

The Board of Directors met for the proposed 2014 budget review and workshop on Wednesday, April 10, 2013, at the C. A. Snow School, in Fryeburg.

The following board members were present:

Sharon LeBlanc  
Laurie Weston  
Dean Schasel  
Bob Steller  
Anne Trumbull  
Jim Stacy  
Kathiann Shorey  
Pat White, Chair

Laura Lucy  
Michelle Mattei  
Linda Card  
Ed Spooner  
Marie Struven  
Norma R. Snow  
Kathleen D. Lyman  
Lisa Thompson

The following board members were absent:

John Carter  
Kevan Smethurst  
Kirsten Brown

Jane Williams  
Steven Dupuis

Also present were:

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

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

#### The 15-minute discussion

Carol Brooks asked about leasing school busses. The leasing of school busses is being considered depending upon the proposed FY 2014 budget figures.

Kelly Brown, Teacher, New Suncook School, shared a letter of the benefits that students are receiving due to the Tin Mountain Program.

#### Communications

Gary MacDonald:

- Letters were sent home to parents of students to make them aware of an incident that happened in one of the district towns that could have been harmful to children.
- Student safety is a primary concern.
- SECURITY CONCERNS:  
David Powers is applying for a Grant from Homeland Security. The total Grant is \$27,200 and if granted, the money must be spent by July 21, 2013.
- This is a very difficult budget year. We do not have information from the State and therefore we do not have definite figures to apply to the State's share of costs. We have had difficult budgets over the years regarding staffing

and programs and FY 2014 is a transition year for the new Superintendent who will have to live with the budget.

- 2005 LD1, the State's share of allocation to schools was 55% on average across the State. Currently the average is 42%. The EPS model is very confusing and not favorable to rural districts. Taber 1 was defeated and then consolidation was initiated. Taber 2 in 2009 was defeated and then we experienced the American Recovery Reimbursement Act (ARRA) and TABER 2 2009 was defeated.
- We cannot give a definitive numbers for the State's share of subsidy.
- Teacher retirement will increase our costs by \$130,865.78
- Snow building project. We need to increase the Capital Reserve account and will be paid back by State.
- Health Insurance premiums are increasing for MSAD 72 by 13%. The teachers association has agreed to look at other insurance companies next year to consider for the following year's contract.
- The sequestration will have an impact on Federal Local Entitlement, Title I, Title II, and Local Entitlement funds.
- The New Suncook roof bond has been paid in full. The savings in next year's budget is \$227,000.
- Subsidy increase, \$142,000 of which \$130,865.78 is for teacher retirement.
- Secondary tuition is estimated to be \$134,000 less than this year.
- Will be considering leasing a new bus.
- Estimating a healthy balance forward.
- Dental premiums have been decreased.
- There is some concern about overall increase.
- Talked about comparisons in budgets and subsidy since 2008.

Jay Robinson, Superintendent Elect, has been looking at staff numbers and administrative positions needed. Jay recommended having one Principal who would oversee the Denmark School and the Snow School (Mark Schrader would be the Principal for the two schools), Emily Kirkpatrick would move to the middle school as Principal and an Athletic Director would be hired. There would be a stipend position for a school leader if Mark is at two schools. The Board of Directors was favorable of the recommendation.

Rhonda Poliquin, Principal, New Suncook School recommends that classes of 12/13 students could combine and there could be a position reduced or leave the classes as they are now with two teachers.

Information regarding the middle school unified arts and foreign language programs was given to the Board members to read and think about continuing or not continuing these programs.

Budget accounts proposed

Regular Elementary Instruction: \$3,769,003

Ed Spooner moved, seconded by Bob Steller, to tentatively approve with corrections that could be subject to change.

Motion passed.

Secondary: \$4,532,456

Ed Spooner moved, Jim Stacy seconded, to tentatively approve \$4,532,456 for Secondary Education as presented.

The motion passed

Special Education:

Pat Menzel, Special Education Director, spoke about the proposed budget for Special Education and talked about the costs.

The vote for Special Education costs will be voted on after further review and additional details have been completed.

Other Instruction: \$178,212

Co-Curricular/Summer School/Gifted and Talented

It was moved and seconded to tentatively approve \$178,212 for Other Instruction.

The motion passed.

Guidance: \$204,655

Jim Stacy moved, seconded by Ed Spooner, to tentatively approve \$204,655 for Guidance

The motion passed.

Health: \$87,234

It was moved and seconded to tentatively approve \$87,234 for Health.

The motion passed.

Library: \$142,424

Bob Steller moved, seconded by Norma Snow to tentatively approve \$142,424 for Library.

The motion passed.

ITI and Assessment: \$92,727

It was moved and seconded, to tentatively approve \$92,727 for Improvement to Instruction and Assessment.

The motion passed.

Technology: \$282,526

Laurie Weston moved, seconded by Bob Steller to tentatively approve \$282,526 for Technology.

The motion passed with one opposing vote.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Madeline Bassett*

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Recording Secretary