

**S.A.D. #44 BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MONDAY, MAY 22, 2006  
7:30 PM – TELSTAR LIBRARY  
MINUTES**

A Public Hearing on Proposed FY '07 Budget was held prior to the regular Board Meeting, beginning at 7:00 PM and ending at 7:30 PM.

**I CALL TO ORDER:**

Directors Absent: Mr. Pew, Ms. Thurston, Mr. Korhonen

Others Present: Mr. Lambert, Mr. Tornrose, Mr. McCarthy, Ms. Graham, Ms. Littlehale, Dr. Murphy, Mr. Powell, Ms. Waite, Ms. Aloisio, Ms. Tancredle

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**II ACTION ON MINUTES:**

To see what action the Board wishes to take regarding the minutes from the meeting held on May 8, 2006.

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

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

None

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

Ms. Cross mentioned that the Spring Concert and play recently held at Telstar High School went very well.

Mr. Polak mentioned that his daughter recently graduated from college with her Master's degree.

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 – No report

Negotiations Committee: Mr. Pew – No report

Personnel Committee: Ms. Brown – No report

Policy Committee: Mr. Farrington – Next meeting scheduled for May 31, 2006 at 4:00

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Region 9 Cooperative Board: Mr. Everett – The Board met last week. A building plan has been completed. The estimated cost of the project will be approximately \$5 million. The two new programs will be Auto Mechanics and Early Childhood Education.

### **VI COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS:**

MSAD #44 Informational Meeting and Public Hearing on the FY '07 Budget – Monday, May 22, 2006 – 7:00 PM – Telstar Library

SAD #44 Board Meeting: Monday, June 19, 2006 – 7:30 PM – Telstar Library

Executive Committee: The Committee will meet again in the fall.

Education Committee: Monday, June 5, 2006 – 4:00 PM - EBS

Personnel Committee: Tuesday, May 23, 2006 – 9:30 AM – EBS - Cancelled

Facilities & Ancillary Services Committee: Wednesday, May 24, 2006 – 6:00 PM – EBS - Cancelled

Negotiations Committee: None Scheduled

Finance Committee: Monday, June 19, 2006 – 6:45 PM – Telstar Library

Policy Committee: Tuesday, May 31, 2006 – 4:00 PM - EBS

Region 9 Cooperative Board: Tuesday, June 20, 2006

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

- Resignations and Appointments – Dr. Murphy informed the Board that he has accepted the resignations of Sarah Bishop, Speech Therapist and Amy Saunders, TMS Guidance Counselor. Shirley Mills has been appointed as a spare bus driver. Dr. Murphy also informed the Board that we have received many applications for the advertised positions.
- June 13<sup>th</sup> Referendum – Dr. Murphy reminded the Board of the June 13<sup>th</sup> vote on the FY '06 – '07 Budget.
- Recognition of Staff & Students
  - o Kim Rossignol, WES Kindergarten Teacher – Walmart Teacher of the Year – Dr. Murphy added that Ms. Rossignol is a second time winner of this award.
  - o John Emery, AES Grade 5 Teacher – Bethel Chamber of Commerce Education Employee of the Year Award
  - o Chris Coolidge, Jeannine Wing (CPS Kitchen), Joann Crockett and Carolyn Lowe (Telstar Kitchen) – Certified Cafeteria Worker recognition – Dr. Murphy informed the Board that acquiring this certification requires a great deal of extra time and effort.
- New Telstar National Honor Society Inductees – Sophomores: Jessica Yasko, Mark Emerson, Bailey Davis, Esther Pew; Juniors: Crystal Casey, Kevin Gallagher, Caitlin Shimamura, Kelsie Hanscom, Lauren Conroy, Megan Smith
- TEA/AFSCME/Administrator/Board Recognition Dinner – June 12, 2006 – 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Dr. Murphy informed the Board that the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner will be held at the Bethel Inn Conference Center and will be an Italian Buffet. This is a

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- collaborate effort of the AFSCME Union, the School Board, Telstar Educators Association, and the Administrators Association.
  - Retirement gathering for Mr. Powell – Tuesday, June 6, 2006 – 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM – The gathering will be held at the Bethel Inn and hot hors d'oeuvres will be served. The cost of \$20.00 includes a gift.
  - Oxford County Emergency Management
    - o Web site
    - o Emergency Radios
    - o Generator Grants
    - o Pandemic flu informational sessions
- Dr. Murphy informed the Board that he has been working with Scott Parker, a former teacher, who is now the Director of Oxford County Emergency Management. A letter will be going home with students outlining steps to take to prepare for an emergency. Dr. Murphy also informed the Board of grant money that is available to purchase generators and he is looking into obtaining a generator for the Telstar facility. Chris Cole recently attended a pandemic flu informational session, which she stated was very informative and very well done. Ms. Cole will be attending a follow-up session in the next week or two.
- Report on recent Student Assistance Team Training for TMS and THS – Mr. Lambert reported that 8 staff members from TMS and THS attended a state training session in Portland in April. The model for the team has changed. Instead of just looking at students who are most at risk, the team is looking at a wider range of students who are at risk and are providing needed assistance. More training is required and will continue. Mr. Lambert also commented on a recent editorial in the Lewiston Sun regarding the Maine sponsored National Readiness Campaign. The goal is to have every student graduate college ready. Mr. Lambert reported that he received an application for grant money and forwarded the information to Dr. Murphy. Mr. Lambert stated that the district is already doing more than the campaign is proposing and participation in this grant would not be beneficial to the district.
  - Report on *No Child Left Behind* Annual Evaluation and Planning Meeting – Mrs. Graham reported on the NCLB 5-year review which took place on May 17<sup>th</sup>. A five member team from the Department of Education visited every school and viewed a power point presentation on how our NCLB funds were used. The district received a number of commendations on programs that have been put in place, a few recommendations and no citations.
  - Safe Walkways to School Initiative Update – Dr. Murphy reported that he has met with Ms. Russell who is active with the Trails Committee. This committee is working on developing sidewalks around CPS and also a walkway between Davis Park and THS. State representatives will be visiting the area to look at property along Route 26. At some point the Board might be asked to approve the trail leading to THS.

- End of the year Class of 2006 activities (handout included in packet)

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**Superintendent's Report cont'd**

- Chamber/Adult Education Grant for Creative Economy Education Initiative – Ms. Waite reported that the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce has received a \$10,000 grant from the Governor's office to match funds allocated in the Adult Education FY '06 – '07 budget to continue the Creative Economy Education Initiative. This program has been recognized by the state as a model for community education.
- Drummond, Woodson Law Conference for Superintendents – Dr. Murphy reported that he recently attended the law conference which reports on all issues relating to education occurring across the state.
- Annual District Report – This report will be sent out in July and will be posted on the website.
- MSAD #44 Web site – Dr. Murphy urged Board members to check out the website if they have not done so recently.
- Minimum Teacher Salary Law (enclosure) – Dr. Murphy informed the Board that the district will not be affected by this legislation this year. For the FY '08 budget the requirement will be \$30,000. The long term implications of the shift to \$30,000 minimum will have an impact on the salary schedule.

**VIII OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**IX NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion - None
2. Adjustments to the Agenda - None
3. To see what action the Board wishes to take regarding the purchase of the existing Grade 7 and 8 MLTI iBook computers at the price of \$48.00 per unit.

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

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:15 PM**

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

Respectfully Submitted:

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

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