

**MSAD #72 Board of Directors
Minutes
Wednesday, December 11, 2013
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:

Card, Linda*	Snow, Norma
Carter, John	Spooner, Ed
Dupuis, Steve	Stacy, James
LeBlanc, Sharon*	Steller, Bob
Lucy, Laura	Struven, Marie
Lyman, Kathleen*	Trumbull, Anne
Mosca, Anna	Weston, Laurie
Shorey, Kathiann	Williams, Jane*

Administrators

Pat Menzel
Rhonda Poliquin
David Powers
Mark Schrader

Members not present:

Brown, Kirsten	Mattei, Chris	Emery, Ricky*
Dondero, Mitch	Schasel, Dean	Smethurst, Kevan*

Agenda:

1. Public Discussion (15-Minute):

- Bob Steller prefaced the 15 minute public discussion by apologizing for not making it clear at previous meetings that public discussion time could only take place during the first 15 minutes of each Board meeting. He wanted the public to feel that they had a chance to be heard. A suggestion was made to have a discussion time at the end of each meeting as well as at the beginning.
- Pat White spoke in support of including the Superintendent's office in the new building project stating the lack of space; poor work conditions; lack of sufficient storage areas and storage areas being used as office space. The space is inadequate for serving the needs of the people that work in the Central Office.
- Bill Flynn, Brownfield Selectman, questioned the items on the agenda regarding the Snow School Building project. He said it seemed as if we had come up with 6 new plans. He thought that consolidation was off the table. Jay explained that letter "a." under agenda item 8 was a vote to take consolidation off the table as there had not been a formal vote at the last board meeting to do so even though that was the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Building committee. Jim Stacy further explained that the 6 different issues concerning agenda item number 8 were specifics for the Plan B building project that needed to be voted on by the board in order to move forward with the project.

2. Approval of Minutes:
Motion: Ed Spooner Second: Jim Stacy Motion: **Passed**
3. Communications:
None
4. Committee Reports:
- a. **Finance:** Laurie Weston spoke and stated that the committee met yesterday. Jay Robinson and Dave Powers are working on long-term (five year) plans for facilities and transportation. The committee signed warrants and discussed the costs for out-of-district placements.
 - b. **Curriculum:** Jane Williams reported that the committee is working on reviewing the K-8 common core for math. They will also begin reviewing the K-8 common core for Language Arts. They are looking at gaining a deeper understanding of the national standards in math and English language arts.
 - c. **Transportation:** No report
 - d. **Facilities:** No report
 - e. **Policy:** Norma Snow reported that the committee met tonight and reviewed A and B policies. There will be policies to be voted on at the January Board meeting. The committee is continuing to review necessary policies and is looking at a new Food Services policy.
 - f. **Special Education:** No report
 - g. **Personnel:** No report
5. Administrative Reports:
None
6. Superintendent's Report:
- Fryeburg Academy Contract: The committee in charge of contract negotiations and Fryeburg Academy came to an agreement. FA Board of Trustees voted unanimously in favor of contract. This will be discussed further under item #7.
 - DOE Discussion re: New Building Project: Jay traveled to Augusta on November 26th to meet with the DOE. The DOE needs more specifics regarding our moving ahead with the building project. These specifics are addressed in agenda item #7 and need to be voted on. The Molly Ockett site is the site that the state will approve. Potential timeline for determining scope of project is as follows: Programming meetings to discuss programming, heating, staffing, etc. will take place in December; Concept plans - February/March; Concept approval - March/April; Referendum - April/May or September. The State's view of the options is to go with Option B if the board can clarify, or replace Snow School without addressing any additional needs (portables or Central Office) This would be a minimal project on which the district would have to fund exclusively.

- Cost-Sharing Committee: It was voted on at last meeting to move forward with looking at cost sharing the building project. Letters were sent out to all selectmen in each town asking for the names of 2 people to serve as representatives for the town as well as a school board member. Jay has heard back from all towns except Sweden and Denmark. Jay has found a mediator to facilitate the meetings and handed out information regarding his credentials. His name is Dr. Mark Eastman. Some towns expressed a preference in selecting the school board member that they want to serve. It is up to the each municipality's directors to choose the board member that they want to serve on the committee per **20-A §1301 Finances**.

