weather. Board members will be notified via email and telephone. The cancellation will be posted on the SBE website and Mary will contact channel 6 and 2 regarding televised meeting cancellation notices.
- That the Board needs to follow the policy guidelines for submitting expense vouchers. A handout of the travel voucher policy was distributed. Mary will send an email reminder to members that are not submitting expense voucher’s monthly.
- That Mary will be using the Meeting Wizard to schedule meetings for Board members. This is a free service and should simplify scheduling meetings.
- That the next State Board of Education meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 17, 2008 at the Augusta Armory.

Report from Ann Weisleder:

- That she and Connie met with the Governor and Jane Lincoln on October 20, 2008 and she will provide a summary of the meeting to all State Board members.
- That she attended a Legislative Liaison meeting on October 20, 2008. A date has not been set for the next meeting.
- That she attended the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Annual Conference in Washington, DC on October 16 – 18, 2008.

- That she attended the hearing for Chapter 149 and 170 on October 20, 2008. No comments received for either chapter.
- That she met with Lora Downing on October 20, 2008 regarding a presentation about successful Career Technical Education (CTE) programs for the November 12, 2008 Board meeting.
- That she attended the Certification Committee meeting on October 20, 2008.
- That she met with Phil and Mary to review the Policy and Procedures Manual along with the Board By-Laws on October 3, 2008. The Documents Review Work Group which also includes member Jim Banks will meet again on November 21, 2008.
- That she attended the Advanced Placement (AP) Conference in Portland on October 31, 2008.
- That she attended and spoke at the Teacher of the Year Banquet on November 6, 2008.
- That she attended the Maine School Management Association (MSMA) conference and spoke at the SBE clinic on October 23, 2008.
- That she has been attending the Construction Committee meetings.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Marilyn Temple Tardy:

- That she attended the Teacher of the Year Banquet on November 6, 2008.
- That she attended a Teacher of the Year meeting in Augusta on October 29, 2008.
- That she is representing the Board as Teacher of the Year Committee.

Connie Goldman:

- That she and Ann met with the Governor and Jane Lincoln on October 20, 2008.
- That she attended the Certification meeting on October 27, 2008 and distributed an update of the meeting to all Board members.
- That she attended the Advanced Placement (AP) Conference in Portland on October 31, 2008.

Honor Wilkinson:

- That she enjoyed the visit at the Culinary Arts Center today as it gave her an opportunity to hear from students that attend other schools in the State.
- That she completed her PSAT's.

Mabel Desmond:

- That she attended a two day State-wide Education workshop in Presque Isle. The workshop is Women educators and is called “Excellence in Education”. She did the introduction of the teachers.
- That she spoke with 5th graders about the election.

Jim Banks:

- That he attended the Maine School Management Association (MSMA) Conference on October 23, 2008.
- That he attended the Advanced Placement (AP) Conference in Portland on October 31, 2008.
- That he attended the Teacher of the Year Banquet on November 6, 2008.

Justin Chenette:

- That he enjoys touring around the State for Board meetings and having an opportunity to see different school programs. He especially enjoyed today’s meeting and hearing from the students about the fantastic programs at Lewiston Regional Technical Center (LRTC).
- That he is very excited that Saco, Dayton and Old Orchard Beach have formed an RSU.
- That the recent election is over and he is looking forward to seeing how the face of education will change due to the election results and how the direction of education will differ.
- That he is looking forward to the Student Voices Committee meeting via conference call with Glenn Nerbak.
- That he moderates for a political forum show called “Youth in Politics”. It is a State-wide show that airs on CW channel 12. He was the moderator for the First District Congressional Forum between Democrat Chellie Pingree and Republican Charlie Summers. The show aired two weekends in a row.

Phil Dionne:

- That he attended the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Annual Conference in Washington, DC on October 15 – 18, 2008.
- That he attended the Legislative Liaison meeting on October 20, 2008.
- That he attended the Maine School Management Association (MSMA) Conference and spoke at the SBE clinic on October 23, 2008.
- That he attended the Teacher of the Year Banquet on November 6, 2008 and was pleased to see higher attendance this year.
- That he attended a Career Technical Education (CTE) meeting. It appears there are going to be RSU’s that may overlap multiple CTE Units. There certainly will be RSU’s that did not have a high school that connected them with CTE and that now do have a high school that connects them with CTE. They will almost need to rewrite four sets of rules. The Statute will need to be addressed. They will need to report to the Commissioner at what needs to be

looked at. Some will not be easy and it will be a huge impact all the way around.

- That he attended a JMG meeting and they had a press announcement that AT&T was extremely generous and donated \$300,000.00 towards the program. The majority of the schools and the JMG program are supported partially by local dollars.
- That he attended a Maine Association of Career Technology Educators (MACTE) meeting. There was good discussion that will eventually come to the Board through certification.
- That he had a very rewarding four days attending an Education in Military meeting through NASBE. The meeting was held at Fort Jackson and 18 or 19 State Boards of Education members from across the country attended. This was an opportunity to attend an education retreat with 2 and 3 star Generals. The military has quite a program on foreign language and a method on teaching it. It was one third of the presentation.

Jim Carignan:

- That he attended the Maine School Management Association (MSMA) Conference and spoke at the SBE clinic on October 23, 2008.
- That he attended the Teacher of the Year Banquet on November 6, 2008.
- That the Diploma Stakeholders Group is meeting again at the end of this month to try to achieve what they call the end zone. The group has agreed to have a standard based diploma and everyone will have an equal opportunity to achieve it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- No Public Comments

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Jim Banks, seconded by Jim Carignan, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the November 12, 2008, State Board of Education meeting at 3:55 PM.