

**MSAD #72 Board of Directors
Wednesday - April 16, 2014
Budget Workshop
C. A. Snow School
7:30 PM**

Budget Workshop began following Special Board meeting that ended @ 7:30.

Members Present

Card, Linda*	Shorey, Kathiann
Carter, John	Snow, Norma
Cummings, Laura	Spooner, Ed
Dondero, Mitch	Stacy, James
Dupuis, Steven	Steller, Bob
LeBlanc, Sharon*	Struven, Marie
Lyman, Kathleen*	Weston, Laurie
Schasel, Dean	Williams, Jane*

Administrators

Emily Kirkpatrick
Pat Menzel
Rhonda Poliquin
David Powers
Sue Frost

Members not Present:

Emery, Ricky*	Smethurst, Kevan*
Mattei, Chris	Trumbull, Anne
Mosca, Anna	

Agenda:

Jay Robinson spoke about the purpose of the Budget Workshop. The Board has many decisions to make regarding the FY15 budget. When the administrators prepare the budget they realize that every program is important. It is their job to keep a balanced perspective on providing the best education possible for our students as well as being fiscally responsible to the taxpayers of the District.

1. Regular K - 8 Instruction

There was much discussion amongst the Board regarding the proposed elimination of the Foreign Language program at the Middle School as well as Industrial Arts, which is part of MESA. Many members were in favor of keeping both positions in the budget, while others felt it was time to make tough decisions regarding the budget. Jay was asked to look at this section of the budget to see how it may be possible to keep these two positions in the budget.

Motion made to tentatively accept the Regular K-8 Instruction budget less \$4,502 from New Suncook Travel for Professional Development line which was an error on the report.

Motion: Ed Spooner

Second: Steve Dupuis

Passed

8 in favor/3 opposed

(Note: original vote was 8 in favor/6 opposed, but opposed included 3 alternate votes)

2. Secondary Instruction

Motion made to tentatively accept the Secondary Instruction Budget.

Motion: Norma Snow

Second: Steve Dupuis

Passed
All in favor

3. Special Education

Pat Menzel spoke regarding addition of positions (Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Special Education Teacher added at Fryeburg Academy.) These positions are needed to help keep students in school who are at-risk for out-of-district placements and to help transition students back in from these placements. Also the increase in budget is due to increasing number of students receiving services. We have gone from 132 students receiving services in the 2011-2012 school year to 183 students receiving services in the 2013-2014 school year.

Motion made to tentatively accept the Special Education budget.

Motion: Laurie Weston

Second: Norma Snow

Passed
All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Sheehan
Recording Secretary