

The Board of Directors met for a regular board meeting on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, at the Molly Ockett Middle School in Fryeburg, Maine.

The following members were present

Steven Dupuis
Jane Williams
Bob Steller
Linda Card
Dean Schasel
Norma Snow
Marie Struven
Kevan Smethurst
Sarah Neddenriep

John S. H. Carter
Ed Spooner
Kathiann Shorey
Michelle Mattei
Laurie Weston
Jim Stacy
Laura Lucy
Pat White

The following members were absent:

Lisa Thompson
Anne Trumbull

Helen Ramsdell
Sarah Neddenriep

Also present:

Gary MacDonald, Superintendent; Principals, Rhonda Poliquin, Jay Robinson, Emily Kirkpatrick, and Mark Schrader; Special Education Director, Nancy Hall; 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.

15-minute discussion

None

Approval of minutes of February 15, 2012

Jim Stacy moved, seconded by Bob Stellar. The motion passed

Communications

Carrie Kastaqway, Adult Education Director for SAD 61 and SAD 72, has made arrangements for a CAN class at the Fryeburg Health Center. Eight students have registered for the class so far. Request: request to have, 3 nights, firearms training. Many places including schools have allowed.

Three letters of resignations have been received:

Meg Dyer, Math Teacher, Molly Ockett Middle School, will be resigning at the end of the school year. Meg started teaching in this district in 1992. Meg will be the recreation director for the Town of Lovell.

Ed Bonello, Social Studies Teacher, Molly Ockett Middle School, will be retiring at the end of the school year. Ed began teaching in this district in 1986.

Nancy Hall will be retiring at the end of the school year. Nancy has spent 17 years at this district and a total of 38 years in education.

Bob Steller moved, John Carter seconded, to accept, with regret, the resignation from Meg Dyer. The motion passed.

Ed John Carter moved, Bob Steller seconded, to accept, with regret, the resignation from Ed Bonello. The motion passed.

John Carter moved, Bob Steller seconded, to accept, with regret, the resignation from Nancy Hall. The motion passed.

Committee reports

Finance – Lori Weston

The committee met yesterday and discussed the budget for next year and the upcoming bidding process for property and liability insurance for the district.

Personnel: None

Facilities: None

Transportation - Marie Struven The committee did meet and is recommending the bus purchase, out of district transportation, and late bus request.

Special Education - None

Student Affairs - None

Curriculum – Bob Steller

The committee did not meet as a whole, however, Rhonda Poliquin met with Rick White, Teacher, at the Molly Ockett Middle School to look at the health curriculum.

Administrators' reports

David Sturdevant, Principal, Fryeburg Academy

- The May term last year was very successful; not perfect; staff and students were surveyed as to what they thought of the offerings in classes for that term. Seniors enjoyed the community

service. David asked for people to let him know if they have ideas for kids to do that would contribute to community service.

- After receiving feedback the administration has made some changes and will be having this term again this spring. Student participation: sports: music, more participation in athletics and music;
- There was discussion related to 8th graders moving into the 9th grade in the fall and students that are at risk.
- The Alternative Program has been a successful program and now they are looking at providing a junior alternative program for younger students. They are looking for space off campus and are in the process of exploring possibilities for next year.

Gary MacDonald pointed out that there are a number of district students that are not meeting standards. It is not an academic issue but an “attitude” issue. Many of these students went to Fryeburg Academy that were showing proficiency. There are issues that need to be dealt with.

Dave: These students tested pretty well when they came into Fryeburg Academy. The goal is to take all students and make opportunities as best they can. We need different programs.

New business:

a) Head Start Collaborative

They have approached to be collaborative. Part of the proposal for the new school included incorporating Head Start into the district.

Head Start approached the district regarding the possibility of the district transporting the Head Start students to and from school.

If we transport these students the district will receive credit for the enrollment for each student and the number of qualifying students for free and reduced lunch when added to the numbers in the schools will help when applying for Federal grants.

Norma Snow moved, seconded by Sarah Neddenriep, to approve transporting students who are attending the Head Start Program. The motion passed.

b) Policy Review.

1. BED Board Meeting Procedures

We need to put electronic signature on official letters.

2. Budget and Annual Information Reporting

3. Substitute Professional Staff Employment

4. Foreign Exchange Students

Bob Steller moved, Jim Stacy seconded, to approve the Policies as Listed and provide an electronic signature on official letters that are sent through emails. The motion passed.

b. Presentation: Initial budget overview for 2012-13

Gary MacDonald, Superintendent, gave an overview of the proposed budget for 2012-2013.

The following accounts were reviewed by the board members:

Transportation:

Proposed: \$1,423,581

Ed Spooner moved, seconded by John Carter, to reduce the Transportation budget by \$79,000 because the DOE has approved only one bus for subsidy and tentatively approve \$1,338,088 for Transportation. The motion passed.

Facilities:

Proposed: \$1,051,882.

Bob Steller moved, seconded by Norma Snow, to tentatively approve \$1,051,882 for Facilities. The motion passed.

Debt Service:

Proposed: \$341,845

Ed Spooner moved, seconded by Bob Steller, to approve \$341,845 for Debt Service. The motion passed.

Ed Spooner moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Madeline Basset
Recording Secretary