

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

I CALL TO ORDER:

Directors Absent: Ms. Arizzi, Mr. Korhonen, Mr. Brown

Others Present: Mr. Brown, Mr. Davis, Ms. Graham, Mr. McCarthy, Ms. Waite, Mr. Rice, Ms. Littlehale, Mr. Tornrose, Mr. Sabin, Ms. Aloisio, Ms. Tancrelle, Ms. Sabin, Ms. Russell

Pledge of Allegiance

II ACTION ON MINUTES:

Ms. Cross motioned to approve the minutes from the Board meeting held on April 9, 2007.

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

III CITIZEN COMMENTS: (maximum fifteen minutes)

None

IV BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: (maximum fifteen minutes)

Mr. Melville complimented Mr. Farrington on an e-mail he sent to Legislators expressing his opinion regarding the Governor's proposed Consolidation and Regionalization Plan.

Chairman's Report

None

V COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education Committee: Mr. Polak – no report

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

Finance Committee: Mr. Pew – agenda item

Negotiations Committee: Mr. Pew – no report

Personnel Committee: Ms. Brown – no report

Policy Committee: Ms. Largess – no report

Region 9 Cooperative Board: Mr. Farrington – no report

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VI COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS:

SAD #44 Board Meeting: Monday, May 14, 2007 – 7:30 PM – Telstar

Executive Committee: TBD

Education Committee: Monday, May 7, 2007 – 4:00 PM – EBS – will be rescheduled

Personnel Committee: TBD

Facilities & Ancillary Services Committee: Monday, May 7, 2007 - 6:30 PM – EBS – will be rescheduled

Negotiations Committee: TBD

Finance Committee: Monday, April 30, 2007 – Woodstock – 6:45 PM

Policy Committee: Monday, May 7, 2007 – 5:30 PM – EBS – will be rescheduled

Region 9 Cooperative Board: Tuesday, May 15, 2007 – 7:00 PM

VII SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Appointments – Dr. Murphy announced the appointment of Stacy Bedard as a bus driver.
- TEA Board Recognition Dinner – This dinner has been very successful in the past. Dr. Murphy will be meeting with Mr. Brown and Mr. Keane. A date has not yet been set. Dr. Murphy will have more information at the next meeting.
- THS Adequate Yearly Progress Report – Ms. Graham referred the Board to the THS 2007 Adequate Yearly Progress Report that was included in their information packet. In 2001, a timeline was set for all students in the country to meet set standards by 2014. Each state had to determine what the standards are and how to ensure all students reached these standards. Ms. Graham reminded the Board that grades 3-8 use the MEA to measure AYP. The high school uses the SAT as a measure of AYP, although the SAT is not designed to measure standards. All 11th grade students took the test on a Saturday. The tests were scored and the scores were then standardized and matched to targets on the timeline. Only 17 high schools in the state made AYP. In 2007 Telstar High School met AYP in Math but not in Critical Reading. Since THS is not a Title 1 school there are no sanctions for not meeting AYP other than negative publicity. Telstar students also fall below state average in Critical Reading, Math and Writing. There is a need to address all areas including SAT Prep.
- Regionalization Update – Dr. Murphy reported that very little new information has come forth in the past couple of weeks from Augusta. The process appears to have slowed down somewhat. The Appropriations Sub-Committee is still working on a final plan that will be presented to the Appropriations Committee. Dr. Murphy distributed and briefly reviewed a “time-line” for implementation of the plan and urged the Board to take the time to read it. Dr. Murphy also informed the Board that on Friday evening he will be speaking to Western Maine Senior College on the topic of Regionalization and Consolidation at the Bethel Historical Society. All are welcome to attend.

