

**S.A.D. #44 BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2008  
7:00 PM – WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
MINUTES**

**I CALL TO ORDER:**

Directors Absent: Mr. Korhonen, Ms. Arizzi

Others Present: Dr. Murphy, Mr. Tornrose, Mr. Brown, Mr. Raymond, Ms. Littlehale, Mr. Deegan, Ms. Chase, Ms. Russell, Ms. Tancrelle, Ms. Aloisio, Mr. Sabin, Ms. Waite

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**II ACTION ON MINUTES:**

Ms. Taylor motioned to approve the minutes from the November 26, 2007 and December 10, 2007 meetings.

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

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

None

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

Mr. Farrington welcomed Ms. Melissa Chase who is running unopposed for the MSAD #44 Board seat from Andover.

The dropout committee has met and will bring recommendation to the Board by the end of the school year.

Chairman's Report

None

**V COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS:**

SAD #44 Board Meeting: Monday, February 11, 2008 – CPS – 7:00 PM

Executive Committee: TBD

Education Committee: Tuesday, January 29, 2008 – EBS – 4:00 PM

Personnel Committee: Monday, January 28, 2008 – WES – 6:30 PM

Facilities & Ancillary Services Committee: Monday, January 28, 2008 – 6:30 PM - WES

Negotiations Committee: TBD

Finance Committee: Monday, January 28, 2008 – 6:30 PM - WES

Policy Committee: Monday, January 28, 2008 – WES – 6:45 PM

Region 9 Cooperative Board: Tuesday, February 12, 2008

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**VI COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Education Committee: Ms. Arizzi – No report

Facilities & Ancillary Services Committee: Ms. Cross reported that Board members toured Woodstock School.

Finance Committee: Mr. Pew – The committee signed warrants and has an agenda item.

Negotiations Committee: Mr. Pew – The committee has an agenda item.

Personnel Committee: Ms. Brown – The committee has agenda items.

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

Region 9 Cooperative Board: Mr. Farrington reported that the project is moving along within budget with completion expected in the fall of 2008.

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

- Appointments and Resignations – Dr. Murphy announced the retirement of Russ Tornrose, TMS Principal and Ted Davis, THS Principal. He informed the Board of the appointment of Mark Kenney, Snowboard coach and Beth Clarke as Cross-Country coach.
- Update on School Consolidation – Dr. Murphy reported that potential changes to the funding formula are being discussed at the Legislative level. The requirement for holding a Public Hearing for budget approval was scheduled to go into effect for the upcoming budget, however conversations are continuing and the possibility of an adjustment to that process is being considered.
- Revolving Renovations Projects – Dr. Murphy reported that he has received notification from the State that the window replacement at THS does not meet the criteria for the revolving renovation funds. It was requested that this project be withdrawn from consideration and Dr. Murphy agreed to do so. The remaining projects are now under consideration for funding.
- Region 9 Addition and projected impact on FY '09 Budget – Dr. Murphy reported that he has met with the Director of Region 9 and the project is on schedule. There have been few change orders but the project is on schedule and could be completed as early as July.
- Asbestos School Litigation Settlement – Dr. Murphy informed the Board the SAD #44 will be receiving a total of \$28,306.97 from a \$35 million asbestos litigation settlement approved by District Court in Penn. Once received, this money will be deposited into the general fund. Dr. Murphy stated that there is no substantial asbestos left in the district, with the exception of some floor tiles..
- School Security – brief overview of information provided by Final Options – Dr. Murphy provided the Board with a brief presentation of information provided by Final Options. CD's containing detailed information pertaining to each school, the bus garage and the Central Office are available. These include local maps, floor plans, and aerial maps and are designed to be used in the event of an emergency. These CD's have been provided to local officials, including state police, Oxford Sheriff's department, Bethel Police and Fire Departments.

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- Dr. Murphy informed the Board that the Bethel Water Department has reimbursed SAD #44 a total of \$1,794.93 for water and water coolers that were needed during the time the Boil Water order was in effect.

**VIII OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**IX NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion - None
2. Adjustments to the Agenda - None
3. Ms. Brown motioned to approve the Personnel Committee's recommendation and approve of the appointment of an Elementary Social Worker in place of the Guidance Counselor position.

Dr. Murphy noted that there has not been any interest in the Guidance position but there has been some interest in the Social Worker position. The salary is the same.

MOTION: Ms. Brown SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

4. Ms. Brown motioned to approve the Personnel Committee's recommendation and approve the Superintendent's nomination of Tanya Prentice as a ½ time Physical Education Teacher at Crescent Park School.

MOTION: Ms. Brown SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

5. Ms. Brown motioned to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation and accept the Superintendent's nomination of Douglas Bennett as the English/Language Arts Curriculum Leader.

MOTION: Ms. Brown SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

6. Ms. Brown motioned to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Ronald Deegan as Transportation Supervisor effective 3/31/08.

Included is an amendment from the Negotiations Committee setting a prorated salary for FY '08 of \$39,355 and \$40,845 for FY '09, adult w/child medical insurance with optional payout of \$6300, 20 sick days, 10 vacation days, 5 bereavement days, and 2 personal days.

MOTION: Ms. Brown SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

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7. Ms. Brown motioned to approve the Personnel Committee's recommendation and approve the revised job description for a School Resource Officer.

MOTION: Ms. Brown SECOND: VOTE: 13 yes, 2 no  
(Mr. Pew, Ms. Nasta)

8. Mr. Pew motioned to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation and approve the acceptance of a \$116,500 grant from the Maine Emergency Management Agency for the FY 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program. This grant will provide a Shelter generator with installation for the Telstar Complex.

It was noted that the project will go out to bid.

MOTION: Mr. Pew SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

9. Ms. Largess motioned to accept the Policy Committee's recommendation and approve the FIRST READING of Policy JL District Wellness.

Dr. Murphy thanked Ms. Russell and the Wellness Team for their work on the policy.

MOTION: Ms. Largess SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

10. Mr. Pew motioned to accept the Negotiation Committee's recommendation and approve establishing a temporary position of Supervisor of Transportation/Maintenance and establishing a stipend for said position.

Mr. Burnie Rice was accepted for the position with a prorated stipend of \$5,000 through 3/31/08.

MOTION: Mr. Pew SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

11. Ms. Cummings motioned to approve the revised 2008 Board Meeting schedule.

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

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:15 PM**

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

Respectfully Submitted:

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

