

**Board Workshop  
Hall-Dale Elementary School  
March 3, 2008 5:30 p.m.**

Present: Chair Michaela Loisel, Vice-Chair Linda Leet, Directors Laura Harper, Jon Lambert and Dan Shagoury

Also Attending: Principals Steve MacDougall, Steve Lavoie and Christine Chamberlain, Special Ed. Director Brenda Joseph and Dean of Students Don Ferrara, Hall-Dale High School Leadership Team: Russ Schneider, Delia Dearnley, Nora Segovia Reed, Dennis Monroe, Truax McFarland and Student Brd. Rep. Dylan Sirois, Curriculum Leadership Team Co-Chair Gary Chapin, Great Maine Schools Consultant Mark Kostin, Middle School Parent Leanne Bond, High School Parent Elizabeth Davis and Superintendent Don Siviski Searsport SAD 56 guests: Principal Greg Palmer, Teachers Dawn Staples-Knox and Martha Stamp, Students Rebecca Callahan and Serena Brown

Superintendent Siviski welcomed the group to the workshop and thanked everyone for their participation. Board members shared their concerns about the challenges of moving toward a standards based reporting system. Representatives from Searsport High School shared the process they adopted and the results they are experiencing. Additionally they reported on wide acceptance by college admission directors, staff, students and parents. Intervention practices which included “Academy” time as well as lunch and after school time were seen as both positive and immediate in helping students complete their assignments.

Members of the Leadership Team at the High School and the Co-Chair of the Curriculum Team updated the Board on “where SAD 16 is at” in the process of educating staff about standards based practices. A “we’re ready to get started” consensus emerged. Administrators then outlined the continued activities they have planned this winter/spring which included student grade level meetings with High School students and then parent meetings in April and a dual (old and new) report card for Middle School students and parents to compare and edit the two reports for “what works best”.

Board members expressed their appreciation for everyone’s participation and applauded the Searsport contingent for their assistance.

While the meeting officially ended at 6:45 with the departure of some participants the discussion continued through 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald L. Siviski  
Superintendent of Schools

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