

S.A.D. #44 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONDAY, October 23, 2006
7:30 PM – CRESCENT PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MINUTES

I CALL TO ORDER:

Directors Absent: Ms. Cross, Ms. Arizzi, Ms. Brown, Mr. Korhonen

Others Present: Mr. Brown, Mr. Tornrose, Mr. McCarthy, Ms. Littlehale, Dr. Murphy, Ms. Reed, Ms. Waite, Mr. Sabin, Ms. Aloisio, Ms. Tancrelle, Mr. Rice, Mr. Davis

Pledge of Allegiance

II ACTION ON MINUTES:

Ms. Thurston motioned to approve the minutes from the Board meeting held on September 25, 2006.

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

III CITIZEN COMMENTS: (maximum fifteen minutes)

None

IV BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: (maximum fifteen minutes)

None

Chairman's Report

Ms. Cummings reminded the Board that it is once again time to complete an evaluation of the Superintendent. She will e-mail a questionnaire to the Board and asked that everyone send their responses to her in a timely fashion.

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

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VI COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS:

SAD #44 Board Meeting: Monday, November 13, 2006, 2006 – 7:30 PM – Telstar High School
Executive Committee: To be determined

Education Committee: Monday, November 20, 2006 – 4:00 PM - EBS

Personnel Committee: Monday, October 23, 2006 – 7:10 PM – Woodstock School

Facilities & Ancillary Services Committee: Monday, November 20, 2006 – 7:00 PM - EBS

Negotiations Committee: Monday, October 23, 2006 – 7:10 PM – Telstar High School

Finance Committee: Monday, October 23, 2006 – 7:00 PM – Telstar High School

Policy Committee: Monday, November 20, 2006 – 5:30 PM - EBS

Region 9 Cooperative Board: Tuesday, November 21, 2006

VII SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Resignations and Appointments – Dr. Murphy informed the Board of the following appointments: Victoria Cummings – Community Education Assistant for Adult Education; Todd Papianou – AES Basketball Coach; Douglas Bennett – THS Student Council; Valerie Forman – THS NHS; Merilee Ojeda – Senior Class Advisor; Susan Coyne – Junior Class Advisor; Wendy Hanscom – THS Yearbook; Jennifer Bennett – THS FBLA; Judy Coolidge – Student Forum at CPS; Bob Remington – HS Alpine Skiing; Shelly Maxfield – MS Girls V Basketball. He also informed the Board of the resignation of CPS Secretary Becky Kuvaja.
- NCBL Funds Report – This report was distributed to the Board as part of the packet at the previous meeting. There has been only one change since. The Middle School has met all state requirements for the second straight year and has been removed from the AYP list of priority schools.
- Region 9 Addition Discussion – Dr. Murphy informed the Board of a meeting he, Mrs. Cummings, Mr. Farrington, and Mr. Davis recently attended in Mexico on the proposed Region 9 Addition project. They viewed a Power Point presentation on the proposed \$5 million dollar project, the bulk of which will come from local funding. There is approximately \$650,000 of state money available. The bulk of the funding will come from the ME state bond bank at the prevailing interest rate and an interest free loan. The project will include two new programs, early childhood education and automotive. Dr. Murphy stated that he has invited Mr. Driscoll and Mr. Clanton to attend the November 13th Board meeting and present the proposed plan to the Board. This will be an excellent opportunity for Board members to ask questions. The referendum vote has been scheduled for January 8, 2007. The question was raised as to whether or not a public meeting had been planned to inform community members of the proposed plan. Dr. Murphy stated that the issue has been raised in discussions but no public meetings have been scheduled. He will follow up with Mr. Driscoll and keep the Board informed. (Dr. Murphy e-mailed this recommendation to Mr. Driscoll following the Board Meeting.)
- School Safety Updates – Dr. Murphy informed that Board that the administrative team has been reviewing school Crisis Response Plans. A meeting had been scheduled with Bethel Police Chief, Alan Carr, but had to be rescheduled at the last

