

The Board of Directors met for a regular meeting on June 12, 2013, at the Molly Ockett Middle School in Fryeburg.

The following board members were present:

Dean Schasel
Steven Dupuis
Sharon LeBlanc
John H.S. Carter
Anne Trumbull
Laurie Weston
Pat White, Chair
Linda Card
Laura Lucy

Norma Snow
Bob Steller
Ed Spooner
Kathleen Dunn Lyman
Jim Stacy
Kathiann Shorey
Lisa Thompson
Marie Struven

The following board members were absent:

Michelle Mattei
Kevan Smethurst

Jane Williams
Kirsten Brown

Also present:

Gary MacDonald, Superintendent; Principals, Emily Kirkpatrick, Mark Schrader, 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

Mark Schrader and Mary Welch expressed concerns regarding the "May Term" at Fryeburg Academy. Their concerns were related to the lack of academics being offered to students during the term that began on May 17th through June 7, 2013.

Approval of the minutes of the April 10th, April 24th, May 1st, May 8th, meetings and the May 29th annual budget meeting

Bob Steller moved, seconded by Ed Spooner, to approve the minutes as listed. The motion passed.

Communications

- On Wednesday, June 19th training will be conducted for area law enforcement at the Molly Ockett Middle School during the day and evening.
- Joe Ferigno, Chair of the Teacher Certification Committee informed Gary MacDonald of two vacancies that need to be filled. Two teachers have expressed interest in filling the vacancies. The committee has nominated Larry Gervais, Molly Ockett Middle School, and Melissa Albert, Denmark School.

Lisa Thompson moved, seconded by Norma Snow, to approve Larry Gervais and Melissa Albert, to be on the Certification Committee.

The motion passed.

- A review of the School Nutrition Program was conducted on May 29, 2013 by the DOE. The review was at Snow and Molly Ockett Schools. Walter Beesley, Education Specialist for the Department of Education Food Service Program, wrote in the letter sent, "The staff at RSU 72 has done a great job at implementing the many changes that have occurred this year due to the new meal pattern."
- Sharon Jackson, Fryeburg Town Manager, informed the district that the grant request for financial support for a side walk has been approved. The sidewalk will be approximately 4,900 feet on the southerly side of Route 302 and will integrate well with the new school construction.
- A letter of retirement from teaching has been received from Sandy Masse, Music Teacher, for all the elementary schools in the district. Gary MacDonald commented that Sandy has done a remarkable job, is a true professional, and will be greatly missed. Ed Spooner moved, seconded by John Carter, to approve with regret, Sandy's resignation, and expressed many thanks for the dedication and music education she has given to students during her 25 years with the district. The motion passed.
- A letter, from parents of a district student, to the School Board has been received. The parents wrote the letter to make the Board of Directors aware of the outstanding work their child's teachers have provided this year. Teachers, Mike Pratt, Tara Clark, Jen Irish and Rhonda Searles, along with two Educational Technicians were exceptional. The parents also wrote that Pat Menzel, Special Education Director, and Emily Kirkpatrick, Principal, have been instrumental in the student's progress this year.
- Pat White, Chair, handed out a historical overview of school boards. Pat has chosen to end her 26 years as a member of the school board and thanked all the members and administrators for the 26 years she has been a part of the MSAD 72 School Board.

Committee reports

None

Administrators report

Gary spoke about the 31 years he has worked in this district and the many memories he has. He spoke about the dedicated educators that are in the district, and how important staff, regardless of position, is to creating a positive learning environment. The last 8 years as superintendent has been particularly challenging. He talked about some of the major issues in the last 8 years including the introduction of the Essential Programs and Services funding model, Tabor 1 and Tabor 2, the collapse in economy, stimulus funds, the Snow School fire,

consolidation, replacing the New Suncook roof, the health curriculum, staff contracts, PKA, the ongoing negotiations relative to the Fryeburg Academy contract and the significant curriculum work that has taken place. He has tried to keep the focus on doing what is best for students in order to provide them the best opportunity for future success as possible. Gary spoke about the professionalism and commitment that all district administrators demonstrate, and how fortunate he has been to work with these colleagues. Gary stated that he supported and encouraged board members to question administrators about all of the district's work in order to ensure that the ultimate decisions that are made are the best they can be, but not to question the amount of time that the administrators put into their jobs in trying to do the right thing.

There are a lot of challenges ahead as well as lots of exciting projects, such as the Snow School building project. He has great confidence in Jay as Superintendent-elect, and is sure that the focus will remain on creating the best learning opportunities for all students.

Gary presented Lisa Thompson a Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation for her 15 years of dedication as a School Board member. Lisa has been on many committees and has Chaired the Personnel Committee for quite a few years.

Pat White, Chair, was given a glass etching to honor her 15 years of service as a board member and 11 years as Chair of the Board of Directors, for a total of 26 tireless years. Pat, as Chair, has come to all committee meetings and is a strong advocate of Vocational Education. She has put in a tremendous amount of time.

New business

- a) Authorization of year-end fund transfers as needed from surplus line accounts to deficit line accounts
John Carter moved, seconded by Bob Steller, to approve year-end transfers as needed from surplus line accounts to deficit line accounts.
The motion passed.
- b) Signing of Town Assessments
The board members signed the Town Assessments for Fiscal Year 2014.
- c) Election of Nominating Committee for 2013-14
Norma Snow volunteered to be the Chair of the committee who will nominate board members to committees in 2013 -2014.
Laurie Weston, Bob Steller, and Marie Struven volunteered to be on the nominating committee.
- d) Presentation: Maine Environmental Science Academy (MESA)
Jay Robinson introduced the MESA Teachers, Roger Wheeler, Jotham Oliver, Megan Barry, and Carolyn Myers.
The teachers gave a presentation on how the program has influenced **the students at Molly Ockett by offering an engaging, hands-on environmental program for grades 6-8.**
- e) Presentation / update: Snow School building project

The sight approval for the location of the new Snow School was approved by the Maine State School Board this afternoon.

A PowerPoint was presented by Gary MacDonald, Architect Stephen Blatt and Jay Robinson.

- Gary MacDonald provided background information on the building project, including the work of the School Board's Ad Hoc Snow Building project committee.
- Stephen Blatt, Architect, showed 3 design options for the new school construction and updates for Molly Ockett School.
- Jay Robinson showed estimated savings impact on each of the 3 options. A schedule was reviewed to plan for meetings of the building committee.

It was clearly explained that a series of public meetings will be held this summer and early fall so that all interested citizens will be able to better understand and comment on the options. In late September the School Board will make a decision as to which option will be put on the referendum later in the year for taxpayers' approval.

Jim Stacy, Kathleen Lyman, and Marie Struven volunteered to be on the building committee.

Unfinished business

None

Personnel action

- a) Approval of first and second year probationary teacher recommendations
Lisa Aekley **Thompson** moved, seconded by Bob Steller to approve the first and second year probationary teacher recommendations as listed.
2nd Year Probationary Teachers 2013 - 2014
Cheryl Baker, Nancy Hall, Dylan Ney, Sandra Simonds

1st Year Continuing Contract 2013 - 2014

Brianne McInnis, Carolyn Myers, Jeanine Nadeau, Claire Varner, Pamela Watson

The motion passed.

- b) Superintendent authorization for summer hiring
Ed Spooner moved, seconded by Jim Stacy, to authorize the Superintendent for summer hiring.
The motion passed.

Agenda planning/Summer Meeting Schedule / Adjournment

Jay Robinson announced that there will be a board meeting in July.

Jim Stacy moved, seconded by Ed Spooner, to adjourn.
The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Madeline Bassett

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Recording Secretary