

**S.A.D. #44 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONDAY, MAY 14, 2007
7:30 PM – CRESCENT PARK SCHOOL
MINUTES**

I CALL TO ORDER:

Directors Absent: Mr. Pew, Ms. Arizzi, Ms. Davis

Others Present: Mr. Brown, Ms. Graham, Dr. Murphy, Mr. Rice, Ms. Tancrelle, Mr. Doyon, Ms. Aloisio

Pledge of Allegiance

II ACTION ON MINUTES:

Ms. Cross motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting held on May 7, 2007.

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

III CITIZEN COMMENTS: (maximum fifteen minutes)

Mr. Dennis Doyon, Bethel Selectman, spoke briefly to the Board. He commended Dr. Murphy on bringing forth the \$1.5 million in cash reserves. He also recommended that, if consolidation appears to be coming, the money be used to the benefit of the district within a two year period instead of three to ensure that the money is not lost to the state. Mr. Doyon suggested that the Selectmen and the Board work together and stay on top of the legislature. He requested that Board members continue to contact or e-mail legislators regarding the proposed plan and let them know why it is a bad idea. He stated that there is not likely to be any tax decreases associated with the consolidation as there are currently at least 3 dozen proposals for tax increases and new taxes currently before the legislature.

IV BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: (maximum fifteen minutes)

Mr. Polak stated that the process of consolidation does not allow for community comment. Also, the proposed plans change so frequently that it is difficult to determine where the legislature is headed.

Chairman's Report

None

V COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS:

MSAD #44 Informational Meeting and Public Hearing on the FY '08 Budget – Monday, May 29, 2007 – 7:00 PM – Telstar High School

SAD #44 Board Meeting: Monday, June 11, 2007– Telstar Library – 7:30 PM

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V COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS, cont'd:

Education Committee: Monday, June 18, 2007 – 4:00 PM - EBS
Personnel Committee: TBD
Facilities & Ancillary Services Committee: Monday, June 18, 2007 – 7:00 PM - EBS
Negotiations Committee: None Scheduled
Finance Committee: Monday, May 14, 2007 – 6:45 PM – Telstar
Policy Committee: Monday, June 18, 2007 – 5:30 PM - EBS
Region 9 Cooperative Board: Tuesday, May 15, 2007 – 7:00 PM

VI 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

VII SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Resignations and Appointments – Dr. Murphy reported that he has accepted the resignation of David Jenkins, THS English teacher.
- Dr. Murphy thanked Mr. Doyon for his support and echoed his request for Board members to continue to contact legislators regarding the proposed consolidation.
- The second annual Board/TEA/AFSCME Recognition Dinner will be held June 13, 2007 at 6:00 PM at the Bethel Inn.
- Dr. Murphy reported to the Board regarding a School Safety Meeting held at Telstar just prior to the Board meeting. The focus of the meeting was to provide information and dispel rumors and speculation. There was a good turnout and a great deal of parental support and appreciation. Parents were asked to sign up if they were available to be a presence in the halls. Metal detectors have been set up and will be in use in the morning. Dr. Murphy also reported that there was a third bomb scare today at THS. He commended staff, students and administration for the way the situation was handled. The Instant Alert system was used and notification went smoothly. Dr. Murphy thanked the Bethel Police Department for their assistance. Chief Carr has been extremely helpful with any requests from administration and has been responsible for arranging for the State Police bomb dogs to sweep the building each time. Dr. Murphy also commented that a reporter from the Lewiston Sun attempted to enter the Telstar complex and Crescent Park and was “apprehended” in both places within 30 seconds.

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VIII OLD BUSINESS:

None

IX NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion
2. Adjustments to the Agenda

Ms. Cross motioned to approve adding item 2A to the agenda.

To see what action the Board wishes to take regarding authorizing the Superintendent to hire a police officer to be stationed at the THS/TMS complex for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year.

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

- 2A. Ms. Cross motioned to approve authorizing the Superintendent to hire a police officer to be stationed at the THS/TMS complex for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year.

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

3. Mr. Brown motioned to approve that the warrant and notice of election presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved and that a District budget referendum be and is hereby called for June 12, 2007 for the purpose of voting on the annual budget for the district for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

It is further voted that the Notice presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved for the purpose of notifying the district voters of the informational meeting and public hearing scheduled for the 2007-08 budget as provided therein. (It was noted that the Public Hearing had previously been approved for May 29, 2007.)

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

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: SECOND: VOTE:

Respectfully Submitted:

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