

The Board of Directors met on Wednesday, October 10, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Molly Ockett Middle School in Fryeburg, Maine.

The following board members were present:

Pat White, Chair  
Lisa Thompson  
Jane Williams  
Dean Schasel  
Laurie Weston  
Jim Stacy  
Norma R. Snow  
Michelle Mattei

Kathleen Lyman  
Ed Spooner  
Steven Dupuis  
Anne Trumbull  
Linda Card  
Sharon LeBlanc  
Kevan Smethurst  
Kathiann Shorey

The following board members were absent:

Laura Lucy  
John Carter  
Sara Neddenriep

Marie Struven  
Robert Steller

Also present were:

Gary MacDonald, Superintendent; Principals, Rhonda Poliquin, Emily Kirkpatrick, and Jay Robinson; Special Education Director, Pat Menzel; Facilities and Transportation Director, Dave Powers; and Business Manager, Madeline Bassett.

Pat White opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., welcomed the visitors, and declared a quorum.

#### The 15-minute discussion

None

#### Approval of minutes of August 29, 2012

Norma Snow moved, seconded by Jim Stacy, to approve the minutes of August 29, 2012.

The motion passed.

#### Communications

Gary MacDonald:

- A letter from Walter Beesley, Child Nutrition Specialist, has been received. Walter informed us that the application submitted by Mary Emerson, Food Service Director, has been approved and the district would be receiving an additional \$0.06 reimbursement per lunch in 2012 – 2013.
- Representatives from the New England Archeological Center did not find any artifacts on the Molly Ockett School property. Over 130 students from Molly Ockett and Fryeburg Academy were involved in the research.
- The Maine School Management Association Fall Conference will be on October 25 and 26. Board members who would like to attend need to complete forms as soon as possible.

Pat White handed out information on the National School Boards' Association lobbying guide for board members and a list of Bills that have been passed and not passed.

#### Committee reports

Finance Committee – Laurie Weston

The committee met and there was discussion regarding the FY 2012 balance forward and the warrants were signed.

#### Administrative reports

Rhonda Poliquin, Emily Kirkpatrick, and Jay Robinson, Principals of New Suncook, C. A. Snow, and Molly Ockett Middle Schools spoke about student assessments, Positive Behavior Intervention Support, monthly student assemblies, Restraint and Seclusion training, parent teacher conferences, and the Alternative Vocational Program initiated this year at the middle school level.

Gary spoke about the upcoming budget for 2013-2014 fiscal year stating that it is becoming more difficult to protect the up and down “cliffs” for town assessments. The budgets have been reduced and tightened over the past 6 years as much as possible. There is money saved to help offset town assessments for next year, but will be more difficult as time goes on. The New Suncook roof project bond payments will be exhausted this year. The payments that have been made could remain in the overall budget to continue existing programs, put toward town assessments, and/or reduce from budget. There are rumors that general purpose aide from the Department of Education will be impacted negatively in fiscal year 2014, which will ultimately impact the towns.

A parent survey was sent to parents in June. The response was very low and the results were not valid. There will be a meeting for parents on November 1<sup>st</sup> to meet with David Silvernail, from USM.

#### New business

- a) Approval: Snow School building project architect  
Jim Stacy moved, seconded by Steven Dupuis, to approve Steven Blatt Architects, for the new construction of the elementary school to replace the existing C. A. Snow School. The motion passed unanimously.
- b) Review: Strategic Plan Vision, Mission and Goals  
It was moved and seconded to approve the Strategic Plan Vision, Mission and Goals, with a correction in wording on page two, third bullet, from “should” to “will” be encouraged to develop lifelong habits of effective health practices. The motion passed.
- c) Discussion: MSBA Resolutions  
Copies of information from Maine School Management Association for the First Session Overview of the 125<sup>th</sup> Legislature and the Bills passed in the Second Session were handed out to board members. There was discussion around Superintendent’s Agreements.

#### Unfinished business

Policy review: first reading

1. Code KDB: Public’s Right to Know / Freedom of Access  
Ed Spooner moved, seconded by Norma Snow, to approve Policy Code KDB: Public’s Right to Know / Freedom of Access.  
The motion passed.
2. Code EBCC: Bomb Threats  
Lisa Thompson moved, seconded by Norma Snow, to approve Policy Code EBCC: Bomb Threats.  
The motion passed.

#### Personnel action

None

Ed Spooner moved, it was seconded, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Madeline Bassett  
Recording Secretary