

**S.A.D. #44 BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
TUESDAY, March 27, 2007  
7:30 PM – TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
MINUTES**

**I CALL TO ORDER:**

Directors Absent: Ms. Thurston

Others Present: Dr. Murphy, Mr. Brown, Mr. McCarthy, Ms. Waite, Mr. Tornrose, Mr. Davis, Ms. Graham, Ms. Littlehale, Mr. Sabin, Ms. Aloisio, Ms. Tancredelle, Mr. Rice

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**II ACTION ON MINUTES:**

Ms. Brown motioned to approve the minutes from the Board meeting held on February 12, 2007.

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

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

None

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

Ms. Cummings congratulated Mr. Brown and Mr. Farrington on their re-election and welcomed Ms. Julie Davis as a new member replacing Mr. Deegan.

Mr. Coolidge will be assuming the drama club responsibilities at THS. Approximately 30 students are interested in participating in one act comedy productions. A meeting will be held on Thursday evening at 6:00 PM.

Chairman's Report

None

**V COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Education Committee: Mr. Polak – Agenda item

Facilities & Ancillary Services Committee: Ms. Cross – toured facility prior to meeting

Finance Committee: Mr. Pew – Committee met and signed warrants.

Negotiations Committee: Mr. Pew – Agenda item

Personnel Committee: Ms. Brown – Agenda item

Policy Committee: Ms. Largess – Agenda item

Region 9 Cooperative Board: Mr. Farrington – No report

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**VI COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS:**

SAD #44 Board Meeting: Monday, April 9, 2007 – 7:30 PM – Andover School

Executive Committee: TBD

Education Committee: Monday, May 7, 2007 – 4:00 PM - EBS

Personnel Committee: Tuesday, March 27, 2007 – 7:15 PM - Telstar

Facilities & Ancillary Services Committee: Tuesday, March 27, 2007 – 6:45 PM - THS

Negotiations Committee: TBD

Finance Committee: Tuesday, March 27, 2007 – 7:00 PM – THS

Policy Committee: Monday, May 7, 2007 – 5:30 PM - EBS

Region 9 Cooperative Board: Tuesday, April 10, 2007 – 7:00 PM

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

- Resignations and Appointments – Dr. Murphy announced the resignation of David Jenkins, THS English Teacher, effective at the end of this school year. He also announced the appointments of the following coaches: Bob Remington, Varsity Baseball; John Eliot – JV Baseball; Jim Lunney, Varsity Softball; Robert James, JV Girls' Softball; Dave LeClerc, Boys' Track; Gail Wight, Girls' Track; Gary Wight, Asst. Track; Tera Ingrham, CPS Softball; Tom Coolidge, THS Drama.
- Dr. Murphy informed the Board of the following courses being offered through MSAD #44 Continuing Education. Perry Edwards, Recreational Safety Coordinator will be offering Hunter Safety, ATV & Snowmobile Safety, Boating Safety and Bow Hunting Safety courses. Jeannine Thornton, a certified instructor for the American Red Cross, will be offering First Aid & CPR, CPR Heartsaver, and CPR Re-certification courses. Larry Curtis, a certified instructor with the Western Maine Driving Academy, will be offering Driver's Education and Stephanie Thompson, a smoking cessation facilitator with the River Valley Health Communities Coalition, will be offering a Quitting Smoking course.
- Mr. William Caddigan, a science teacher at TMS has been selected to participate in the "Teacher At Sea" program through the University of Maine from May 12<sup>th</sup> through June 8<sup>th</sup>. The program will cover the cost of a substitute teacher. Mr. Caddigan will be connected to his students from a marine research vessel in the Pacific Ocean through a website, e-mail, voice instant messaging and sharing of a "Noteshare" notebook.
- The next Community Read Program for the TMS was distributed to the Board. All are invited to participate.
- Dr. Murphy congratulated TMS student Jamie Stevens for winning third place in the Sandy Andy League Public Speaking Competition held recently.
- Dr. Murphy briefly updated the Board on the latest developments on the proposed consolidation. Board members have been receiving e-mail updates on an almost daily basis. Dr. Murphy stated that he will continue to keep the Board updated and will present more information during the Budget Workshop Session later in the meeting.

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**VIII OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**IX NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion - None
2. Adjustments to the Agenda - None
3. Mr. Polak motioned to approve the K – 12 Science Curriculum.  
  
MOTION: Mr. Polak SECOND: Ms. Arizzi VOTE: Unanimous
4. Ms. Largess motioned to accept the Policy Committee's recommendation and approve the FIRST READING of Policy JJIBB – Sportsmanship.  
  
MOTION: Ms. Largess SECOND: Mr. Brown VOTE: Unanimous
5. Ms. Largess motioned to accept the Policy Committee's recommendation and approve the FIRST READING of Policy JJI – Philosophy of Athletics.  
  
MOTION: Ms. Largess SECOND: Mr. Brown VOTE: Unanimous
6. Ms. Largess motioned to accept the Policy Committee's recommendation and approve the FIRST READING of Policy for School Records Retention.  
  
MOTION: Ms. Largess SECOND: Mr. Brown VOTE: Unanimous
7. Ms. Largess motioned to accept the Policy Committee's recommendation and approve the FIRST READING of Policy EBCF – Automated External Defibrillators (AED'S).  
  
MOTION: Ms. Largess SECOND: Mr. Brown VOTE: Unanimous
8. Ms. Brown motioned to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation and approve the appointment of Cynthia Vasko as a district Speech Therapist to a First Year Probationary contract for the 2007-2008 school year.  
  
MOTION: Ms. Brown SECOND: Ms. Chaisson VOTE: Unanimous

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9. Mr. Farrington motioned to approve entering into a workshop session for the FY '08 School Budget.

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

**Workshop Session**

**Discussion on FY '08 School Budget**

Dr. Murphy informed the Board that he has received very preliminary budget figures from the state. He was given two possible scenarios, both of which provide reduced funding over the previous year. In FY '08 LD1 requires the state to increase funding from 90% to 95% of the EPS figure. This scenario gives SAD #44 approximately \$54.00 less than FY '07. The second scenario in which the legislature could choose to revise the EPS state share requirement or make other changes in response to the state budget picture could result in a \$70,000 - \$75,000 reduction in funding from FY '07. Last year SAD #44 received from the state a total of \$2,741,798. For FY '08, scenario one gives us \$2,740,617 and scenario two provides \$2,670,975. There will be increases that are inherent to the budget such as Region 9 Addition Project increase of \$16,549, Region 9 tuition increase of over \$35,000, an approximate 10% increase in fuel costs, 5% increase in electricity and negotiated increase in salaries. The Finance Committee will begin a series of meetings Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 PM at EBS. All Board members are welcome to attend. Dr. Murphy stated that he has been working with administrators despite not having the state figures and will provide an update at the next Board meeting.

10. Mr. Farrington motioned to approve exiting the workshop session and returning to public session.

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

11. Mr. Pew motioned to approve entering into Executive Session to consider Labor Contract Negotiations with TEA employees pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (D)

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

Time in: 8:29 PM      Time out: 9:25 PM

12. Mr. Pew motioned to approve a Labor Contract with TEA employees represented by the Telstar Education Association.

MOTION: Mr. Pew      SECOND: Mr. Melville      VOTE: Unanimous

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**ADJOURNMENT: 9:30 PM**

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

Respectfully Submitted

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