

**M.S.A.D. #44 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2009
7:00 PM – CRESCENT PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MINUTES**

6:15 PM – Personnel Committee Meeting
6:30 PM – Finance Committee Meeting
6:40 PM - Education Committee Meeting

I CALL TO ORDER:

Directors Absent: Mr. Akers, Ms. Cummings, Ms. Taylor, Mr. Brown

Others Present: Dr. Murphy, Mr. Kuzyk, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Brown, Mr. Hart, Ms. Schroeder, Ms. Thomas, Ms. Littlehale, Mr. Rice, Ms. Waite, Mr. Sabin, Ms. Tancrelle

Pledge of Allegiance

II ACTION ON MINUTES:

Ms. Cross motioned to approve of the minutes from the May 11, 2009 meeting.

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

III CITIZEN COMMENTS: (maximum fifteen minutes)

None

IV BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: (maximum fifteen minutes)

Mr. Hart was complimented for an “awesome” graduation.

Chairman’s Report

V COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS:

SAD #44 Board Meeting: Monday, July 13, 2009 - 7:00 PM – Telstar High School Library
Executive Committee: TBD

Finance Committee: Monday, June 8, 2009 – 6:30 PM – Crescent Park School Cafeteria

Personnel Committee: Monday, June 8, 2009 – 6:15 PM – Crescent Park School Cafeteria

Education Committee: Monday, June 8, 2009 – 6:40 PM – Crescent Park School Cafeteria

Policy Committee: Proposed Date – Thursday, June 11, 2009 – 5:30 PM – EBS Conf. Room

Facilities & Ancillary Services Committee: TBD

Negotiations Committee: Proposed Date – Thursday, June 11, 2009 – 3:00 PM – Ethel Bisbee Conference Room

Region 9 Cooperative Board: Tuesday, June 10, 2009 – 7:00 PM

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VI COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education Committee: Ms. Arizzi – Agenda items

Facilities & Ancillary Services Committee: Ms. Cross - The committee met last week and discussed the 5-year plan.

Finance Committee: Mr. Brown – No report

Negotiations Committee: Ms. Cross – No report

Personnel Committee: Ms. Nasta – Agenda items

Policy Committee: Ms. Largess – Agenda items

Region 9 Cooperative Board: Ms. Arizzi – The budget passed 43 to 5.

VII SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Resignations – Dr. Murphy announced the resignation of Kim Tyler – AES Kindergarten teacher
- Overview of 2009 –2010 Telstar Middle School Plan – Ms. Sandy Schroeder spent several minutes explaining the changes in programming for the middle school for the 2009-2010 school year. Using a power point presentation, she highlighted what TMS needs: Reach all students, Best Practice, Skills First, Grades later. Mrs. Schroeder also spoke about the characteristics of the Middle School Philosophy. She outlined the next steps of action and identified the 6th, 7th and 8th grade teams for the 2009-2010 school year. Finally, Mrs. Schroeder presented the new schedule which will use time more efficiently. She also explained about the extended day from 2:30 – 4:00 PM where students will be able to sign up a variety of activities such as photography, pottery & sculpture, drawing & painting, film, or physical education classes such as soccer, field hockey, basketball, yoga, aerobics, and lacrosse.
- Summary of Special Education Survey – Ms. Elise Thomas distributed a packet of information to the Board for their review.
- Policy Updates – Review of changes not requiring Board action – Dr. Murphy directed the Board's attention to a memo that was included in their packets.
- Penalty Reconsideration Update – Dr. Murphy reported that the Legislature has voted on the biannual budget. SAD #44 will not be penalized for non-consolidation for 1 year, totaling \$198,000. Of these funds, \$55,000 will be returned to line items to offset some of the drastic cuts imposed in recent years. The remaining \$143,000 will possibly go into the carryover account to offset increases in next year's budget and a decrease in funding. Dr. Murphy reminded the Board that SAD #44 will receive no stimulus money after FY 2010 and will be faced with reduced state aide due to the rise in valuation and the decrease in enrollment. SAD #44 will face significant challenges in the next budget. Dr. Murphy reported that he will be meeting on Tuesday at the State House with the Commissioner, and Dick Spencer, SAD#44 attorney regarding our request for "donut hole status". He noted that SAD#44 to date has not received a response from a letter sent to the Commissioner in February, 2009.
- Middle School Laptop Buy Out – E-Rate funds – Dr. Murphy informed the Board that e-rate funds will be used to purchase I-books and Mac books. This purchase will not involve the use of any budget funds.

