

The Board of Directors met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 1, 2013, at the Molly Ockett Middle School in Fryeburg, Maine.

The following members were present:

Dean Schasel
Bob Steller
Linda Card
Jane Williams
Sharon LeBlanc
Jim Stacy
Kathleen Lyman
Pat White
Lori Weston
Laura Lucy

Norma Snow
Ed Spooner
Anne Trumbull
Marie Struven
Lisa Thompson
Steven Dupuis
Kevan Smethurst
Kathiann Shorey
Michelle Mattei
John Carter

The following members were absent:

Kirsten Brown

Also present:

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

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

The 15 - Minute discussion

None

Communications

Gary MacDonald reported:

- FY 2014 budget informational meetings and hearings have been scheduled. The budget meeting for voting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 29, 2013, at 7:00 pm at the Molly Ockett Middle School.
- Three letters of resignation have been received.
 - Deb Atwood, Special Education teacher at New Suncook School.
 - Sharon Costello, Special Education teacher at Molly Ockett Middle School.
 - Robin Powell, 1st grade teacher at C. A. Snow School.

Bob Steller moved, seconded by Sharon LeBlanc, to accept with regret the resignations as listed. The motion passed.

Committee reports

Finance – Laurie Weston

The committee met yesterday and reviewed the proposed budget accounts and signed warrants.

Transportation

None

Facilities – Jim Stacy

The committee met this evening before the board meeting

Curriculum

None

Student Affairs.

None

Personnel – Lisa Thompson

The committee has met and is reviewing the PVEA and PVSSA contracts and reviewed salaries and wages for FY 2014.

The contracts will be brought to the board for approval next week.

Administrative Reports

Gary MacDonald:

The MDOE recently released grades for all schools in the state based essentially on one year's test scores, with no other factors being considered. While Gary understands the need for accountability in schools, he stated that he was not supportive of grading schools in such a simplistic way. The Denmark School received an A, the other three schools in the district received C's. The majority of schools in the state received a grade of C, as the grading was done on a "bell curve".

The CEPARE parent survey is now being compiled by the staff at CEPARE. It will take a while, given the variety of projects that they are involved. In addition the intent is to complete the teacher survey, and then put together a comprehensive year 2 report of the work of the district. The completed report will be shared with the School Board.

Ed Spooner asked about the MLTI contract that will be supported through the state. This district has been receiving Mac laptops for students use since the beginning of the laptop program through the state. Governor LePage has made a decision to purchase Hewlett Packet PC's for the distribution of student laptops for 3 years beginning in the school year 2013 – 2014. The PC's cost a little less; however, it would cost more money for this district because supplies and equipment that are needed would need to be replaced to work with the PC's. All infrastructure and professional development have been based around Macs the past 8 years. After doing a comprehensive analysis the technology staff recommends continuing with

the plan that is in the budget to purchase Mac Airs. In addition, the Technicians in this district are certified by Apple. The certification allows the district to have the technicians repair Macs and saves the district money. The state will support schools who purchase the Macs, but the schools will pay the difference between the PC's and Macs. The information we have at this time indicates the additional cost to the district will be around \$34 per machine.

New Business

Approval: 2013-2014 District Calendar.

Changes: Early release days changed to October 30th, December 11th, January 9th, February 5th, and March 5th. School will start after Labor Day and there will be just under two weeks Christmas vacation. There will be a week vacation in February and April.

Norma Snow moved, seconded by Bob Steller, to approve the calendar as presented. The motion passed.

Unfinished business

Review of 2013-14 (FY14) School District budget

Gary MacDonald reviewed the proposed budget and is still waiting for information from the State for confirmation on figures.

History of budgets was reviewed:

The district is spending less than it did in FY08.

Subsidy is up a little bit over last year, but that figure is not yet firm.

The district is receiving 2 million dollars less subsidy from the state than it did in FY08.

Changes in the proposed budget since last weeks report.

Instruction, K-8 +\$4,700.

Special Education +\$11,000.

Technology + \$6,358.

Office of the Superintendent -\$3,714.

Office of Principal -\$8,600.

Transportation -\$15,000.

Facilities - \$7,000

Total budget increase +\$70,242 /0 .44% increase

Capital Reserve: The Capital Reserve Fund is paying for architectural services until a referendum is held and is approved. These payments will be reimbursed by the state when the referendum passes. Payments to the architect are currently \$81,311. There will be an estimated total of \$267,000 spent on architectural fees by the time of the referendum. Money will need to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund to continue to pay the architect until a referendum is passed.

Security: \$15,000 is currently in the capital projects budget and the district will get approximately \$8,500 in grant money. Options for how much money to put into the reserve fund for security needs were discussed along with what schools should be updated for security first. Norma Snow moved, seconded by Marie Struven, to

approve an additional \$50,000 added to the reserve fund for security purposes to be spend under the auspices of the Facilities committee for security. The motion passed.

Norma Snow moved, Bob Steller seconded, to put \$135,000 for the Snow School building project architectural costs, and to put \$50,000 for district security upgrades – a total of \$185,000- from undesignated fund balances into the reserve fund for FY 2014. The motion passed.

Review / Approval of 2013-2014 School District budget

Laurie Weston moved, Jim Stacy seconded, to approve the proposed 2013-2014 budget in the amount of \$15,870,863.

The motion passed with 2 opposing votes.

Personnel Action

Business Manager

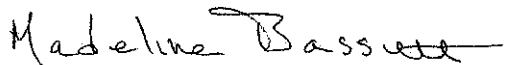
Pat White informed the board members that Susan Frost, current bookkeeper, has been offered and has accepted the position as Business Manager for the district. Jay Robinson, Superintendent Elect, spoke about the applicants for this position and supported the choice of Sue as the best candidate for this position.

Agenda planning / Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Madeline Bassett

Recording Secretary