

**S.A.D. #44 BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MONDAY, JULY 16, 2007  
7:30 PM – TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL  
MINUTES**

**I CALL TO ORDER:**

Directors Absent: Mr. Pew

Others Present: Mr. Rice, Mr. Raymond, Ms. Waite, Mr. Sabin, Ms. Littlehale, Mr. Tornrose, Ms. Aloisio, Ms. Tancelle, Dr. Murphy, Mr. Davis, interested parents

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Election of Board Officers:**

Dr. Murphy called the meeting to order and announced the beginning of the Board reorganization by calling for nominations for Board Chair.

**Election of Chairman.**

Mr. Melville moved and Ms. Thurston seconded that Mrs. Cummings be nominated to serve as Board Chairman.

**Motion to have nominations cease.**

MOTION: Mr. Korhonen SECOND: Mr. Polak VOTE: Unanimous

**VOTE on Board Chairman.** Unanimous Yea. Mrs. Cummings was elected Chairman.

**Election of Vice-Chairman.**

Mr. Melville motioned and Ms. Thurston seconded that Ms. Cross be nominated to serve as Board Vice-Chairman.

**Motion to have nominations cease.**

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

**VOTE on Board Vice-Chairman.** Unanimous Yea. Ms. Cross was elected Board Vice-Chairman.

**Election of Vice-Chairman Pro-Tempore.**

Mr. Melville moved and Ms. Cross seconded that Mr. Pew be nominated to serve as Board Vice-Chairman Pro-Tempore.

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**Motion to have nominations cease.**

MOTION: Mr. Polak SECOND: Ms. Thurston VOTE: Unanimous

**VOTE on Board Vice-Chairman Pro-Tempore.** Unanimous Yea. Mr. Pew was elected to serve at Board Vice-Chairman Pro-Tempore.

**II ACTION ON MINUTES:**

Mr. Farrington motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 25, 2007.

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

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

A middle school parent addressed the Board on behalf of several parents and referred to a packet of information that was mailed to Board members regarding the teaching position changes that had been enacted at the Middle School for the 2007-2008 school year. The parent thanked the Board for listening to their concerns and acting in the best interest of the children by reversing the staffing changes.

Another parent noted that SAD #44 schools have been very open to parent involvement. She stated that parents are very concerned with the consolidation movement and want to be supportive of the process.

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

Several Board members thanked the parents for their interest in their children's education.

Ms. Cross informed the Board that she recently attended the Wellness Conference at Sugarloaf. Ms. Cross stated that she had a great time and urged other Board members to get involved with the Wellness Committee and attend next year's conference.

**Chairman's Report**

None

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**V COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS:**

SAD #44 Board Meeting: Monday, August 20, 2007 – Telstar Library – 7:30 PM  
Executive Committee: TBD  
Education Committee: Monday, August 13, 2007 – 4:00 PM - EBS  
Personnel Committee: Monday, July 16, 2007 – 7:00 – Telstar Library  
Facilities & Ancillary Services Committee: Monday, August 20, 2007 – 7:20 PM  
Negotiations Committee: Monday, July 23, 2007 – 6:30 PM - EBS  
Finance Committee: Monday, August 20, 2007 – 7:00 PM – Telstar High School  
Policy Committee: Proposed: Monday, July 23, 2007 – 5:30 PM - EBS  
Region 9 Cooperative Board: Tuesday, August 14, 2007 – 7:00 PM

**VI COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Education Committee: Mr. Polak – No report  
Facilities & Ancillary Services Committee: Ms. Cross – Agenda item  
Finance Committee: Mr. Pew – No report  
Negotiations Committee: Mr. Pew – No report  
Personnel Committee: Ms. Brown – Agenda items  
Policy Committee: Ms. Largess – No report  
Region 9 Cooperative Board: Mr. Farrington – No report

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

- Dr. Murphy commended Mr. Tornrose on his efforts in working with parents to resolve the issues surrounding the staffing changes at the Middle School.
- Resignations and Appointments – Dr. Murphy informed the Board of the transfer of Ms. Tancrelle from the Central Office to the open Secretary position at Crescent Park School.

