

will go to referendum on May 6th. The committee will meet and sign Budget warrants on May 6th. Laurie shared that signing warrants is one of the things the finance committee does on a regular basis, which serves as a method of reviewing district expenditures.

- b. Curriculum: Jane Williams reported that the committee met last week and reviewed Curriculum and Library policies which will be reviewed at the Policy committee next month. They are continuing to look at Language Arts programs. They Reviewed the NECAP results which will be presented by administrators later this evening.
- c. Transportation: Marie Struven reported that the committee had met and looked at getting an extension for the transportation contract. They discussed the effect the construction project may have on the bus garage. She reported that the Grant money was approved for the two buses. There will be a slight increase in fuel costs next year but it will be minimal.
- d. Facilities: Jim Stacy: No Report
- e. Policy: Kay Lyman reported that the committee met this evening and as usual discussed many policies. They are continuing to review/revise/delete as needed each section of policies and will be bringing more policies to the Board at next meeting for first and second reads. The Board Will vote on policies later this evening.
- f. Special Education: Sharon LeBlanc: No report
- g. Personnel: Norma Snow: No report

5. Administrative Reports: Summary of NECAP Scores

Emily Kirkpatrick, Molly Ockett Principal, shared that they had received the NECAP scores administered to students this past fall. The scores were very similar to last year. Strengths were in reading. Math scores showed that 56% of the students were proficient or higher. Only 8th grade students were tested in Writing with 44% partially proficient or lower. Writing 57 % proficient/lower. Teachers are looking at assessment questions and breaking them down to see where weaknesses/strengths are. They are identifying methods to help strengthen student's skills through more academic support during the day and after school. The staff is also looking at designing a program that recognizes students for great work.

Question: Laurie Weston: You said the scores this year are similar to last year's scores?

Answer: Yes

Rhonda Poliquin, New Suncook Principal, shared that this would be the last year that students would be taking NECAP assessments. Next year we will be moving to "Smarter Balance" assessments in the spring of 2015. In reviewing this new assessment test it looks to be a more difficult test.

Student scores this year are similar to last years' scores. Third grade had 66% of students meeting standards and this is the first year that these students took this test. The staff is looking to see what is happening with scores and how they can be improved. They are already providing interventions for students who are not meeting standards. Reading is the number one area that is weak for students. We looked at last year's results and put interventions in place this year to try and help students. We grouped by literacy level this year. We are looking at classroom information from teachers in order to target strengths and needs. Writing across the state is dismal. We are using new writing strategies to help improve student writing skills. Our Math scores are at about state average. We are seeing strengths in the computational parts of the test. There are two remedial classes being offered in Math keeping in mind the needs of the students. We are seeing growth in math skills for students in 4th grade. This year we added an extra 30 minutes, three days a week to help increase Math performance.

6. Superintendent's Report:

Concept Approval for Building Project: Jay traveled to Augusta yesterday to meet with the state regarding the building project. A vote was taken at that meeting to approve the project and it was approved unanimously with 1 person abstaining.

Straw Vote: An informational meeting was held at Snow School on March 4th to give the public an opportunity to see where we are at with the building project and to take a straw poll on whether people were in favor of the new building project or not. Stephen Blatt, Lead Architect for the project, presented preliminary designs for the new building to be erected on the Molly Ockett school site. The building project will also include renovations to the existing Molly Ockett building as well as create new office space for the Superintendent and the central office staff. After the presentation there was a question and answer period and then a straw poll was taken with these results: 37 in favor; 4 against; 14 abstained

Ad Hoc Committee: The committee met on February 27th. They discussed how to best inform the public regarding the Current Building Project. The committee scheduled three public informational meetings to be held prior to the referendum vote to be held on June 10th.

Project Timeline: Jay handed out an updated Project Timeline for the School Building Project now that we have received state approval for the concept design. (See attached.)

7. New Business:

- Update on **Cost-Sharing Work:** Jay did a PowerPoint presentation for the Board which gave a basic overview of what happened at the cost sharing meetings. After much deliberation and discussion the Cost Sharing committee came up with a plan that will go to referendum on May 6th. The plan is known as Scenario 1B. In this plan all 7 towns in the district would share 34% of the building costs (the other 66% is being paid by the state)

with the following formula: 3 towns (Brownfield, Fryeburg and Stow) would pay 20% of the 34% and 4 towns (Denmark, Lovell, Stoneham and Sweden) would pay 80% of the 34% local costs. These percentages being paid are based solely on valuation. If this referendum does not pass then we would go back to the original formula with the state paying 66% of the building project costs for Brownfield, Fryeburg and Stow and the other 34% of costs being paid for by Denmark, Lovell, Stoneham and Sweden based on our local cost-sharing formula (60% valuation and 40% student count).

- **Proposed Budget Timeline:** Jay shared a proposed timeline for budget and informational meetings regarding Fryeburg Academy Contract, Cost Sharing, Annual School Budget vote and New Building project that will be held in the coming months. (See attached.)
- **Policy:**
 - First Reading: ACAA, AD, ADA, BAA, BCA, BGA, BGC, BG-R,, BJ
Motion: Jane Williams Second: Sharon LeBlanc Passed
 - Second Reading: BA, BB, BBA, BCB, BD, BDE, BE, BEA, BED
Motion: Kay Lyman Second: Jim Stacy Passed
 - Review with No Change: BE-E2, BG, BG-E
Motion: Kay Lyman Second: Marie Struven Passed
 - Deletions: AD-R, BBA-E, BEDB, BGB
Motion: Kay Lyman Second: Marie Struven Passed
- **Fryeburg Academy Contract:**
Jim Stacy read the following:
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 April 29, 2014 for the purpose of authorizing the School Board to contract with the Trustees of Fryeburg Academy for the schooling of secondary pupils for a term of five (5) years.

Further Voted: That the Notice of Public Hearing presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved and that a public hearing be held on April 1, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. (in the Molly Ockett cafeteria) as provided therein for the purpose of authorizing the School Board to contract with the Trustees of Fryeburg Academy for the schooling of secondary pupils for a term of five (5) years.
Motion: Kay Lyman Second: Marie Struven Passed

8. Unfinished Business:

- Final vote on 2014-2015 School Calendar

Motion made to accept the proposed 2014-2015 School Calendar.

Motion: Laurie Weston Second: Sharon LeBlanc Passed

9. Personnel Action:

None

10. Agenda Planning/Adjournment:

Next Board Meeting: April 2, 2014

Motion was made to adjourn at 7:35

Motion: Jim Stacy Second: Sharon LeBlanc Passed

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Sheehan
Recording Secretary