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- The American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 – The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provided grant money totaling \$300,000 for food service equipment in Maine Schools with a short turn around for schools to apply. The scoring for this grant included improving quality of meals, safety of lunch personnel, improving energy efficiency, and the % of free and reduced students. SAD44's application was in the mail the first day the applications opened. On May 28, SAD44's application was one of 38 selected to receive funding. This grant of \$6,295 will replace one oven of the four ovens at Telstar.
- Graduation week and end of the year activities – Dr. Murphy commended Mr. Hart and the high school staff on a very successful graduation.
- Budget Validation Referendum Vote – Tuesday, June 9 – Dr. Murphy reminded the Board to get out and vote for the budget referendum.
- Annual TEA – AFSCME – School Board Dinner, Monday, June 15, Bethel Inn – Dr. Murphy reminded the Board of the dinner. Anyone interested in attending must respond by Tuesday, June 9th.
- July 13 – Past Board Member Recognition Event – Dr. Murphy informed the Board that prior to the July 13th meeting, past Board members will be recognized.

VIII OLD BUSINESS:

None

IX NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion - none
2. Adjustments to the Agenda - none
3. Ms. Nasta motioned to recommend Board approval of the SECOND AND FINAL READING of Policy DFF – Income from School Sales and Services.

MOTION: Ms. Nasta SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous
4. Ms. Nasta motioned to recommend Board approval of the SECOND AND FINAL READING of Policy DJH – Purchasing and Contracting: Procurement Staff Code of Conduct.

MOTION: Ms. Nasta SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous
5. Ms. Nasta motioned to recommend Board approval of the SECOND AND FINAL READING of Policy EBCA - Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (formerly: Crisis Response Plan).

MOTION: Ms. Nasta SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

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6. Ms. Nasta motioned to recommend Board approval of the SECOND AND FINAL READING of Policy IHBA – Individualized Education Programs (IEP’s).

MOTION: Ms. Nasta SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

7. Ms. Nasta motioned to recommend Board approval of the SECOND AND FINAL READING of Policy IHBK – Life-Sustaining Emergency Care.

MOTION: Ms. Nasta SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

8. Ms. Nasta motioned to recommend Board approval of the deletion of Policy IK Student Achievement.

MOTION: Ms. Nasta SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

9. Ms. Arizzi motioned to recommend Board approval of the addition of Community Service as a graduation requirement for Telstar High School students.

MOTION: Ms. Nasta SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

10. Ms. Nasta motioned to recommend Board approval of an exception to Policy GBEA – “Staff Management Conflict of Interest”

MOTION: Ms. Nasta SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

11. Ms. Arizzi motioned to recommend Board approval of SAD 44’s participation in the Grades 9-12 Maine Learning Technology Initiative.

MOTION: Ms. Arizzi SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

12. Ms. Arizzi motioned to recommend Board approval of authorizing the purchases of surplus laptop computers from the Department of Education and making them available for purchase by students and community members.

MOTION: Ms. Arizzi SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

13. Ms. Nasta motioned to approve the Reduction In Force of an English position at Telstar High School for the 2009-2010 school year.

MOTION: Ms. Nasta SECOND: Mr. Smith VOTE: Unanimous

14. Ms. Cross motioned to approve the termination of Mr. Mark Ford’s teaching contract effective within 90 days of notice, as a result of the application of the terms of the collective bargaining contract.

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

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15. Ms. Cross motioned to approve instructing the Superintendent of Schools to notify Mr. Mark Ford of the MSAD 44 School Board's decision to terminate his contract.

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

ADJOURNMENT: 8:43

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

Respectfully Submitted:

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