

**MSAD #72 Board of Directors
Minutes
Wednesday - April 2, 2014
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
Cummings, Laura	Stacy, James
Dondero, Mitch	Steller, Bob
Dupuis, Steven	Struven, Marie
LeBlanc, Sharon*	Trumbull, Anne
Lyman, Kathleen*	Weston, Laurie
Mattei, Chris	Williams, Jane*
Schasel, Dean	

Administrators

Emily Kirkpatrick
Pat Menzel
Mark Schrader
David Powers
Sue Frost

Members not Present:

Emery, Ricky*	Shorey, Kathiann
Mosca, Anna	Smethurst, Kevan*

Agenda:

1. Public Discussion (15-Minute):

A concerned Fryeburg taxpayer named Raney Normandin complained about the increases in the budget. He expressed his concerns with the tax rate getting out of control. He suggested we needed to freeze the budget and have no increases.

Carol Brooks shared that Brownfield is working on their budget and times are tough. She is paying as much as she can afford. She asked that we look at numbers very hard. She was wondering if we could advertise more to get people to attend these budget meetings.

Cindy Alden: She may have to leave this area if tax rate is raised. She feels like we need better communication.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Jim Stacy

Second: Marie Struven

Passed

3. Communications:

None

4. Committee Reports:

a. Finance: No Report

b. Curriculum: Jane Williams shared that the committee had not met since the last Board meeting, but several members will be observing the language arts program at Brownfield/Denmark School in the coming weeks.

- Budget Workshop:

- **Transportation:** Dave Powers stated that there is an increase in next year's budget for transportation. We will be reimbursed in 2 years for the bus we pay for next year. There will be about a 5% increase in gasoline/diesel and that increase is reflected in the fuel budget line.
Steve Dupuis: How many buses do we have, and is there a fair number of how many buses we should have?
Ed Spooner: Bennett has a separate contract with Chatham. A Chatham bus drives by some of our district students. Couldn't we share this route with Chatham to cut costs?
Jay: We will look into the possibility of sharing a bus.
Ed Spooner: Salary...what is the large increase for? There was a shift from the Secondary line to Elementary line. So there is an increase for Elementary, but a decrease with the secondary. Extra money added for additional bus aide due to special education needs.
Steve Dupuis: What is the Taxi expenditure for? Needed for out of District placement. We avoided buying a vehicle for this student's transportation. There were unexpected expenditures this year due to IEPs. Special Education transportation causes increases to the budget but providing transportation is not optional.
John Carter: Why the large increase in insurance? Jay: Increases are due to changes in health insurance. There is an overall 9.5% increase in health insurance.
Ed Spooner commented that if a bus driver works 30 hours a week it makes him/her eligible for insurance.
Norma Snow: Do bus monitors qualify for benefits? Dave: Yes, some do, based on hours worked.

Motion made to tentatively approve the Transportation Budget.

Motion: Ed Spooner

Second: Laurie Weston

Passed

- **Facilities and Maintenance:** There is an increase due to cost of leasing portables. In the past Nestle has covered the entire cost of leasing the portables. This coming year they have agreed to pay half of the lease so this causes an increase to our budget. The facilities Committee and Dave came up with a list of projects throughout the District that needs to be taken care of. The facility committee will prioritize the need for these projects. New Suncook needs work on walkways/parking lots/all paved areas. There is a need to hire an engineer to address how to proceed in repairing the cracking issues. Security will be improved at New Suncook through installation of a swipe entry system to enter building (similar to Brownfield Denmark School). There is money for replacing shades and blinds at New Suncook and Brownfield Denmark School with fireproof blinds. This is for safety reasons.

Ed Spooner: If it costs \$25,000 to have an engineer plan the fixing of New Suncook paved areas; I can only imagine what it will cost to actually do the repair work.

Dave Powers: The current paving has been there for 26 years and paving lasts 20 years. We have tried to repair with minimal costs but we are at a point where a simple Band-Aid won't take care of the problems with the paving.

Mark Schrader spoke about the BDES parking lot being in such a state of disrepair that it was necessary to call a tow truck to remove a vehicle that was stuck from bottoming out in the parking lot. It is not safe. Sidewalks are crumbling. The repairs need to be addressed.

Norma Snow: I have to agree with Ed. If we have an engineering study done but can't pay for the repairs at this time, how long will the study be valid? In your estimate when would you see the work done? Dave: It would need to be done within the next 2 years. The District has made every effort to make pavement last as long as it could.

Jim Stacy: Could we look into what it would cost to grind up and repair?

John Carter: Why wouldn't you get bids to do the work? What is gained by doing the engineering study ahead of time?

Dave: It isn't a simple fix of re-tarring. There are drainage issues.

Steve Dupuis: Why not go to people in the business and tell them about the problems we are having with the parking lots/sidewalks and ask for them a price to fix.

Chris Mattei: Are you experiencing issues with the building because of the drainage issues. Dave: No. Those issues have been addressed and taken care of.

Motion made to tentatively approve the Facilities and Maintenance Budget minus cost of engineering study.

Motion: Ed Spooner Second: Steve Dupuis Passed

0 Debt Service: There is no budget as there is no debt service.

Motion to tentatively approve Debt Service Budget.

Motion: Jim Stacy Second: Laurie Weston Passed

- Cost-Sharing Referendum: Sign Warrants: Jim Read the warrant.

Voted: That the warrant and notice of election of Maine School Administrative District No. 72 (the "District") presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved and that a referendum election for the District be and is hereby called for May 6, 2014 for the purpose of changing the current method of sharing costs for the New Building Project.

Further Voted: That the Notice of Public Hearing presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved and that public hearings will be held on April 14, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. (in the New Suncook School cafeteria); April 15, 2014 at 6:30 (in the Denmark School cafeteria) and April 17, 2014 at 6:30 (in the Molly Ockett School cafeteria) as provided therein for the purpose of changing the current method of sharing costs for the New Building Project.

Motion: Jim Stacy

Second: Norma Snow

Passed

8. Unfinished Business:

None

Steve Dupuis asked Jay a question regarding the recent attendance posting for staff and why this was happening. Jay explained that he felt it was necessary to let staff know it was as important for each of them to be at school as it is for each student to be at school. Teachers are contracted to be at school for 175 student days and 5 workshop days. It is important that they make every effort to be there on those days and schedule routine appointments for those days school is not in session or after school hours. He felt the need to clarify this as the leave-request form sends a mixed-message regarding medical appointments that might be scheduled around the work day.

9. Personnel Action:

None

10. Agenda Planning/Adjournment:

Next Meeting(s):

April 9: System Administration, School Administration, Other Expenditures

April 16: Regular Instruction, Special Education, Other Instruction, Student and Staff Support (This meeting to be held at C.A. Snow School)

May 7: Regular Board Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Sheehan
Recording Secretary