7. New Business:

- Executive Session Pursuant to **M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D)**: Discussion of Fryeburg Academy Contract. A motion was made to move this Agenda item to the end of tonight's meeting.
Motion: Ed Spooner Second: Norma Snow Motion: **Passed**
- 2014-2015 Calendar: A draft was handed out to all members. Once again early release days are spread throughout the school year as opposed to occurring consecutively during ski season. The reason for this is that Staff members need time to discuss/process what they are working on for these Professional Development days before they meet again. 2014-2015 Calendar will be discussed and voted on at the next board meeting.

8. Unfinished Business:

Building Project

a. Consolidation:

Motion: To eliminate the consolidation of elementary schools as part of the project. No discussion.

Motion: Jim Stacy Second: Laurie Weston Motion: **Passed**
unanimously

b. Superintendent's Office:

Motion: To include the superintendent's office as part of the project.

Discussion: Jim Stacy amended motion to say Central Office instead of Superintendent's office so as to include all staff members at Central Office. Kathiann Shorey asked if all staff at CO had to move to Molly Ockett and be located in the same space which is the current situation. Jay's answer was no. Technical Director could be with the Technical Department. Food Service Director could be with food service. This is to be determined.

Motion: Jim Stacy Second: Norma Snow Motion: **Passed**
10 for, 1 against, 1 abstained

c. Grade Levels from Denmark:

Motion: To include grade five from BDES as part of the project.

Discussion: Anna Mosca has spoken with parents that do not want 5th graders to move. Norma and Sharon have spoken to parents who feel the opposite.

Motion: Jim Stacy

Second: Norma Snow

Motion: **Passed**
9 for, 3 against

d. Fifth Grade from New Suncook:

Motion: To include grade five from New Suncook as part of the project.

Discussion: John Carter said he has received feedback that people do not want 5th graders to move to Fryeburg. Steve Dupuis said he has received the same feedback from people in Stow. Norma asked if the people were aware that all 5th graders would be in the same place and have the same education. Jane spoke to the fact that change is difficult but sometimes necessary. People cling to what they have because it is what they know. People do not like change.

Motion: Ed Spooner

Second: Norma Snow

Motion: **Passed**
9 for, 3 against

e. Consolidation of Special-Education Programming:

Motion: To allocate space for elementary “essential skills” and “Bridge” programming as part of the project.

Discussion: Jay clarified that Essential skills classroom is currently at New Suncook. The Elementary Bridge program is currently at Molly Ockett

Motion: Jim Stacy

Second: Anna Mosca

Motion: **Passed**
Unanimously

f. Pre-Kindergarten Programming:

Motion: To include two classroom spaces for Pre-K programs as part of the project.

Discussion: If we allocate 2 classrooms for Pre – K, do we have to have Pre-K programming? No, only if the state mandates it. John Carter asked Jane if the curriculum committee has discussed Pre- K curriculum. She said no. Mark Schrader, Principal of CA Snow School and Brownfield/Denmark School. , met with Kindergarten teachers and they found that less than half of students currently in district have had a Pre - K experience. Mark stated that there was a lack of true Pre-K programs available for families and that if there was a Pre-K program available then transportation was an issue for parents. There are many day care centers but not Pre- school programs. If there was a Pre -K program people would make use of it. The question of whether we would be in conflict with the Head Start program was raised and Rhonda Poliquin commented that there were very specific guidelines in relation to family income for a student to be eligible to attend Head Start. Many families do not meet those criteria.

FYI: After year one there is state reimbursement for Pre K programming. District would pay for first year Pre - K up front and then would be reimbursed at the end of the first year.

Motion: Jim Stacy Second: Laurie Weston Motion: **Passed**
13 for, 1 opposed

A motion was made by Jim Stacy to replace the Snow School and Central Office and to include upgrades to Molly Ockett as specified in items B through F under item 8, Building Project.

Motion: Jim Stacy Second: Laurie Weston Motion: **Passed**
11 for, 3 against

Item # 7 revisited: A motion was made to enter into Executive session Pursuant to M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D): Discussion of Fryeburg Academy Contract.

Motion: Ed Spooner Second: Norma Snow Motion: **Passed**

The board entered Executive Session at 7:50

The Board came out of Executive session at 8:05

Motion made to accept the 5 year contract between the Fryeburg Academy Board of Trustees and the MSAD 72 Board of Directors.

Motion: Ed Spooner Second: Laurie Weston Motion: **Passed**
unanimously

9. Personnel Action:

None

10. Agenda Planning/Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:10PM

Next Meeting: January 8, 2014

Motion: Ed Spooner Second: Anna Mosca Motion: **Passed**

Meeting Guidelines

*Listen for understanding

*Question for clarification

*Respect – time and each other

*Engage differences

*Take care of your own personal needs