

**S.A.D. #44 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2006
7:30 PM – TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
MINUTES**

Finance Committee Meeting – 6:45 PM
Facilities Committee Meeting – 6:45 PM – Tour of Telstar Facilities

I CALL TO ORDER: 7:37 PM

Directors Absent: Mr. Everett, Ms. Chaisson, Mr. Brough

Others Present: Ms. Graham, Ms. Waite, Mr. Sabin, Dr. Whitman, Mr. Wight, Ms. Aloisio, Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Rice, Mr. Lambert, Ms. Tancrelle

Pledge of Allegiance

II ACTION ON MINUTES:

Mr. Farrington motioned that the Board accept the minutes from the meeting held on March 13, 2006.

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

III CITIZEN COMMENTS: (maximum fifteen minutes)

None

IV BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: (maximum fifteen minutes)

None

Chairman's Report

Ms. Cummings congratulated Sid Pew, Philip Korhonen, and Walter Brough on their recent re-election to the Board.

V COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education Committee: Mr. Polak – No report.
Facilities & Ancillary Services Committee: Ms. Cross – Tour of Telstar Facility was held prior to the meeting.
Finance Committee: Mr. Pew – The Committee met to sign warrants and has an agenda item.
Negotiations Committee: Mr. Pew – The Committee has an agenda item.
Personnel Committee: Ms. Brown – No report.
Policy Committee: Mr. Farrington – No report.
Region 9 Cooperative Board: Mr. Everett is attending Region 9 meeting tonight.

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VI COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS:

SAD #44 Board Meeting: Monday, April 10, 2006 – Andover School – 7:30 PM
Executive Committee: Thursday, April 27, 2006 – 4:30 PM – EBS (Proposed date)
Education Committee: Monday, April 3, 2006 at 4:00 PM - EBS
Facilities & Ancillary Services Committee: Wednesday, April 5, 2006 – 6:00 PM - EBS
Negotiations Committee: None Scheduled
Personnel Committee: Tuesday, April 25, 2006 – 9:30 AM - EBS
Finance Committee: Tuesday, April 11, 2006 – 7:00 PM - EBS
Policy Committee: TBD
Region 9 Cooperative Board: Tuesday, April 11, 2006 7:00 PM

VII SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Appointments and Resignations – Dr. Murphy informed the Board of the resignation of a grade 5 CPS teacher, Gabrielle Rafford.
- School Calendar Update – Dr. Murphy reported that he is in the process of meeting with TEA Representatives, SAD #43, SAD #21 and Region 9 regarding the ‘06 – ‘07 School Calendar. The calendar will be an agenda item at the April 10th Board Meeting in Andover.
- Region 9 School Addition Update – Dr. Murphy reported that he has been in communication with Mr. Driscoll. Two additional meetings are scheduled. No decisions have been made as yet. Other options are still on the table including a possible addition to Mt. Valley High School.
- Other – Dr. Murphy updated the Board on the proposed Minimum Teacher Salary Legislation. A copy of a memo from MSMA was included in the Board packets. The \$30,000 minimum salary will be phased in over a two year period. For the ‘06 – ‘07 school year, the minimum salary may be \$27,000 which will not affect SAD #44 due to fact that SAD #44 minimum salary will be \$27,100 for FY ‘07.

VIII OLD BUSINESS:

None

IX NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion - None
2. Adjustments to the Agenda – Ms. Cummings motioned to add Agenda item 3A to the Agenda.

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

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3. Ms. Cummings motioned to approve accepting a donation of dictionaries for district grade 3 students from the Bethel Rotary Club.

Mr. Steve Wight from the Bethel Rotary Club took a few moments to address the Board regarding the dictionaries and other activities the Rotary Club is involved in. Mr. Wight reported that the distribution of dictionaries is a nation-wide effort. Other Rotary activities include Community Breakfasts held at Gould Academy and \$7,000 in scholarships which are awarded each year. Mr. Wight also informed the Board about a "Wood Splitting Party" to be held on April 29th. The firewood will be distributed to needy families.

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

- 3A. To see what action the Board wishes to take regarding adding a Middle School Junior Varsity program for softball and baseball.

Dr. Murphy reported that instituting the program requires Board action. He stated there are many students interested in the program. The stipend for the coach would be approximately \$1,000.00 - \$1,300.00. The current stipend for the track coach is \$1,040.00. Dr. Murphy stated he will be meeting with Jim Lunney to further define the details.

Mr. Farrington inquired about the sanctioning process. Dr. Murphy responded that SAD #44 has already sanctioned baseball and softball.

Ms. Cross asked about the funding for the coaching stipend. Dr. Murphy stated that not all After-School positions are filled and there are funds available to cover the stipend.

Ms. Thurston questioned how beginning this program would affect town programs. Dr. Murphy responded that students could, and probably would play in both programs.

- 3B. Ms. Cummings motioned to approve the addition of a Middle School Junior Varsity Softball and Baseball program.

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

4. Ms. Cummings motioned to approve the Board entering into Executive Session to consider a request for readmission to Telstar High School pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(B) and (E) and to allow Mr. Lambert to remain present in Executive Session.

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

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Time in: 7:58 PM

Chair declares Executive Session ended. Time out: 8:20 PM

5. Ms. Cummings motioned to approve the readmission of a juvenile student to Telstar High School.

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

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

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

Time in: 8:25 PM

Chair declares Executive Session ended: Time out: 8:35 PM

7. Mr. Pew motioned to approve the Labor Contract with AFSCME employees.

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

8. Mr. Pew motioned to approve the Board entering into a workshop session for the FY '07 School Budget.

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

Workshop Session

Discussion on FY '07 School Budget

Mr. Pew began the discussion by reviewing the material provided to the Board in their packets. He informed the Board that the State has not yet provided the final funding figures. Mr. Pew reported to the Board that SAD #44 is one of only two districts in the State to be exempt from the Essential Services and Program funding formula which was a major victory for SAD #44.

The discussion went on with Mr. Pew explaining the State's funding responsibilities and the property tax relief expected by taxpayers. Mr. Pew stated that the Board will have a more detailed budget at the April 24th meeting. The May 22nd Board meeting will be the Public Hearing on the budget. He invited Board members to attend the Finance Committee meetings.

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Mr. Farrington asked about the \$158,700 allotted for Capital Improvements. Mr. Pew responded that some of the money will be allocated for roofing and tarring, a water system at Woodstock School, and approximately \$45,000 - \$60,000 for the front entry at Telstar. More details will be available at the May 24th meeting.

The 40% increase in fuel costs was discussed. Dr. Murphy mentioned that SAD #44 had purchased fuel prior to the winter season at a significant savings.

9. Mr. Pew motioned to approve the Board exiting the workshop session and returning to public session.

MOTION: Mr. Pew

SECOND: Ms. Cross

VOTE: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT: 9:00 PM

MOTION: Ms. Cummings

SECOND: Mr. Polak

VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

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