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- TMS “What is a Hero?” Community Read – Mr. Tornrose briefly reminded the Board of the presentation provided at the February 12th meeting regarding the TMS Community Read Project. Copies of the books students have chosen to read are available either from Dr. Murphy’s office or the Middle School for any Board members who are interested in participating.
- Andover Roof Update – Dr. Murphy informed the Board that leaks in the roof continued to occur at the Andover School despite the roof repairs. An investigation revealed that ice on the roof had dislodged a PVC vent pipe enough to cause a gap where the melting ice and snow leaked in. The problem has been resolved and there are no more leaks.
- Report on building security initiatives recently conducted at Telstar and planned for K-5 buildings – Mr. Davis informed the Board that Charlie Raymond recently attended a School Security Conference. The administrative team of the HS, MS and Adult Ed met and discussed the issue of school security. All staff in the complex attended one of two mandatory meetings scheduled last Tuesday to outline the procedure for “lock-down”. Another meeting was scheduled for Wednesday and staff were asked to bring or e-mail any questions they had. On Thursday, an assembly was held with administrators and HS students, and on Friday an assembly was held with administrators and MS students. Mr. Davis reported that the students were very attentive and asked some of the same questions raised by administrators and staff. This week the school will walk through a mock “lock-down”. An administrator will make an announcement over the intercom that the school is in “lock-down”. Teachers will ensure that all students move into classrooms and all doors are locked. All electronic devices will be turned off. Students will be asked to be as quiet as possible. Administrators will complete a sweep of the building, noting any problems. Lock-down drills will be held periodically with the goal of making these drills as automatic and routine for students as a fire-drill. The question was raised as to how often the “lock-down” drills would be held. Dr. Murphy responded that there is no mandatory number of drills as there is with fire drills. The frequency of the drills has not been determined.
Meetings have also been held with Bethel Police Chief Carr to keep him informed.

- Dr. Murphy spoke briefly regarding the Instant Alert system. He stated that he had been hesitant to use the system due to a few glitches in the system such as the inability to determine if the message was received by a live person or a machine. These glitches have been worked out and the system will be tested in the near future.
- Ms. Barbara Russell reported that the Trails Committee, in cooperation with the town of Bethel, has received a \$96,000 grant to provide sidewalks from Broad St. to Crescent Park School. Work on the project will begin in October.

VIII OLD BUSINESS:

None

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IX NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion
2. Adjustments to the Agenda

Ms. Cummings motioned to add Item #5 to the agenda. To see what action the Board wishes to take regarding scheduling an additional Board meeting on Monday, May 7, 2007 at 7:00 PM at Telstar High School Library for a Budget Workshop.

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

3. Mr. Pew motioned to approve entering into a Workshop Session for the FY '08 Budget.

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

Budget Workshop Session

Mr. Pew began the discussion by stating that the Finance Committee had met several times in the past few weeks. They have attempted to come up with a reasonable budget that the voters would approve. Some of the cost increases are beyond the control of the Board such as negotiated salary increases, and the Region 9 Project and assessment increase. Approximately 90% of the budget consists of committed costs. The proposed budget totals \$9,998,961 which is an increase of \$165,000 over FY '07 or 1.68%.

Dr. Murphy distributed several handouts including a budget worksheet comparison of the FY '07 and proposed FY '08 budget, SAD #44 Capital Improvement Plan, State Valuation of SAD #44 Municipalities, FY '08 Expenditure Budget and the Adult Education Cost Center Detail. He also distributed a memo to the Board listing proposed reductions, additions and fixed cost increases.

In FY '07 in order to receive \$2,740,671 in state funds, SAD #44 had to raise \$4,111,157 in local funds. In FY '08 in order to receive \$2,671,705 the local share raised must total \$4,671,705. State support for FY '08 has been reduced by \$60,877. Dr. Murphy reminded the Board that the EPS funding formula is based on valuation and enrollment figures. In the case of SAD #44, valuation is up by \$103,550,000 or 14.10% and student enrollment is down by approximately 29 students. Along with the \$2.6 million from the state are stipulations that a set amount of the funds be spent in specific places such as assessment, technology and K-2 education. Money would be spent in these areas anyway, but flexibility of the overall budget is reduced.

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ADJOURNMENT: 9:53 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted:

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Superintendent of Schools