

The Board of Directors met for a regular board meeting on Wednesday, January 11, 2012, at the Molly Ockett Middle School in Fryeburg, Maine.

Members present:

Pat White, Chair	John S. H. Carter
Helen Ramsdell	Norma R. Snow
Jane Williams	Ed Spooner
Bob Steller	Lisa Thompson
Marie Struven	Kathiann Shorey
Michelle Mattei	Dean Schasel
Laurie B. Weston	Jim Stacy
Kevan Smethurst	Laura Lucy

Members absent:

Lisa Thompson	Anne Trumbull
Linda Card	Srara Neddenriep
Steven Dupuis	Kristen Almeida

Also present:

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

Pat White opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m., declared a quorum and welcomed the visitors.

15-minute discussion

None

Approval of minutes of December 13, 2011

Jim Stacy moved, seconded by Bob Steller, to approve the board meeting minutes of December 13, 2011.

The motion passed unanimously.

Communications

Pat White informed the board members about the “Regional Community Cooperative Inspired To Be Great! The Leadership Academy is taking place this evening at the Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center. Handouts were given to the board members. The information summarizes the “initiation of a regional community cooperative effort to increase educational opportunities for youth and to assist local schools by supporting their own leadership programs.”

Commissioner Bowen spoke at a meeting Pat attended last Saturday. He said that there is a 120 million dollar shortfall in the state budget. DHHS will not be trimmed as much as the state would like. The legislature is trying to do all they can to prevent cuts to education.

Gary informed the board members that the Department of Education has announced that MSAD No. 72 has been approved for state construction funds for the C. A. Snow School construction.

Committee reports

Finance - Laurie Weston –

The committee met yesterday and discussed the upcoming budget. The proposed FY 2013 budget will be more defined as the year goes on. We are waiting for state subsidy information for next year.

Personnel – None

Facilities – none

Transportation- none

Special Education - None

Curriculum – Bob Steller

The committee met Monday, January 9th. They reviewed rubrics for standards based assessments and the health curriculum.

Administrative reports

Gary asked that the Personnel Committee meet with him right after the meeting.

The Policy committee is meeting on February 1st.

A great deal of credit goes to the staff due to the work that is being done regarding helping children be more successful in classrooms.

There was discussion on professional development opportunities and early release day information.

The FY 2013 budget meetings schedule for board members was handed out. The weekly meetings begin in March and end in April.

New business

None

Personnel action

John Carter moved, seconded by Laurie Weston, to elect Gary MacDonald as Superintendent for 2012-2013. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished business

Fryeburg Academy Contract

John C. moved, seconded by Bob Steller, to enter into Ex. Session per 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (E) and include Richard Spencer, Legal Counsel, and Maddy Bassett, Business Manager. The motion passed.

Entered executive session @7:24 p.m.

Came out of executive session at 8:19 p.m.

The next meeting will be on February 8, 2012.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Madeline Bassett

Recording Secretary