

The Board of Directors met for a regular board meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at the Molly Ockett Middle School in Fryeburg, Maine.

Members present:

Sara Neddenriep	John S.H. Carter
Helen Ramsdell	Norma R. Snow
Jane Williams	Ed Spooner
Bob Steller	Steven Dupuis
Marie Struven	Anne Trumbull
Michelle Mattei	Jim Stacy
Kevan Smethurst	Laura Lucy
Dean Schasel	

Members absent:

Pat White	Laurie Weston
Lisa Thompson	Linda Card
Kathiann Shorey	Kristen Almeida

Also present:

Gary MacDonald, Superintendent; Principals, Jay Robinson, Rhonda Poliquin, Mark Schrader, and Emily Kirkpatrick; Special Education Director, Nancy Hall; Facilities/Transportation Director, Dave Powers; Business Manager, Madeline Bassett; and Dick Spencer, Attorney.

Bob Steller, Vice-chair, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., declared a quorum and welcomed the visitors.

15-minute discussion:

None

Approval of minutes of January 11, 2012:

Jim Stacy moved, seconded by Norma Snow, to approve the board meeting minutes of January 11, 2012.

The motion passed unanimously.

Communications:

Gary MacDonald informed the board of the resignation of Ed Bonello, teacher at the Molly Ockett Middle School. He will be retiring at the end of this school year.

Helen Ramsdell moved, Marie Struven seconded, to accept Ed's resignation with regret.

The motion passed.

Gary reported that the DOE approved the G/T application for FY 12. The monies are in the allocation for next school year. Credit goes to Teri Shaw (G/T teacher) and Lindsey Costa (G/T Ed Tech) for a job well done.

Committee reports:

Finance – Kevan Smethurst

The committee met February 14th to discuss the upcoming budget. A preliminary subsidy amount has been received from DOE. The amount is \$18,000 less than FY 12 subsidy.

Budget reports were reviewed and warrants were signed.

Personnel – none

Gary asked the committee members to meet briefly after the board meeting to discuss the meeting planned for March 7th.

Facilities –

The committee met and reviewed the 5 year minor capitals projects plan and the Denmark School's Apple Orchard project.

Transportation – none

Special Education –

The committee met to review the Special Education Budget

Curriculum – The committee has been reviewing the health curriculum and Middle School programming

Policy – none

A meeting is planned for March 15th.

Administrative reports:

Gary reported on the following:

- the need to form a Health Insurance Study Committee
- the Snow School Building project status and the fact that he hopes to be meeting with the DOE shortly to review a possible timeline
- provided a budget overview. He spoke to the difficulty the district faces again this fiscal year because of subsidy reductions at the state level, Mainecare reductions and the ending of the Federal Jobs Fund. While we need to be understanding of the impact on local taxes, the district cannot absorb more cuts in programming or staff without significantly impacting the educational program and facilities. He stated that for the first time in 7 years the Ad Team will be proposing limited additional programming and staff in this year's budget. Also he spoke to the fact that we must be sure to ensure that we are not falling behind in our building maintenance, or we risk creating more problems in the years to come. The School Board budget process review will begin March 21.

Jay Robinson gave an update on the student support system at Molly Ockett.

Gary asked to meet with the Student Affairs Committee right after the board meeting.

New business:

- a. Update: Pequawket Kids Program (PKA)
Laura Riggs-Mitchell set up a presentation in the lobby of projects done by students in the program. The presentation included a video which Laura and the coordinators of each school developed showcasing woodworking, cooking, music to name but a few.
- b. Discussion: CEPARE Program Evaluation Proposal
Dr. David Silvernail discussed the multi-year evaluation proposal for the district to become a more effective school system. This is an invaluable opportunity for the district to receive specific feedback on curriculum and instructional work currently being done in our schools.
- c. Approval: Teacher Certification Handbook revisions.
Norma Snow moved, Jim Stacy seconded, to approve the revisions.
The motion passed.
- d. Discussion: 2012-2013 District Calendar
Jim Stacy moved, Norma Snow seconded, to approve the 2012-2013 School Calendar.
The motion passed.
- e. 5 year District Facility Plan was presented by Gary and Dave Powers. It is a comprehensive look at the needs of the facilities for the next five years. Snow School and Molly Ockett were not included in this plan because of the pending building project and the potential impact of that work. After the meeting with the DOE we will update the plan accordingly.
Mark Schrader, Principal Denmark School, presented the Apple Orchard Grant project. Retreus.org is the organization that will plant the trees and educate the students how to care for them. The district is responsible for removing stumps and preparing the site for planting. The cost of removing stumps and buying and spreading loam is approximately \$2,200.
Jim Stacy moved, Sara Neddenriep seconded, to approve the grant program.
The motion passed.

- f. Approval: Facility use process and fees
Norma Snow moved, Steve Dupuis seconded, to approve the new Use of School Facilities contract and fees schedule.
The motion passed.

Unfinished business:

None

Personnel action:

None

Norma Snow moved seconded by Jim Stacy to adjourn.

The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at @ 9:19 p.m.

The next board meeting is March 21st. It will be a regular meeting and a budget presentation.

Respectfully submitted

Madeline Bassett
Recording Secretary