



## MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The State Board of Education held a special meeting on August 28, 2019 at the Burton Cross State Office Building, 111 Sewall Street, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Wilson Hess; Vice Chair Jane Sexton; Wendy Ault; John Bird; Martha Harris; and Jana Lapoint

Excused: Fern Desjardins; Peter Geiger; Casey Maddock; and Jaylee Rice

Vacant: One Member

Others Present: Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Specialist.

### **CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chair, Wilson Hess called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

### **VISION STATEMENT:**

Read by member, Wendy Ault: The Vision of the State Board is to ensure Maine public school students graduate with the skills, knowledge, and principles to be responsible American citizens; self-directed and dedicated to making contributions to society by pursuing further education and employment.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Michael Burnham, Executive Director, Interscholastic Division, Maine Principals' Association (MPA) and Michael Bisson, Assistant Executive Director, MPA introduced themselves to the Board at the recommendation of Dick Durost who recently retired as Executive Director of the MPA.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

MOTION by Martha Harris, seconded by John Bird, and voted unanimously by those present for the Board to go into executive session to discuss student transfer appeals at 9:13 AM.

The Board returned to the regular business meeting at 9:45 AM.

MOTION by John Bird, seconded by Martha Harris, and voted five in favor with one member opposed (Wendy Ault) to uphold the Commissioner's decision in the denial of a transfer for CT. Motion Carries and the transfer is denied.

MOTION by John Bird, seconded by Martha Harris, and voted five in favor with one member opposed (Wendy Ault) to uphold the Commissioner's decision in the denial of a transfer for GT. Motion Carries and the transfer is denied.

MOTION by Martha Harris, seconded by John Bird, and voted five in favor with one member opposed (Wendy Ault) to uphold the Commissioner's decision in the denial of a transfer for SK. Motion Carries and the transfer is denied.

MOTION by Martha Harris, seconded by Jane Sexton, and voted five in favor with one member opposed (Wendy Ault) to uphold the Commissioner's decision in the denial of a transfer for NOK. Motion Carries and the transfer is denied.

MOTION by Martha Harris, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and voted five in favor with one member opposed (Wendy Ault) to uphold the Commissioner's decision in the denial of a transfer for NAK. Motion Carries and the transfer is denied.

MOTION by Jane Sexton, seconded by John Bird, and unanimously voted by those present to uphold the Commissioner's decision in the denial of a transfer for JH. Motion Carries and the transfer is denied.

MOTION by Wilson Hess, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and voted three in favor with three members opposed (Wendy Ault, John Bird and Jane Sexton) to overturn the Commissioner's decision in the denial of a transfer for MS. The previous ruling of the Commissioner stands. The transfer is denied.

MOTION by Martha Harris, seconded by Jane Sexton, and voted five in favor with one member opposed (Wendy Ault) to uphold the Commissioner's decision in the denial of a transfer for JP. Motion Carries and the transfer is denied.

MOTION by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Wendy Ault, and unanimously voted by those present to uphold the Commissioner's decision in the denial of a transfer for AE. Motion Carries and the transfer is denied.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Wilson Hess thanked Board members for attending the special meeting to review the transfer appeals.
- Submit travel and expense account vouchers to Mary Becker at the end of this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The August 28, 2019 State Board of Education meeting adjourned at 9:58 AM.