

**S.A.D. #44 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2008
7:00 PM – WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MINUTES**

I CALL TO ORDER:

Directors Absent: Mr. Farrington, Ms. Cummings, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Brown, Mr. Korhonen,
Mr. Polak, Ms. Largess, Mr. Melville

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

Pledge of Allegiance

II ACTION ON MINUTES:

Ms. Cross motioned to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2008 meeting.

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

III CITIZEN COMMENTS: (maximum fifteen minutes)

None

IV BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: (maximum fifteen minutes)

A Board member commented that she was happy to see the Telstar athletic fields packed with so many students involved in after school activities.

Chairman's Report

- Summary of the results of the recently administered School Board Survey – Mr. Pew noted that he received 12 surveys. He provided Board members with a survey showing the average score for each question. He stated that any questions should be directed to either him or Dr. Murphy but that overall, the survey indicated that the Board was doing well.

V COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS:

SAD #44 Board Meeting: Monday, November 10, 2008 – CPS – 7:00 PM

Executive Committee: TBD

Education Committee: Monday, November 3, 2008 – EBS Conference Room – 3:30 PM

Personnel Committee: Tuesday, October 14, 2008 – Woodstock School – 6:40 PM

Facilities & Ancillary Services Committee: Tuesday, October 14, 2008 – Tour of the Woodstock School – 6:30 PM

Negotiations Committee: TBD

Finance Committee: Tuesday, October 14, 2008 – Woodstock School – 6:30 PM

Policy Committee: Proposed date – Monday, November 3, 2008 – EBS Conference Room – 5:30 PM

Region 9 Cooperative Board: Tuesday, October 21, 2008 – 7:00 PM

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VI COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education Committee: Ms. Arizzi stated that the committee met and explored possible agenda items for the coming year including providing foreign language instruction at the elementary level. The Committee also discussed math results and upcoming revisions to curriculum.

Facilities & Ancillary Services Committee: Ms. Cross stated that the Committee met and toured the Woodstock school. The classrooms are in good shape. Some sinks may need to be replaced in the girls' bathroom and there is some broken glass in the entrance foyer with some possible leaks.

Finance Committee: Mr. Brown – The Committee did not meet due to the lack of a quorum.

Negotiations Committee: Ms. Cross – No report

Personnel Committee: Ms. Brown - The Committee has agenda items.

Policy Committee: Ms. Largess – No report

Region 9 Cooperative Board: Mr. Farrington – No report

VII SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Appointments and Resignations – Dr. Murphy announced the resignation of Ellie Lewis, Ed Tech at CPS and Eileen Opie, Special Education teacher at CPS. He also announced the appointment of Jolene Perry, AES Soccer; Kim Tyler, Cross Country Skiing; and Jolene Perry & Kim Tyler, Softball Co-coaches.
- Woodstock School Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant – Ms. Karen Wilson distributed a handout to the Board explaining the grant. She informed the Board that the \$5,000.00 Grant was approved in August. The grant stipulated that the first \$1,400.00 had to be spent by September 30, 2008. Ms. Wilson noted that she attended a training in Augusta with Barb Russell and Jean LaPoint. The aim of the grant is to provide healthy food to students at non-meal times. The food cannot be processed in any way. Foods that have been served to date include apples, blueberries, a variety of peppers, cucumbers, and cherry tomatoes.
- Transportation Presentation – Mr. Ron Deegan, Transportation Director distributed a packet to the Board outlining substantial changes and improvements that have been made in the SAD 44 Transportation Department since his arrival last school year. During his report, he detailed several cost saving measures that have been put in place which have resulted in significant monetary and man-power savings. Mr. Deegan provided the Board with various graphs illustrating information over the past four school years.
- Consolidation Update – Dr. Murphy reported that the consolidation process is continuing. Mr. Pew is co-chair of the group. The RSU Planning Committee will be meeting every Thursday through November. The Consolidation question will be put to the voters some time in January of 2009. If approved, the Board will have between February and June to “close up shop” and prepare for a transition to the new RSU.
- Distribution of Directories - Dr. Murphy distributed the 2008-2009 Personnel Directory and reminded everyone to maintain the confidentiality of the booklets.
- Progress on Cooperative Education Program – Dr. Murphy stated that he hopes to have a job description to present to the Board in November.

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- Maine's Freedom of Access Statute Reminder – Dr. Murphy reminded Board members to return the Freedom of Access Statute form as soon as possible if they have not already done so. All certification forms must be completed by November 1.

VIII OLD BUSINESS:

None

IX NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion - None
2. Adjustments to the Agenda - None
3. Mr. Pew motioned to approve authorizing the Superintendent of Schools to submit a Letter of Intent to the Commissioner of Education indicating that MSAD 44 intends to pursue consolidation efforts with Upton, Gilead and the towns of SAU 37 as an RSU.

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

4. Ms. Nasta motioned to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation and approve the appointment of the following staff to the Teacher Recertification Committee with a \$750.00 per person stipend:

Norma Salway – CPS, Kathi Burke – WES, Kate Slattery – TMS, Steve Keane – THS and Shirley Merrill and Linda Olsen – At large

MOTION: Ms. Nasta SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

- 5 Ms. Nasta motioned to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation and approve the job description for members of the Telstar High School Leadership/Curriculum Team

MOTION: Ms. Nasta SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

6. Ms. Nasta motioned to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation and approve the appointment of the following staff to the Telstar High School Leadership/Curriculum team with a stipend of \$550.00 per person:

David Leclerc, Sarah Southam, Mark Antell, Douglas Bennett

MOTION: Ms. Nasta SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

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ADJOURNMENT: 8:35 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted:

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