

**MSAD #72 Board of Directors
Wednesday - November 9, 2016
Meeting Minutes
Molly Ockett Middle School
7:00 PM**

Call to Order: Bob Steller called the meeting to order at 7:00 and declared a quorum.

Members Present:

Brain, Judy
Card, Linda
Cummings, Laura
Jones, Jack
LeBlanc, Sharon*
Lyman, Kathleen*
LeBlanc, Sharon*
Mattei, Chris

Schasel, Dean
Shorey, Kathiann
Snow, Norma
Spooner, Ed
Steller, Bob
Struven, Marie
Weston, Laurie

Administrators

Emily Kirkpatrick
Terri Mahanor
Pat Menzel
Rhonda Poliquin
Jay Robinson
Mark Schrader
Rick Wohlenberg

Members not Present:

Burk, Christopher (Excused)
Dondero, Mitchell (Excused)
Fisher, Sharon*

Ontengco, Julie (Excused)
Williams, Jane* (Excused)

Agenda:

1. Public Discussion (15-Minute):

None

2. Approval of Minutes from October 12, 2016 Meeting:

A motion was made to approve the Minutes from the Meeting held on October 12, 2016.

Motion: Dean Schasel

Second: Norma Snow

Passed
All in Favor

3. Communications:

None

4. Committee Reports:

Finance: No report

Curriculum: Kay Lyman reported that the committee met Friday, November 4th. They read grade 5 narrative writing samples, which were very interesting. They reviewed reading benchmark data which was collected during the month of September and it was good to see the progress that has been made. The same assessment was given to all students. These assessments will be given again in January, April and May. The committee will discuss writing narrative and math

benchmark data at their next meeting. They discussed the transition into the renovated Molly Ockett building. Fifth and sixth-grade teachers met during Professional Development time to discuss the moving grade 5 to Molly Ockett. The committee also discussed the foreign language program in our district. In previous years students in grades 6-8 would take French or Spanish. Kay also shared that Jay, Emily Kirkpatrick and Nancy Boucher had attended a public meeting regarding an addiction task force led by Fryeburg resident Chris Whittaker.

Transportation: Marie Struven reported that the committee met on October 12th. They were given an update on the new contract, which included the new fueling system. The old fuel tanks and pumps have been removed. All extracurricular trips are being covered by Bennett Transportation. Special Ed day trips are covered by our district bus drivers. They reviewed the options for using the new bus that was issued and were given an update on out-of-district transportation.

Facilities: Jack Jones reported that the committee met on October 12th. They discussed the progress of the school building project. Jack and Rick Wohlenberg have done a walkthrough of the new building and hope to give the building committee a tour in the near future. They discussed what the custodial needs will be for the new building. They discussed the work to be done concerning paving at New Suncook School and options for the new boiler system at Brownfield Denmark School. They will meet tonight after the regular Board meeting.

Policy: Norma Snow reported that the committee met tonight and continued working on section "J". The Board will vote on Policies later in tonight's meeting.

Special Education: No Report

Personnel: No Report

5. Administrative Reports

- Highlights on Start of Year

Pat Menzel, Special Services: There are over twenty new students receiving Special Services this year with 23 new students in referral. Pat has been very busy trying to get personnel in place for these students while the Special Education staff continues working hard to meet student needs.

Emily Kirkpatrick, Molly Ockett MS: Molly Ockett welcomed two new teachers this year; Joshua Bosse, General/Instrumental Music and Erik Kuehl, 8th Grade Social Studies. While staff have been working on individual goals, they have also spent time collaborating, sharing plans and resources in order to best meet the needs of all students. Students have been busy both in and out of the classroom. They continue meeting in daily advisory groups, working on their reading and math skills and collaborating within their own grade level teams. Sports, Student Council, EarlyAct, Chorus and Band are in full swing and there is a new STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) Club that started this year. Emily invited the

Board members to come and visit to witness first hand all of the activities taking place at Molly Ockett.

Terri Mahanor, Brownfield Denmark School: Students have been focusing on writing and although it was difficult at first, their hard work is beginning to pay off. They continue with the "Engage New York" math program. The staff initiated the Husky Pride program that promotes and recognizes safe, respectful and responsible student behavior. The students are excited with the program. Open House and Parent/Teacher Conferences were well attended this year. The fall walking program went well and will start again in the spring. Students are giving back to the community by collecting items for Harvest Hills Animal Shelter.

Rhonda Poliquin, New Suncook School: New Suncook had 20 new students enroll this school year with the majority being second and third graders. The class size is large but Ed Techs are helping minimize the impact. The school theme this year is kindness and students are recognized when acts of kindness are witnessed. Students are learning math facts and learning how to explain their thinking. They are also working on improving writing and reading skills and parents were invited to come in and read student writing samples. Fifth-grade students are studying colonization in preparation for their trip to Plimoth Plantation in the spring. A mock election was held where students had to register, engage in public speaking and vote in order to understand the election process. Staff and students from the LEAP program were interviewed on NPR which was very exciting. Students collected \$242.62 in donations for UNICEF. People are invited to attend the annual PTA Silent Auction on November 19th. This is the largest PTA fundraiser of the year with proceeds going to support various activities at New Suncook.

Mark Schrader, C.A. Snow School: Snow school just had its annual Veteran's Day Celebration today with the largest attendance ever of 36 veterans. There are 185 students currently attending. They are still without a school counselor but students meet 20 minutes each day in small groups to talk with teachers about mindfulness. The staff has seen a significant reduction in student aggression towards each other. These incidences are down by over 100%. They have zoned off areas on the playground for different activities and this has helped in decreasing conflict. The students spend 40 minutes a day on targeted skill instruction in reading. The staff have created specialized interventions for kids struggling with reading. Once a month the students have lunches together with a small K-5 group, which has proven to be good time to talk with kids and really get to know them. Staff have spent professional development time developing strategies for reading and working on math and writing instruction. They have held student recognition celebrations twice so far this year with students being recognized for problem solving on their own among other things. The school is currently holding a can drive to benefit the Brownfield food pantry and the students and staff are looking forward to the annual turkey trot.

