

**S.A.D. #44 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**MONDAY, January 22, 2007**  
**7:30 PM – WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**MINUTES**

6:45 PM – Finance Committee Meeting

**I CALL TO ORDER:**

Directors Absent: Ms. Largess

Others Present: Mr. Raymond, Ms. Aloisio, Mr. Sabin, Ms. Waite, Ms. Reed, Dr. Murphy,  
Ms. Littlehale, Ms. Graham, Mr. Tornrose, Mr. Davis, Mr. Brown

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**II ACTION ON MINUTES:**

Ms. Cross motioned to approve the minutes from the Board meeting held on December 11, 2006.

MOTION: Ms. Cross      SECOND: Ms. Brown      VOTE: Unanimous

**III CITIZEN COMMENTS:** (maximum fifteen minutes)

None

**IV BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** (maximum fifteen minutes)

Mr. Brough displayed a large stack of paperwork he has accumulated as a Board member and encouraged those present to make two-sided copies whenever possible and if not to use the blank side of copies as scrap paper.

Chairman's Report

None

**V COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Education Committee: Mr. Polak – Committee has an agenda item.

Facilities & Ancillary Services Committee: Ms. Cross – No report.

Finance Committee: Mr. Pew – Committee met prior to the meeting to sign warrants.

Negotiations Committee: Mr. Pew – Meeting to be held with TEA during the 1<sup>st</sup> week in Feb.

Personnel Committee: Ms. Brown – No report

Policy Committee: Ms. Largess – Committee has an agenda item.

Region 9 Cooperative Board: Mr. Farrington – Region 9 is in the process of meeting with the architect to develop a time-line for the project. Mr. Farrington informed the Board that Mr.

Driscoll has announced his retirement as Region 9 Director, effective at the end of the school year.

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**VI COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS:**

SAD #44 Board Meeting: Monday, February 12, 2007 – 7:30 PM – Crescent Park School  
Executive Committee: Thursday, February 8, 2007 – 4:30 PM - EBS  
Education Committee: Monday, January 29, 2007 – 4:00 PM - EBS  
Personnel Committee: Monday, January 22, 2007 – 7:30 PM – Woodstock School (if necessary)  
Facilities & Ancillary Services Committee: Monday, January 29, 2007 – 7:00 PM - EBS  
Negotiations Committee: Wednesday, January 31, 2007 – 4:00 PM - EBS  
Finance Committee: Monday, January 22, 2007 – 6:45 PM – Woodstock Elementary School  
Policy Committee: Monday, January 29, 2007 – 5:30 PM - EBS  
Region 9 Cooperative Board: Tuesday, February 13, 2007 – 7:00 PM

**VII SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

- **Resignations and Appointments** – Dr. Murphy announced the retirement of Lee Graham, Curriculum Director and Jack McCarthy, Special Education Director effective June 30, 2007. He also announced the resignation of Toni Reed, Business Manager. Dr. Murphy announced the following appointments: Elaine Hutchins, MS Drama; Mark Kenney, Snowboarding Coach; Wendi Griswold, CPS Secretary; and Melissa Prescott, Joe Bailey, and Kate Slattery will split the position of MS Student Council.
  - **Telstar Student Assistance Team – Mr. Raymond, Telstar High School Dean of Students** – Mr. Raymond passed out a leaflet describing the Telstar Student Assistance Team. He explained that a group of staff including teachers, ed. techs and guidance counselors attended a training session in Portland in April, 2006. The purpose of the program is to reach out to students who may not be eligible for other services but may need assistance with a variety of issues. Copies of the brochures, which were funded through the MELMAC grant, will be distributed to parents with the next report cards. Referrals can come from a variety of sources such as parents, teachers or the student themselves.
- 2006 SAT Review – Mr. Davis, THS Principal** – Mr. Davis distributed copies of the 2005-2006 SAT Report. The report indicates that THS students are scoring slightly lower than the state average in Critical Reading, Math and Writing. In response to a question, Mr. Davis informed the Board that, through the MELMAC grant, an SAT Prep course will be offered to students but is not mandatory. There are approximately 30-32 students currently interested in taking the course. All juniors will be required to take the SAT on May 5, 2007. Mr. Davis encouraged Board members to review the report and call him with any questions. Mr. Davis went on to inform the Board of efforts currently underway to get students out to visit college campuses. In March and April, with funds from the MELMAC grant, 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be visiting local colleges. Freshmen will be given the opportunity to visit both 2 and 4 year schools. Sophomore students will not only tour the campus but will also have the opportunity to enter classrooms and dorms. Juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to visit several schools in Maine as well as schools in the Boston area,

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- New Hampshire and possibly Vermont. Their parents are also encouraged to attend the tours. There are funds available from the Bethel Rotary Club to assist eligible parents in defraying the cost of taking time off from work.
- **New Page Grant of \$1200** – Dr. Murphy informed the Board of the grant funds received from New Page for the acquisition of medical kits for our sports teams.
  - **AES Roof and WES Radon Projects Update** – Ms. Reed, Business Manager gave the Board a brief update on facility projects in the district. The roof work at AES has been completed as well as the chimney repair work at EBS. The radon reduction project at WES has been completed and a 48 hour test in the affected rooms and other areas is scheduled for 2/2/07.
  - Mr. Sabin spoke briefly regarding the Andover 5<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to the State House for an Environmental Press Conference. While there, the students had the opportunity to meet the Governor in his office.

**VIII OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**IX NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion – ATM Presentation by Commissioner Gendron – The Board spent several minutes discussing the Governor’s proposed School Consolidation Plan prior to viewing the Commissioner’s presentation. Dr. Murphy informed the Board of upcoming meetings with the Governor and Commissioner and urged Board members to attend. January 24<sup>th</sup> the Governor and Commissioner will be at Lewiston Middle School. A public hearing at the Augusta Civic Center is scheduled for Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 AM.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda - None

3. Mr. Polak motioned to approve the Social Studies Curriculum.

MOTION: Mr. Polak      SECOND: Ms. Cross      VOTE: Unanimous

4. Ms. Arizzi motioned to approve the FIRST READING of Policy JICK – Bullying.

Mr. Deegan recommended extending training the enforcement of this policy to bus drivers and other support staff.

MOTION: Ms. Arizzi      SECOND: Mr. Deegan      VOTE: Unanimous

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**ADJOURNMENT: 9:56 PM**

MOTION: Ms. Cross      SECOND: Mr. Deegan      VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:

David W. Murphy, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools