

**S.A.D. #44 BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MONDAY, June 26, 2006  
7:30 PM – TELSTAR LIBRARY  
MINUTES**

Personnel Committee Meeting – 7:00 PM – Telstar High School Library  
Finance Committee Meeting – 7:20 PM – Telstar High School Library

**I CALL TO ORDER:**

Directors Absent: Ms. Thurston, Ms. Brown

Others Present: Mr. Lambert, Mr. Tornrose, Ms. Graham, Ms. Littlehale, Dr. Murphy, Ms. Aloisio, Ms. Tancrelle, Mr. Brown

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**II ACTION ON MINUTES:**

Mr. Deegan motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 19, 2006.

MOTION: Mr. Deegan SECOND: Mr. Brown VOTE: Unanimous

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

Tim O'Connor, Chairman of the Telstar Football Boosters, thanked the Board for their support and for the one year extension that had been granted to meet the fundraising goal. Mr. O'Connor reported that the Boosters have reached and exceeded their goal. To date they have raised \$81,617.41 of which \$73,267.41 is cash and \$8,350.00 is in pledges. He reported that they have received a great deal of support from the community. Their fundraising activities included wood raffles, can and bottle collections, and dinners. The group received a \$5,000 donation from the New England Patriot organization and a \$6,200 donation from the Newry Mother's Club. Mr. O'Connor informed the Board that the group would be willing to cover the costs for the 1<sup>st</sup> year for transportation, coaching and referee fees should the Board approve Agenda item #6. The Board had previously agreed to cover these costs.

Mr. Bies, a Woodstock resident, asked the Board if a Public Hearing was scheduled for the FY '07 Budget. Dr. Murphy informed him that there will be a public information session held on Monday, July 17, 2006 at 7:00 PM at Telstar. Mr. Bies stated that he would have preferred a district wide meeting as opposed to another referendum. He stated his concerns regarding the budget process and his opinion that the Board is ignoring property tax relief.

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

Mr. Polak briefly explained his reasons for preferring a referendum vote over a district wide meeting for budget approval. A referendum allows for greater turnout of voters. Mr. Polak stated that he stands behind the budget and reminded those present that, through Dr. Murphy's

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efforts, SAD #44 was excluded from portions of the funding formula of LD1 which resulted in a significant savings to four of the five towns in the district.

Chairman's Report  
None

**V COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Education Committee: Mr. Polak  
Facilities & Ancillary Services Committee: Ms. Cross  
Finance Committee: Mr. Pew  
Negotiations Committee: Mr. Pew  
Personnel Committee: Ms. Brown  
Policy Committee: Mr. Farrington  
Region 9 Cooperative Board:

**VI COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS:**

SAD #44 Board Meeting: Monday, July 17, 2006 – Public Informational Meeting on Question #3 (School Budget Local Additional Funding) - 7:00 PM – Telstar Library  
Executive Committee: TBD  
Education Committee: TBD  
Personnel Committee: Monday, June 26, 2006 – 7:10 PM – Telstar Library  
Facilities & Ancillary Services Committee: TBD  
Negotiations Committee: TBD  
Finance Committee: Monday, June 26, 2006 – 7:20 PM – Telstar Library  
Policy Committee: TBD  
Region 9 Cooperative Board: August 15, 2006

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

- Dr. Murphy reported that he has scheduled meeting with the Bethel Selectmen on July 10<sup>th</sup> and the Greenwood Selectmen on July 18<sup>th</sup> regarding the proposed budget.
- Dr. Murphy stated that the budget funding explanation is complicated. He explained that in 1997 the district received from the state \$2,442,910 which was approximately 35% of the budget. In 2006 the district received \$2,335,970 which is approximately 25.01% of the gross budget. School districts have been promised additional state aid in the form of a higher percentage. The idea behind LD1 was to force the state to live up to their obligation to fund 55% of school budgets in the state. Prior to LD1, school budgets had been funded based on the gross budget of the previous year. With the additional \$408,000, the state will be funding 27.9% of the gross budget in FY '07. When LD1 passed and EPS was initiated, the state provided a higher percentage of reimbursement on a much lower number. In 1997, the local assessment was \$4,098,000. In FY '06 it was \$6,094,000. When the EPS funding formula was

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put in place the district's gross budget was no longer a factor in determining the amount the district would receive in state aid. The state came up with a dollar amount districts needed to fund what the state determined as essential. Approximately 199 out of 280 districts exceeded the EPS budget set by the state.

