

The Board of Directors met on Wednesday, November 14, 2012, at 7:00 P.M. at the Molly Ockett Middle School in Fryeburg, Maine.

The following board members were present:

Pat White, Chair
Ed Spooner
Steven Dupuis
Dean Schasel
Laurie Weston
Jim Stacy
Norma R. Snow
Michelle Mattei
Laura Lucy
John S. H. Carter

Kathleen Lyman
Jane Williams
Anne Trumbull
Linda Card
Sharon LeBlanc
Kevan Smethurst
Kathiann Shorey
Marie Struven
Robert Steller

The following board members were absent:

Sara Neddenriep

Lisa Thompson

Also present were:

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

Pat White called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., declared a quorum, and welcomed the visitors.

The 15-minute discussion

Gregory Huang-Dale spoke to the board members regarding the lack of foreign language being taught at the elementary school level. Greg spoke about the benefits for student learning when they have these programs at an earlier age.

Carol Brooks spoke about the huge reductions in revenues from the State and how it is impacting the Towns. She does not know how the Brownfield residents will be able to pay their taxes. She asked the school board to take her concerns into consideration when developing next years' school district budget into consideration.

Approval of the minutes of the October 10, 2012 regular meeting

Norma Snow moved to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2012 board meeting with a correction to include Laura Lucy in the list of "present" board members. Jim Stacy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications

Gary MacDonald received a letter of resignation from Penny Williams, Teacher at New Suncook School. The resignation is due to medical conditions. Penny has taught in the district for 19 years. John Carter moved, seconded by Bob Steller, to accept Penny's resignation with regret. The motion passed unanimously.

A letter has been received from Bob Kerr, President of the Pequawket Valley Teachers' Association and representative for the Pequawket Valley Support Staff to begin negotiations for contracts to begin in fiscal year 2014.

Pat White gave board members School Book membership booklets.

Seven to eight people came to the meeting with David Silvernail. The purpose of the meeting was to meet with parents and gather information for their suggestions related to revising the parent survey that went out last June. The intent is to reconfigure the survey and send to parents a revised survey in January.

Committee reports

Policy: Laura Lucy

The committee has met and will speak to the policies under New business.

Finance – Laurie Weston

The committee met tonight to sign warrants and review the latest budget report.

Transportation - Marie Struven

The committee has met and will comment under New Business.

Special Education – Laura Lucy

The committee met with Pat Menzel and will be meeting again in January.

Curriculum – Bob Steller

A meeting will be scheduled.

Administrative reports

Gary:

- Reminded members who have not completed the Certification for the Freedom of Access Law and the Insurance form to fill out the forms and submit to the office.
- The cover on the oil tank at Snow School has been damaged due to cars being driven over it, especially at drop off and pick up times. It will cost \$3,700 to fix the cover.
- The Fryeburg Academy negotiation for a contract to begin in 2014 is continuing. There is a daylong meeting on November 26th.
- Snow school construction: we are still waiting for direction from the State. We have been working with Stephen Blatt, Architect, on an agreement. The State needs to make final decisions on cost containments. We are being asked to be patient but we are working on what we can prepare ahead of time.
- Student attendance: The first 43 days attendance is 99%.
- There was an excellent article in the Mountain Ear newspaper on November 1st about the Maine Environmental Academy. The participating students expressed how much they like the program. Jay Robinson, Principal, stated that the program is meeting the needs of the students in non-traditional ways without lowering standards.

New business:

- a) Approval: Certification Committee Handbook changes
Joe Ferigno, Chair of the Certification Committee, spoke to the board members and explained the changes to the handbook.
Kathy Shorey moved, seconded by John Carter to approve the changes made in the handbook. The motion passed.

- b) Presentation: Technology Committee
Jim LaPlante, Director of Technology, Eric Wood, and Jeremy Hammer, Technicians, were present.
Jim – spoke about how technology is used in the district and technology enhances student learning.
Barbara Anderson, Art teacher spoke about how students are using technology in art and how it integrates with other curriculums.

- c) Update: Health and Wellness Committee
Nancy Boucher / Holly Foster, Co-Chairs
Nancy spoke about what was happening in Health & Wellness and reviewed the program, highlighting staff, students, and the community with a slide show with uplifting messages.

- d) Presentation: Charter School Proposal
Kathy Rehill spoke about her plan to form a Charter School in the area. She spoke about contracting with the district and having a Charter Contract.
Kathy is asking the district to explore becoming “authorizer.”
Would like to contract with district to handle payroll, transportation and other required tasks. The Charter School would be serving students from other districts, such as SAD 55 and 72.

- e) Approval: to apply to DOE for school bus purchases
Bob Steller moved, seconded by Laurie Weston, to approve and submit the application for the purchase of a new school bus for FY 2014. The motion passed.

- f) Policy: First reading
Code JJIF Management of Concussions and Other Head Injuries
Steven Dupuis moved, seconded by Bob Steller, to approve Policy Code JJIF for First Reading. The motion passed.
Norma Snow moved, seconded by Steven Dupuis, to approve all policies for First Reading. To approve all policies listed. The motion passed.
Code JJIF-E Concussion Information Sheet
Code AC Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action
Code ACAA Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students
Code ACAA-R Student Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedure
Code ACAB Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Employees
Code ACAB-R Employee Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedure

Unfinished business:

Policy: Second reading

Code KDB Public's Right to Know / Freedom of Access

Code EBCC Bomb Threats

Bob Steller moved, seconded by Stephen Dupuis, to approve Policy Codes KDB and EBCC with additional wording "hazardous toxic material." The motion passed.

Personnel

None

Agenda planning / Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Madeline Bassett".

Madeline Bassett

Recording Secretary