

The Board of Directors met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 9, 2012, at the Molly Ockett Middle School in Fryeburg, Maine.

The following members were present:

John S. H. Carter
Bob Steller
Ed Spooner
Anne Trumbull
Laura Lucy
Jim Stacy
Helen Ramsdell
Marie Struven
Pat White, Chair

Kathleen D. Lyman
Lisa Thompson
Jane Williams
Laurie Weston
Linda Card
Kevan Smethurst
Steven Dupuis
Dean Schasel

The following members were absent:

Norma Snow
Sara Neddenriep

Michelle Mattei
Kathiann Shorey

Also present:

Superintendent, Gary MacDonald; Principals, Emily Kirkpatrick, Rhonda Poliquin, Jay Robinson, and Mark Schrader; Special Education Director, Nancy Hall; Facilities and 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 the minutes of May 9, 2012

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2012 board meeting. The motion passed.

Communications

Pat White told the board members that there is major legislation being made this week that will impact education. A bill, LD1858 has been introduced and will be decided upon this week related to staff evaluations and certification.

The first budget informational meeting was attended by four board members and two staff members. Tuesday, May 15th, at 3:15p.m a meeting will be held for staff members at the Molly Ockett School and at the Denmark School at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17th, a meeting will be held at the New Suncook School.

A letter received from Steven Bowen, Commissioner of Education, after a review of the Special Education Program, states that the program has been approved. Congratulations to Nancy Hall, Director.

The USDA has awarded three districts Bronze Awards to school food service programs that have shown accomplishments in healthier nutrition and lifestyles. The awards will be given at a special ceremony. Congratulations to Mary Emerson, Director of Food Service, and the Food Service Staff, on the award and the work being done in our schools to promote healthier nutrition.

The application for the after school program for the Middle School students was approved for a \$150,000 grant beginning in 2012-2013 and a total of \$450,000 for the first three years. One of the applications submitted by another organization was denied and that organization has appealed the decision. At this point we are continuing to plan for the program until we hear otherwise.

Committee reports

Personnel – Lisa Thompson

None

Special Education – Nancy Hall

None

Facilities – Jim Stacy

The committee for reviewing the initial stages of the construction project has met.

Gary and other staff and committee members met with Scott Brown, Director of School Facilities, at the DOE yesterday. It has been recommended that the district hire a consultant to perform a site analysis at the Molly Ockett School. This needs to be done soon in order to know what we can do and what we cannot do in order to move forward with developing steps to make final decisions and schedule a referendum for the public to approve the construction project for a new elementary school. Helen Ramsdell moved, seconded by Lisa Thompson, to support the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation to review contracts and authorize the Superintendent to sign the contract and move forward with the project.

The motion passed.

Finance – Laurie Weston

The committee met yesterday. There was discussion on the budget informational meetings, and the additional funds added to the Reserve Account for FY 2013 included in the warrant. The budget reports were reviewed and the warrants signed.

Curriculum – Bob Steller

The committee met on Monday of this week. The committee reviewed information that will be sent to parents.

Policy Committee – Laura Lucy

The committee met and reviewed the policies that will be voted on later in this evenings agenda.

Pat White reminded the board members that all the policies are on First Class and also on the M.S.A.D. 72's web site.

Administrative reports

Gary reported:

- The Town of Fryeburg has agreed to let the district purchase sand / salt from their stock for the schools parking lots and walkways during winter months.
- More than 40 applications have been received for the positions of the Technology Specialist and the three vacant positions at Molly Ockett Middle School. Interviews are being held and results will be brought to the board meeting in June.

New business:

- a) Presentation: Fryeburg Academy headmaster Search Consultant, Mr. Gregory Floyd

Chris Gordon, Trustee and Chairman of the Search Committee for Fryeburg Academy's Head Master position to begin in July, 2013, introduced Gregory Floyd, Consultant, who will be working with the Search Committee.

Mr. Floyd spoke to the board and gave background information on his experience and told the board he will be focusing on the right leadership for the Academy and hopes to have a candidate by the end of this calendar year. Mr. Floyd told the board members that he will keep them informed and attend meeting(s) again.

- b) Update: Learner-centered Standards-based District instructional work

Karole Clark, 7th grade Language Arts Teacher, and Mary Welch, 8th grade Math Teacher, gave a presentation on how the new instructional work changes are proceeding at the middle school level.

Rhonda Poliquin presented a video of two third grade students at the New Suncook School who spoke about how their classroom experience this year was different from last year.

Their teachers, Karen Johnson and Kate Swanson, followed up the video with specific examples of how they are using the Common Core Standards in the classroom.

- c) Policy First Reading: JICI Weapons in the Schools
Bob Steller moved, seconded by Ed Spooner, to approve Policy JICI, Weapons in the Schools for First Reading.
The motion passed.

Unfinished business:

- a) Policy Review: second reading and approval
1. BED Board Meeting Procedures
Bob Steller moved, seconded by Ed Spooner, to approve for second reading and amend Policy BED, Board Meeting Procedures.
The motion passed.
 2. DBGA Budget and Annual Information Reporting
Bob Steller moved, seconded by Ed Spooner, to approve for second reading and amend Policy DBGA, Budget and Annual Information Reporting.
The motion passed.
 3. GCG Substitute Professional Staff Employment
Bob Steller moved, seconded by Ed Spooner, to approve for second reading and amend Policy GCG Substitute Professional Staff Employment.
It was moved and seconded, to approve for second reading and approve Policy GCG, Substitute Professional Staff Employment.
The motion passed.
 4. JFABB, Admission of Exchange and Foreign Students
Bob Steller moved, seconded by Ed Spooner, to approve for second reading and amend Policy JFABB, Admission of Exchange and Foreign Students.
The motion passed.

Bob Steller moved, seconded by Ed Spooner, to correct total budget amount printed in the April 11, 2012 minutes, second page, Unfinished business, Review / Approval of 2012 – 2013 School District Budget,

*“Bob Steller moved, seconded by Norma Snow, to approve the 2012-2013 budget in the amount of **\$15,710,621.**”*

To:

*Bob Steller moved, seconded by Norma Snow, to approve the 2012-2013 budget in the amount of **\$15,800,621.***

The motion passed.

Personnel action

Gary MacDonald recommended and nominated Pat Menzel to be hired as the Special Education Director as of July 1, 2012.

Bob Steller moved, seconded by Lisa Thompson, to hire Pat Menzel to be the Special Education Director for the district beginning on July 1, 2012.

The motion passed.

b) Signing of Warrants

Jim Stacy moved, seconded by Bob Steller, that the Vote entitled "Vote to Call and Approve the Warrants for the Budget Meeting" be approved in form presented to this meeting and that a copy of said Vote be included with the minutes of this meeting.

AND

VOTE TO CALL AND APPROVE THE WARRANTS FOR THE BUDGET MEETING

That the warrant for the Maine School Administrative District No. 72 (the "District") Budget Meeting presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved and that a District budget meeting be and is hereby called for May 24, 2012 for the purpose of voting on the annual budget for the District for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Madeline Bassett
Recording Secretary