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- minute. Dr. Murphy spoke briefly about work that had been done last year with a company called Final Options. The company developed a DVD containing the layout of all our buildings showing where all classrooms are located along with all entrances and exits. Copies were made and distributed to the Oxford County Sheriff's department, State Police, and the Bethel Police Department. Scott Parker, a former teacher, who now heads up the Oxford County Emergency Management System, has kept in touch with SAD #44 and arranged for all schools to receive emergency radios. Area Superintendents have met with Mr. Parker and have received very helpful information. The question was raised regarding access to schools. Dr. Murphy informed the Board that with the exception of the Telstar Complex which has two points of access, all other buildings have only one point of access through the front door of the building. All buildings are posted with signs directing all visitors to check in at the office. Staff members have been directed to question any visitors not wearing visitor badges and direct them to the office. When updated, Emergency Response Plans for all building will be presented to the Board for their annual approval in accordance with Policy EBCA. The question of monitoring equipment in school hallways was raised and briefly discussed. This issue has been discussed in the past and will be revisited during an upcoming Facilities Committee meeting.
- Surplus Property Information – The Board was provided with 2 lists of surplus equipment. This equipment will be disposed of in accordance with Policy DN. Dr. Murphy informed the Board of a request made by the Town of Bethel for the donation of a surplus school bus for training purposes. Agenda item #9 was added to the agenda for Board consideration of this request.
 - Ms. Reed distributed Quarterly Finance Reports highlighting the district's Cash Balance, Total Revenue and Expenditures year-to-date and the Fund Report to the Board for their review. Dr. Murphy commended Ms. Reed on her excellent work.
 - Dr. Murphy spoke briefly on TABOR. He stated that this is a very complicated referendum question. Drummond and Woodsum hosted a presentation recently which Mr. McCarthy attended. Portions of TABOR conflict with existing law and would override portions of LD1 and EPS. The two main pieces of TABOR are based on the increase in population and yearly cost of living increase. These two components, when averaged together, would determine the rate of growth allowed in the school system.

VIII OLD BUSINESS:

None

IX NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion - None

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2. Adjustments to the Agenda – Ms. Cummings motioned to add Agenda Item #9 to the Agenda.

9. To see what action the Board wishes to take regarding granting the request of the Town of Bethel for the donation of a surplus school bus to be used by area fire departments, including all departments of school district member towns, for purpose of extrication and other emergency services training. If approved, the Town of Bethel would assume ownership of the school bus with stipulation that it would be used for training fire departments of all MSAD #44 member towns, and other fire departments in northern Oxford County.

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

3. Ms. Chaisson motioned to approve the Superintendent’s nomination of Mr. Ted Davis as Principal of Telstar High School effective immediately with a pro-rated salary of \$78,000 salary and benefits as stated in the Administrative Agreement.

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

4. Ms. Chaisson motioned to table the Superintendent’s nomination of a half-time Athletic Director.

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

5. Ms. Chaisson motioned to approve the Superintendent’s nomination of Mr. Mark Ford as a Telstar High School English Teacher to a First Probationary contract effective immediately.

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

6. Ms. Chaisson motioned to approve the Maintenance Director Job Description.

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

7. Ms. Chaisson motioned to approve Mr. Burnie Rice as the Superintendent’s nomination of a Maintenance Director effective immediately.

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

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8. Ms. Cummings motioned to approve the Woodstock and Crescent Park Elementary School fifth grade spring 2007 field trip to Boston/Lexington and Concord.

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

9. Ms. Thurston motioned to approve granting the request of the Town of Bethel for the donation of a surplus school bus to be used by area fire departments, including all departments of school district member towns, for purpose of extrication and other emergency services training. The Town of Bethel would assume ownership of the school bus with stipulation that it would be used for training fire departments of all MSAD #44 member towns, and other fire departments in northern Oxford County.

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

ADJOURNMENT: 8:26 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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