**VIII OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**IX NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion
2. Adjustments to the Agenda - Ms. Cummings motioned to add Agenda Item 18 to the Agenda.

To see what action the Board wishes to take regarding changing the regularly scheduled July 24, 2006 Board meeting to July 17, 2006.

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

3. Ms. Cummings motioned to appoint Mr. Keith Farrington as MSAD #44's Board member to the Region 9 Cooperative Board.

Mr. Farrington accepted this appointment.

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

4. Mr. Pew motioned to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation that the warrant and notice of election for the district budget referendum presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved and that a District budget referendum be and is hereby called for July 25, 2006 for the purpose of voting on the annual budget for the district for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

MOTION: Mr. Pew      SECOND: Mr. Brown      VOTE: 13 yea, 1 nay  
(Mr. Korhonen opposed)

5. Ms. Penczer motioned to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation to appoint Mr. Levi Brown as Teaching Principal for the Crescent Park School for the 2006-2007 school year.

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Dr. Murphy briefly outlined the CPS plan to be put in place with the Board's approval. He reminded the Board that both Andover and Woodstock Elementary Schools have done well utilizing the Teaching Principal form of administration. With the exception of the past two years, Crescent has not had a full-time principal for the past twenty years. Dr. Murphy informed the Board that he met with 40 of the 44 staff of Crescent Park School on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and stated they were very receptive to the plan. Three lead teachers would be assigned, one for each wing of the building. A fourth person would be responsible for Title 1 and possibly Special Education. These four teachers would meet with Mr. Brown on a weekly basis and be responsible for communicating with the teachers in their wings. They would receive a stipend of approximately \$3,000 to compensate for the added responsibility. Dr. Murphy also stated that he planned to schedule time on a regular basis to be at Crescent Park School during the week.

Following several minutes of discussion regarding cost savings and the handling of emergency situations, the vote was taken.

MOTION: Ms. Penczer SECOND: Ms. Cross VOTE: 13 yea, 1 absention  
(Ms. Arizzi abstained)

6. Ms. Cross motioned to approve authorizing the Superintendent to negotiate an agreement with the Football Boosters regarding the requirements for the reinstatement of football at Telstar High School and to bring said agreement back to the Board for consideration.

Dr. Murphy informed the Board that he has been in contact with Bruce Smith, attorney for the district, regarding this issue. The purpose of an agreement would be to spell out the responsibilities and liabilities of the Boosters and the School Board. The agreement would be reviewed by Mr. Smith and brought back to the Board for their approval.

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

7. Mr. Farrington motioned to approve the SECOND AND FINAL READING of Policy AEC – Accountability – Reporting to the Public.

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

8. Mr. Farrington motioned to approve the SECOND AND FINAL READING of Policy EFE – Competitive Food Sales – Sales of Foods in Competition with the School Food Service Program.

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

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9. Mr. Farrington motioned to approve the SECOND AND FINAL READING of Policy GBGE – Return to Work and Light-Duty Assignments.

MOTION: Mr. Farrington SECOND: Mr. Deegan VOTE: Unanimous

10. Mr. Farrington motioned to approve the SECOND AND FINAL READING of Policy IHA – Basic Instructional Program.

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

11. Mr. Farrington motioned to approve the SECOND AND FINAL READING of Policy IK – Student Achievement.

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

12. Mr. Farrington motioned to approve the SECOND AND FINAL READING of Policy IKAB – Report Cards/Progress Reports.

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

13. Mr. Farrington motioned to approve the SECOND AND FINAL READING of Policy IKE – Promotion, Retention, and Acceleration of Students.

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

14. Mr. Farrington motioned to approve the SECOND AND FINAL READING of Policy JEA – Compulsory Attendance.

MOTION: Mr. Farrington SECOND: Mr. Deegan VOTE: Unanimous

15. Mr. Farrington motioned to approve the SECOND AND FINAL READING of Policy JHB – Truancy.

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

16. Mr. Farrington motioned to approve the SECOND AND FINAL READING of Policy KB – Parent Involvement in Education.

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

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17. Mr. Farrington motioned to approve the SECOND AND FINAL READING of Policy KLMA – Equitable Recruitment Access Policy.

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

18. Mr. Deegan motioned to approve changing the regularly scheduled July 24, 2006 Board meeting to July 17, 2006.

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

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:40 PM**

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

Respectfully Submitted:

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

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