- Dr. Murphy reminded the Board of an issue encountered in previous years regarding the filling of open positions in the late summer. Last year the Board had agreed to allow the Superintendent to offer contracts to qualified candidates with the approval of the Board Chair and the Personnel Committee Chair and bring the candidate to the full Board for approval at the next scheduled meeting. There was consensus that this approach should be used again this year.
- MSMA Board Orientation – 8/20/07 – Dr. Murphy informed the Board of the Board Orientation presentation by Ron Barker and Dale Douglas from MSMA scheduled for the August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. He noted that there is an agenda item asking the Board to vote on changing the start time of the meeting from 7:30 PM to 6:30 PM to accommodate the presenters who will be traveling from the Augusta area. Dr. Murphy stated that the presentation will last for approximately 45 to 60 minutes.
  - Consolidation Update – Dr. Murphy updated the Board on consolidation information received since the previous meeting. He told the Board that he met with the town managers at EBS on July 11<sup>th</sup>. He stated it was a good meeting and all parties are

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very interested in the potential results of any consolidation. Everyone has concerns regarding the financial impact of consolidation on the individual towns and the quality of education for students. Dr. Murphy informed the Board of a form that is available on line for districts to fill out and send to the DOE requesting financial data on the implications of consolidation. He noted that it appears Upton and Gilead may also need to complete the form even though all their students are tuitioned to SAD #44. Once the form is received, it will take between 5 to 10 days to receive a response. It is unclear what this data would look like but it is hoped that it will be similar to the information found on an ED 281. Once the information is received the Board will need to meet for a discussion. Dr. Murphy stated that the notice of intent to consolidate is due to the State by the end of August. It is still unclear what group of districts would be best for SAD #44. Dr. Murphy stated that he is looking at the following configurations for consolidation; SAD #43, SAD #21 and SAD #44; SAD #17, SAD #39 and SAD #44; SAD #17 and SAD #44, and Union #37 and SAD #44. (Gilead and Upton will also be included in all proposals.) Dr. Murphy stated he does not have any detailed information on how the regional committees will be formed, but did state that the Commissioner informed the Superintendents that the Superintendents and Boards will be expected to play the lead role in this effort. Dr. Murphy reminded the Board that in the 2009 budget, regardless of consolidation, the EPS figures will be reduced by 5% each for Special Education, transportation, and maintenance and 50% for district administrative costs.

**VIII OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**IX NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion - None
2. Adjustments to the Agenda – Ms. Brown motioned to add Agenda Item 9A to the Agenda. – To see what action the Board wishes to take regarding approving the Superintendent’s nomination of a half-time Athletic Director at the Telstar complex to a first year probationary contract.

(Personnel Committee will have a recommendation.)

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

3. Ms. Cross motioned to approve adjusting the start time of the 8-20-07 Board meeting to 6:30 PM.

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

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4. Ms. Cross motioned to approve accepting a donation of bleachers from Gould Academy.

MOTION: Ms. Cross SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

5. Ms. Brown motioned to approve a job description for a School Social Worker.

MOTION: Ms. Brown SECOND: VOTE: 15 yea  
(1 abstention – Mr. Farrington)

6. Ms. Brown motioned to approve the Personnel Committee's recommendation to appoint the Superintendent's nomination of Leslie Bonney as a School Social Worker to a First Year Probationary contract for the 2007-2008 school year.

MOTION: Ms. Brown SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

7. Ms. Largess motioned to approve the SECOND and FINAL READING of Policy BCC - Nepotism.

MOTION: Ms. Largess SECOND: Ms. Cross VOTE: 14 yes  
(2 nay – Mr. Polak, Ms. Arizzi)

8. Mr. Largess motioned to approve the SECOND and FINAL READING of Policy EHB – Records Management.

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

9. Mr. Largess motioned to approve the SECOND and FINAL READING of Policy KDB – Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Information.

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

- 9A. Ms. Brown motioned to approve the Personnel Committee's recommendation to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Jillian Manzer as a half-time Athletic Director at the Telstar Complex to a first year probationary contract for the 2007-2008 school year.

MOTION: Ms. Brown SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

10. Mr. Farrington motioned to approve entering into Executive Session for disciplinary hearings pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(B).

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

TIME IN: 8:41 PM

