

**M.S.A.D. #44 BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009  
7:00 PM – TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
MINUTES**

**I CALL TO ORDER:**

Directors Absent: Ms. Brown, Ms. Largess, Mr. Polak

Others Present: Dr. Murphy, Mr. Raymond, Mr. Deegan, Ms. Thomas, Ms. Schroeder, Mr. Hart, Ms. Tancrelle, Ms. Aloisio, Mr. Brown, Ms. Littlehale, Mr. Rice, Ms. Waite, Mr. Sabin

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**II ACTION ON MINUTES:**

Ms. Cross motioned to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2009 meeting.

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

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

None

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

None

Chairman's Report - Mr. Pew reported that Ms. Chase has moved out of Andover and therefore has resigned from the Board.

**V COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS:**

SAD #44 Board Meeting: Monday, March 23, 2009 - 7:00 PM – Telstar High School Library

Executive Committee: TBD

Finance Committee: Monday, March 9, 2009 – 6:30 PM – Telstar High School Library

Friday, March 13, 2009 – 12:00 PM - EBS

Personnel Committee: Monday, March 23, 2009 – 6:15 PM – Telstar High School Library

Education Committee: Monday, March 16, 2009 – 3:30 PM - EBS

Policy Committee: Monday, March 16, 2009 – 5:00 PM - EBS

Facilities & Ancillary Services Committee: Wednesday, March 25, 2009 – 2:00 PM - EBS

Negotiations Committee: Thursday, March 5, 2009 – 3:30 PM – EBS and March 25, 2009

Region 9 Cooperative Board: Tuesday, March 17, 2009 – 7:00 PM

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**VI COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Education Committee: Ms. Arizzi – no report

Facilities & Ancillary Services Committee: Ms. Cross – The Committee will be meeting on March 25, 2009 at 1:30 PM at EBS to discuss the 5-year plan.

Finance Committee: Mr. Brown – The Committee met this evening to sign warrants and has an agenda item.

Negotiations Committee: Ms. Cross – The Committee has met and will meet again on 3/25/09 and 4/14/09.

Personnel Committee: Ms. Brown – No report

Policy Committee: Ms. Largess – The Committee has agenda items

Region 9 Cooperative Board: Ms. Arizzi – The Board is proceeding with the development of the budget and is working to keep costs down for sending schools. The security system is operating.

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

- Appointments and Resignations – Dr. Murphy had no appointments or resignations to report.
- Mr. Hart introduced the Telstar 12, a group of students working together as a group to work on school improvement. Seven students including Kallie Brown, Kayla Merrill, Austin Buck, Shannon Long, Nicholas Kingsbury-Possee, Emily Bellinger and Asher Wilson attended the meeting and spoke to the Board regarding what makes Telstar special to them. The students spoke about several topics including school beautification through landscaping and painting projects and student of the month, which recognizes hard work and achievements by students. One student spoke about Winter Carnival where every day has a different theme. Students earn points for their class and this student felt that this week brings unity to the class. Another student spoke about the Drama program and how it teaches discipline and provides a good experience working with older students. They have done *Little Women* and will be doing *Fiddler on the Roof* this spring. One of the students is taking classes through adult education and is looking forward to taking summer classes. At the end of the presentation, the Board congratulated the students on being very well spoken.
- Impact of Stimulus Package Funding – Dr. Murphy reported that while there is a considerable amount of money for education in the stimulus package, there are also strings attached. There are several stipulations for how the money can be spent. National amounts for the various aspects of the Stimulus Package include \$13 billion for Title I, \$12 billion for Special Education, \$2 billion for Child Development, \$2 billion for Head Start, \$727 million for School Improvement, and \$650 million for Technology to name a few. It is still unclear how much will be available to individual school districts in Maine. Dr. Murphy will keep the Board updated as he learns more.

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- School Consolidation Update, Conversations with Attorneys and Legislators and Response From the Commissioner’s Office – Dr. Murphy reported that many conversations have occurred to determine the next steps in the consolidation process. He noted that in early February, Kittery was approved as a “donut hole”. Dr. Murphy
- stated that he has been in contact with Drummond & Woodsum and feels that SAD #44 has a good case for requesting and being granted “donut hole” status. The voters have approved consolidation and there are no neighboring districts left to consolidate with. Dr. Murphy stated that he has contacted the DOE twice in writing and several times by phone but has yet to receive a response. He also noted that the “donut hole” status might be harder to argue for after the release of the “279’s”. Dr. Murphy stated the bill to repeal consolidation is still on the legislative docket.
- Announcement of Surplus Bus Bid – Dr. Murphy informed the Board of the 1993 bus with 101,000 miles that will be going out to bid. The Board was provided with an e-mail from Mr. Deegan with a further description of the vehicle.
- International Student Intern at the Crescent Park School – Dr. Murphy informed the Board that an intern from Switzerland is interning in Ms. Jerome’s class at CPS. A copy of his resume was provided to the Board.
- Sewer Project Completion – Dr. Murphy announced the final wrap-up of the sewer project. He noted that all related paperwork was reviewed by our attorneys and signed off on by the Town.
- District Updates – Dr. Murphy informed the Board that the Region 9 Cooperative Agreement will need to be revised due to RSU 10 being added. He noted that the Board will need to approve the agreement as part of a future agenda.

**VIII OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**IX NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion - None
2. Adjustments to the Agenda - None
3. Ms. Taylor motioned to accept the Policy Committee’s recommendation and approve the SECOND AND FINAL READING of Policy AC Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action.

MOTION: Ms. Taylor SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

4. Ms. Taylor motioned to accept the Policy Committee’s recommendation and approve the SECOND AND FINAL READING of Policy ADAA School System Commitment to Standards for Ethical and Responsible Behavior.

MOTION: Ms. Taylor SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

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5. Ms. Taylor motioned to accept the Policy Committee's recommendation and approve the SECOND AND FINAL READING of Policy BCB Conflict of Interest.

MOTION: Ms. Taylor SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

6. Ms. Taylor motioned to accept the Policy Committee's recommendation and approve the SECOND AND FINAL READING of Policy BEDBA Agenda Format.

MOTION: Ms. Taylor SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

7. Ms. Taylor motioned to accept the Policy Committee's recommendation and approve the SECOND AND FINAL READING of Policy BIA New Board Member Orientation.

MOTION: Ms. Taylor SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

8. Ms. Taylor motioned to accept the Policy Committee's recommendation and approve the SECOND AND FINAL READING of Policy BIC Board Member Freedom of Access Training.

MOTION: Ms. Taylor SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

9. Ms. Cross motioned to appoint Ms. Lynn Arizzi as the MSAD #44 Representative to the Region 9 Board.

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

10. Mr. Brown motioned to approve the use of a district school bus for the AES trip to Boston.

MOTION: Mr. Brown SECOND: Ms. Everett VOTE: Unanimous

11. Mr. Brown motioned to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation and approve awarding the sprinkler system project at the Telstar complex to Sprinkler Systems, Inc. of Lewiston, Maine for the low bid of \$249,700.

MOTION: Mr. Brown SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

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**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:00 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted:

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