

The Board of Directors met for a budget review meeting on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at the Molly Ockett Middle School.

The following board members were present:

Jane Williams	Bob Steller
Ed Spooner	Dean Schasel
Lisa Thompson	Stephen Dupuis
Linda Card	Marie Struven
Norma Snow	Sharon LeBlanc
Jim Stacy	Laura Lucy
Laura Lucy	Kathleen Lyman
Anne Trumbull	Pat White, Chair
Kathy Shorey	Michelle Mattei

The following board members were absent.

Kevan Smethurst	Kirsten Brown
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Also present were:

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

Pat White, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:01p.m., declared a quorum, and welcomed the visitors.

Gary MacDonald:

Reminders:

There is a Finance Committee meeting scheduled for next Tuesday, April 30th. A board meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday, May 1st to make final decisions on the proposed budget for 2013.

Mary Emerson, Food Service Director, spoke about the increase in lunch costs to meet the reimbursement for free and reduced lunch costs, which currently are \$2.25 now and will be increased to \$2.35 in 2013 - 2014.

Ed Spooner moved, seconded by Steven Dupuis to raise student lunch charges by 10 cents.

The motion passed.

Ed Spooner moved, seconded by Bob Steller, to tentatively approve the 2013 - 2014 proposed budget of \$15,870,863.

The motion passed.

Gary spoke about the capital reserve fund.

The reserve fund started when the Brownfield School was closed. The savings was used to begin a reserve fund. Since that time the funds in the fund have been used and replaced.

Right now the funds are being used for the architectural construction costs which will be approximately \$170,000. There will be a referendum vote within the next few months and if the voters approve the construction of a new elementary school, the State will reimburse the district for any related expenses that have been paid for the construction including the architectural expenditures.

The recommendation is to ask the voters to transfer \$170,000 into the reserve fund from undesignated FY 2013 balances for FY 2014. We will give the exact amount next week.

Unfortunately the grant David Powers submitted to help offset the costs of security has been denied to MSAD 72.

The state did not read the applications and rate them. They based their awards by the postal time because of limited money. Now we need to determine what we want to do. We are looking at an additional \$55,000 for security needs.

There was a straw vote in favor of the \$170,000 that includes the \$15,000 already in the reserve fund. The majority was in favor.

There will be a board meeting on May 8th to finalize and approve the budget and sign warrants.

There will be three public meetings for community members to receive information on the proposed budget.

The budget meeting for the district voters will be on May 29th at 7:00 pm.

There will be a regular board meeting on June 12th including discussion on school construction.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Madeline Bassett
Recording Secretary