

**MSAD #72 Board of Directors
Wednesday, October 9th, 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:

Dondero, Mitch	Snow, Norma
Stacy, James	LeBlanc, Sharon*
Schasel, Dean	Struven, Marie
Spooner, Ed	Dupuis, Steve
Trumbull, Anne	Smethurst, Kevan*
Weston, Laurie	Card, Linda*
Carter, John	Shorey, Kathiann
Steller, Bob	Lyman, Kathleen*
Williams, Jane*	

Administrators

Rhonda Poliquin
Emily Kirkpatrick
Pat Menzel
David Powers

Consultant

Stephen Blatt

Members not Present

Ricky Emery	Chris Mattei
Anna Mosca*	Laura Lucy
Kirsten Brown*	

Agenda:

1. **Public Discussion** (15-Minute):

Daymond Steer, Conway Sun Reporter, asked a personnel question regarding a Fryeburg Academy teacher. Bob Steller stated we had no information to give.

2. **Approval of Minutes:**

Moved: Jim Stacy

Seconded: Sharon LeBlanc

Motion: Passed

3. **Communications:**

Special Recognition: Jay recognized Roger Wheeler, MESA teacher, who received the 2014 T.E.E.A.M./I.T.E.E.A. Program Excellence Award at the middle school level. This is a competitive award given each year to one outstanding middle school Technology and Engineering Educator in Maine. Jay also commended all the MESA teachers for their contributions. Roger thanked the board for their continued support of the technology education and MESA programs.

4. Committee Reports:

a. **Policy:** The committee met this evening. Norma Snow, Chairman, let board know that the committee is in the process of reviewing and updating all policies. The board will be asked to vote on second reading of 4 policies later in the evening.

b. **Finance:** Chairman, Kevan Smethurst reported that the committee met yesterday, October 8th. They met with PKA administrators and discussed what to do with the excess funds that PKA has. They are waiting for advice on what to do. They also discussed expenditures for PKA and PKA Administrators stated they would monitor their expenditures better in the future so that others would understand what the funds are being used for. Kevan also stated the need to have someone sign warrants every two weeks. The future Snow School building project and the financial impact on district towns was also discussed. Jay has spoken with Jim Rier, acting education commissioner, regarding whether we could use a bond to pay for a bond. The answer was no. Jay will revisit the sharing of costs with all towns as this is a possibility. This could be done by taking the debt service costs for the project and running those costs through our local cost-sharing formula, just as we do for costs for adult education, local only debt service, etc. We would need representation from the District, outside mediator, etc. to move forward with this process. The Board can make a decision to engage in the process.

c. **Student Affairs:** John Carter asked if a meeting had been set for this committee. Jay explained that the Student Affairs Hearing Committee does not meet on a regular basis. The committee meets when issues arise regarding student cases: ie. suspensions; other student concerns where a decision has to be made regarding these issues.

d. **Transportation:** No report

e. **Special Ed:** No report

f. **Curriculum:** No report

g. **Personnel:** No report

h. **Facilities:** No report

5. Administrative Reports:
None

6. Superintendent's Report:
None

7. New Business:

Interactive Presentation: Accessing Gmail accounts. Technology Administrator Jim LaPlante along with Technology personnel Jeremy Hammer and Eric Wood helped train the board members on using Google for sending/receiving e-mails and important information

Policies for Final Review and Approval:

- ADAA: Standards for Ethical and Responsible Behavior - 1st Reading

Motion: Jim Stacy Seconded: Sharon LeBlanc Motion Passed

- JHB: Truancy
- JK: Student Discipline
- JKE: Expulsion of Students
- JKE-R: Expulsion Guidelines: 1st read

Motion: Ed Spooner Seconded: Kay Lyman Motion Passed

8. Unfinished Business:

School Construction Project: Discussion of Project History and Options:

Jay shared the history of the building project that had originally started with work being done by David Hart of the Turner Group. Ad Hoc Building Committee met Tuesday, October 8th. They are still discussing options. No decision has been made on putting forth a plan. Jay needs School Board to make decision on what the viable options are. With that in mind he presented the board with 7 options including Plan B and C along with other options that had arisen from community input at our individual informational meetings. Jay asked for a “straw poll” on each option to help the building committee move forward in the process. Each vote was to determine whether the option should be kept on the table for discussion.

1. Renovate Snow School and include new space for needed programming.

Straw vote: **2** for **15** opposed

2. Build a New School on the existing Snow sight.

Straw vote: **1** for **16** opposed

3. Renovate and add additional classroom space at BDES, New Suncook and Molly Ockett at “local only” expense.

Straw vote: **3** for **14** opposed

Kevan asked what would be done with the two elementary schools if we consolidate. He also suggested that charter schools could take over. Steve Blatt spoke about the actuality of costs if you add on to 3 schools; site work; bringing current structures up to code; there would be many issues that need to be dealt with at existing schools to make that work.

4. Option B

Straw vote: all in favor

5. Option D: Build a replacement for the Snow School at Denmark; use Local Only funds to upgrade the Molly Ockett campus; use Local Only funds to replace the Central Office.

Straw vote: **1** for **16** opposed

6. Option E: Utilize Denmark for educational purposes that reduce our overall budget; build the Snow School replacement at Molly Ockett and address Molly Ockett needs; maintain New Suncook.

Straw vote: **1** for **16** opposed

7. Option C:

(Before the vote was taken Jim Stacy asked if the board members from Fryeburg, Brownfield and Stow would support pursuing the process of dividing the cost between all 7 towns? Their answers were yes although no vote was taken.

Straw vote: **10** for **7** opposed

9. Personnel Action:

None

10. Agenda Planning/Adjournment: @ 9:00

Next Meeting: November 6, 2013

Motion Jim Stacy

Seconded: Norma Snow

Motion Passed

Meeting Guidelines

*Listen for understanding

*Question for clarification

*Respect – time and each other

*Engage differences

*Take care of your own personal needs