

**S.A.D. #44 BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2007  
7:30 PM – TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL  
MINUTES**

7:00 PM – Finance Committee Meeting – Telstar Library

**I CALL TO ORDER:**

Directors Absent: Mr. Pew

Others Present: Mr. Tornrose, Mr. Kuzyk, Mr. Davis, Mr. Brown, Ms. Littlehale, Ms. Aloisio, Dr. Murphy, Ms. Waite, Mr. Rice, Mr. Sabin, Mr. Cole, Mr. Doyon , Ms. Tancrelle

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**II ACTION ON MINUTES:**

Ms. Cross motioned to approve minutes of the Board meeting held on August 20, 2007.

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

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

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

Chairman's Report

**V COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS:**

SAD #44 Board Meeting: Monday, October 22, 2007 – CPS – 7:30 PM

Executive Committee: TBD

Education Committee: Tuesday, September 18, 2007 – 4:00 PM - EBS

Personnel Committee: Monday, October 22, 2007 – 6:45 PM - CPS

Facilities & Ancillary Services Committee: Tuesday, September 18, 2007 – 7:00 PM - EBS

Negotiations Committee: TBD

Finance Committee: Monday, September 17, 2007 – 7:00 PM – Telstar Library

Policy Committee: Tuesday, September 18, 2007 – 5:30 PM - EBS

Region 9 Cooperative Board: Tuesday, September 18, 2007 – 7:00 PM

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**VI 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: Ms. Largess  
Region 9 Cooperative Board: Mr. Farrington

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

- Appointments and Resignations – Dr. Murphy announced the following resignations: Emily Beers – CPS Physical Education and Michael Kelly – Transportation Supervisor. He announced the following appointments: John Emery – AES Soccer, Nordic Skiing and Softball; Greg Luetja – Varsity Middle School Soccer; Mary Merrill – MS JV Field Hockey; Lori Davis – MS Varsity Field Hockey; Mark Kenney – MS JV Soccer; Tara Ingraham – CPS Soccer; and Elaine Hutchins – TMS Drama Club Advisor

**VIII OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**IX NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion - None
2. Adjustments to the Agenda - None
3. Ms. Cross motioned to approve entering into a Workshop Session to discuss School Consolidation with area Selectmen.

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

**Workshop**

- Consolidation presentation by Dr. Murphy – Dr. Murphy began with a Power Point Presentation outlining the consolidation process. He also distributed a printed handout. Dr. Murphy explained that SAD #44, SAD #43 and SAD #21 had already been working closely together before the law was passed on such things as joint purchasing of oil, insurance and sharing positions. SAD #44 has been sharing a Food Service Director with SAD #43 for the past two years and has recently begun contracting a Special Education Director 1 day a week. This has saved the district

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between \$50,000 and \$70,000. Dr. Murphy stated that SAD #44 has filed a Letter of Intent with the DOE to consolidate with SAD #43, SAD #21, SAU #37, Gilead, Upton and Hanover. Dr. Murphy briefly reviewed the exceptions to consolidation. High receiving schools appear to be costing other districts more money which was not the intent of the legislation.

- Comments and updates from area Legislators – Mr. Carter advised Board Members to pick the best negotiator possible when forming the Planning Committee. The regional Planning Committee will decide how to elect the new Regional Boards. School Board members will have an active part in forming the Planning Committees which will consist of a Board member from each town, a municipal representative and a member of the community.
- Comments from School Board members and Selectmen – One Board member noted that improving education should be but is not leading the discussion on consolidation. It was also noted that there does not appear to be any savings at the local level. The state has taken the savings off the top with reductions in funding. Mr. Doyon asked the Board if they can make the hard decisions necessary to go it alone. Another Board member noted that if the legislation was such a good idea there would be no need for penalties for districts that refuse to consolidate. It was commented that the whole process was not fair. The Department of Education did not seek any input from School Boards.

4. Ms. Cross motioned to approve exiting the Workshop Session and returning to Public Session.

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

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:55 PM**

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

Respectfully Submitted:

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