

**MSAD #72 Board of Directors
Wednesday, September 25 , 2013
Molly Ockett Middle School
7:00 PM**

Call to Order: Bob Steller called the meeting to order at 7:00 and declared a quorum.

Members Present:

Dondero, Mitch	Snow, Norma	Lucy, Laura
Stacy, James	Mattei, Chris	Weston, Laurie
Mosca, Anna*	LeBlanc, Sharon*	Schasel, Dean
Struven, Marie	Spooner, Ed	Dupuis, Steve
Trumbull, Anne	Smethurst, Kevan*	Brown, Kirsten*
Card, Linda*	Carter, John	Williams, Jane*
Shorey, Kathiann	Steller, Bob	Lyman, Kathleen*

Members not Present

Ricky Emery

Also Present

Rhonda Poliquin
Emily Kirkpatrick
Pat Menzel
Dave Powers
Steven Blatt, Consultant

Agenda:

1. Public Discussion (15-Minute):

Pat White, member of the Ad Hoc Building Committee, reported out on the committee's recommendations following the public meetings. She let the people know that the board will not be voting on a plan tonight, but will be doing a survey; doing a lot more research with financial implications. Make sure that more accurate information gets out to people.

There was much discussion regarding concerns about new building project. People want more details about financial implications; transportation issues/costs; the impact on students and families who can't afford travel for parent meetings; impact on communities when their local school is closed.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Jim Stacy

Seconded: Norma Snow

The motion passed

3. Communications:

None

4. Committee Reports:

- a. **Policy:** The committee met this evening. They edited/revised four policies and one set of guidelines. Policies will be presented to the board at the next meeting on October 9th for approval.
- b. **Finance:** The committee met on Tuesday, September 24th, and discussed insurance coverage regarding due process cases. They are looking into increasing insurance to cover costs. The new building project was discussed. The issue of purchasing vs. leasing copiers was brought up and it was decided that leasing was better financially for the District.
- c. **Transportation:** The committee met Wednesday, September 18th. Marie Struven was voted in as chairperson. They discussed issues dealing with the shortage of bus drivers, how the new building project will affect transportation costs, and a potential fuel-saving add-on to busses.
- d. **Special Ed:** The committee met this evening. This was an informational meeting to get all members up to speed on the start of school year and issues that may need to be addressed in the coming school year.
- e. Student Affairs: No report
- f. Curriculum: No report
- g. Personnel: No report
- h. Facilities: No report

5. Administrative Reports:
None

6. Superintendent's Report:

- Update on meeting in Augusta on September 18, 2013: Board members Bob Steller and Jim Stacy along with Jay Robinson and Dave Powers met with Scott Brown at the DOE to discuss the District's concerns with the current funding formula used in determining the individual costs per town for the new building project. Scott apologized for not knowing how the District would be affected financially. He said that the only way to change the funding formula would be to change the law.
- Update on Meetings re: Learner-Centered Classroom and Report Cards: Jay handed out information sheets regarding feedback from parents who attended the informational meetings held at each school in the District regarding Learning-Centered Classrooms and Report Cards. He reported that the administrators had received positive and constructive feedback from people attending the meetings.

7. New Business:

Construction Project:

- Discussion of feedback from public meetings on building project: Informational sheets were handed out. Jay reiterated that the school board was not trying to advocate for any specific building plan but to provide information on both plans so that people in the District could make an informed decision. The safety of students attending Snow School is a priority and while no one is in danger, the situation is not ideal. There are safety issues with parking/bussing as well as many issues with the actual building. The building needs to be replaced. While we understand the many concerns for the loss of community schools, the concerns about the financial impact on the entire district are equally important. Trying to balance keeping community schools and minimizing financial impact on individual towns makes creating a fiscally responsible budget difficult.

We need to send out a survey to better understand people's concerns. Once we get that feedback we will hold new informational meetings in October answering questions based on the surveys. Questions raised: Are you (superintendent) open to more options than A, B or C?" Did anyone ever look into repairing the Snow School and what the costs would be vs. building a new school? What are the costs to maintain/repair existing schools?

- Determination of Next Steps.
Kay Lyman stated that Sweden selectmen feel very strongly that keeping the local school is important.

John Carter read a letter that he had written based upon a meeting that the Lovell Board members had with the Lovell Selectmen. According to John they had many concerns/questions regarding the building project: What are the facts about both plan B and C? How many Pre-K to grade 8 consolidated schools exist in Maine? Has law specifying payment re: mill rate been followed? Handouts are needed containing information about the projects. There is missing information (although what that information is was not stated in this letter). John stated that the Lovell selectmen requested a meeting with all District Selectmen, School Administration and School Board at the convenience of the Superintendent. After reading the letter John made two motions.

1. The School board should suspend any further work on the building project for a period yet to be determined.

Motion: John Carter Seconded: Steve Dupuis The Motion failed

No

Steller, Bob

Mattei, Chris

Brown, Kirsten

Card, Linda

Trumbull, Anne

LeBlanc, Sharon

Snow, Norma

Weston, Laurie

Shorey, Kathiann

Schasel, Dean

Spooner, Ed

Williams, Jane

Stacy, James

Struven, Marie

Dondero, Mitch

Lyman, Kay

Lucy, Laura

Smethurst, Kevan

Yes

Carter, John

Mosca, Anna

Dupuis, Steve

2. The Superintendent should negotiate a mutually accepted time and place for the District towns' selectmen and Board Members, along with members of the administration, to discuss building plans in a public meeting.

Motion: John Carter Seconded: no second The Motion failed

Policies for Final Review and Approval:

- ADAA: Standards for Ethical and Responsible Behavior
- JHB: Truancy
- JK: Student Discipline
- JKE: Expulsion of Students
- JKE-R: Expulsion Guidelines

Tabled until next meeting when edited versions will be presented.

8. Unfinished Business: None

9. Personnel Action:

None

10. Agenda Planning/Adjournment:

Motion: Steve Dupuis Seconded: Norma Snow The Motion Passed

Next Meeting: October 9, 2013 at Molly Ockett Middle School

Meeting Guidelines

*Listen for understanding

*Question for clarification

*Respect – time and each other

*Engage differences

*Take care of your own personal needs

