

**S.A.D. #44 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**MONDAY, November 13, 2006**  
**7:30 PM – TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**  
**MINUTES**

**I CALL TO ORDER:** 7:30 PM

Directors Absent: Ms. Cummings

Others Present: Mr. Levi Brown, Mr. Davis, Mr. Tornrose, Mr. McCarthy, Ms. Graham, Dr. Murphy, Ms. Reed, Ms. Waite, Mr. Sabin, Ms. Tancrelle, Ms. Aloisio, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Clanton, Mr. Long, Jr., Mr. Long, Sr., Mr. Reuter, Ms. Ellis, Mr. Sterling, Mr. Scott Brown

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**II ACTION ON MINUTES:**

Ms. Thurston motioned to approve the minutes from the Board meeting held on October 23, 2006.

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

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

Mr. Dan Long, Jr. stated his concerns regarding his daughter's safety at the bus stops on East Bethel Road. Dr. Murphy informed Mr. Long that the DOT has looked at the area and will be reporting their recommendations to Mr. Kelly, SAD #44 Transportation Director. Dr. Murphy asked Mr. Long to give him a call on Tuesday morning.

Mr. Dan Long, Sr. also stated his concerns regarding the same issue. He stated that he does not want his eleven year old son walking on East Bethel Road due to safety concerns. He also stated that his son would be required to cross the street twice without supervision.

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

Mr. Pew reported to the Board that he had attended the MSMA Fall Conference at the end of October. He stated the conference was very informative and encouraged Board members to attend the conference next year.

Ms. Everett stated that having a police officer at Crescent Park School on election day was a good idea.

Ms. Cross distributed a survey from Mr. Davis. She asked that Board members complete the survey and mail it in the attached envelope.

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Chairman's Report

Ms. Cross, Vice-Chairman, requested that, due to the anticipated length of the Superintendent's report, Item #3 on the agenda be voted on prior to the beginning of the Superintendent's report.

Mr. Polak motioned to approve moving Agenda item #3 prior to the Superintendent's Report.

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

**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

**VI COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS:**

SAD #44 Board Meeting: Monday, December 11, 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, November 13, 2006 – 7:10 PM – Telstar High School  
Facilities & Ancillary Services Committee: Monday, November 20, 2006 – 7:00 PM - EBS  
Negotiations Committee: Monday, November 13, 2006 – 6:30 PM – Telstar High School  
Finance Committee: Monday, November 13, 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 reported on the resignation of Shirley Mills, bus driver. He also reported the appointment of Mr. Tim Kavanagh as Junior Class Advisor and Mr. Mark Thurlow as Boy's Basketball Coach.
- Region 9 Addition Power Point Presentation & Discussion – Dr. Murphy introduced Mr. Driscoll and Mr. Clanton. Mr. Driscoll thanked the Board for inviting them to return and turned the presentation over to Mr. Clanton.

Mr. Clanton began by giving the Board a brief history of Region 9. The school was chartered by the State of Maine in 1974 and currently serves approximately 160 students annually. The current building was acquired in 1999 and purchased in 2003. The programs currently being offered include Construction, CDL Truck Driving, Certified Nurses Assistant, Computer Technology, Cooperative Education,

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Diversified Occupations, Wood Harvesting and Metal Trades. Several of these programs have a waiting list.

Scott Brown, a graduate of Region 9, spoke briefly regarding his experience in the metals program and his successful employment after graduation.

Mr. Clanton reported that a site review was completed in 2005 and revealed several deficiencies, including life safety issues, fire issues, air quality issues, leaks in the roof, and the fact that the building does not meet the accessibility requirements of the ADA. Approximately \$1.5 million would be required to bring the building up to code. However, this would not address space issues and would not allow for growth. If the proposed project is approved, two new programs, Early Childhood Development and Automotive Technology, will be added. A range of options were explored from \$8.3 million for an entirely new building on a new site to \$4.9 million for renovations and an addition to the existing building. The \$8.3 million was ruled out as being too costly and the current proposal is for a \$4.9 million renovation of the existing building and an addition to house the two proposed new programs.

Funding for the proposed project would be secured as follows: \$735,000 in grant money is available from the state revolving fund to be used to repair code violations, and \$1 million at 0% financing is available from the state for new programs. This state money will be available until February of 2007. The balance of \$3.165 million would be financed over 20 years at the prevailing market rate. A referendum vote will be held in January of 2007.

Mr. Clanton spent several minutes reviewing the usage cost to SAD #44 and the construction cost to taxpayers in different towns. If the proposal is approved by the voters, it is anticipated that construction would begin at the end of the school year. Mr. Clanton informed the Board that they will be receiving packets in the mail containing all the material covered in the presentation, including the curriculum for the two new proposed programs and the yearly operating costs.

The question was raised as to the total amount of money needed to be raised for the project. Mr. Clanton responded that they need to raise \$4.2 million. The remaining \$735,000 is in the form of a grant that does not need to be repaid. He also reminded the Board that \$1 million will be financed interest free.

The discussion moved on to issues regarding the declining student population and how the two new programs were decided upon. Mr. Clanton informed the Board that research has been done regarding job projection forecasts and the declining student population was not expected to significantly affect enrollment at the school. He also stated that the Region 9 Board had worked closely with the area Superintendents

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- regarding programming and they also received input from local businesses who also advise teachers on curriculum.
- Award of Snow Removal Bid – This information was included in the Board packets. If Board members have any questions they should contact Ms. Reed.
  - School Security Update – Dr. Murphy briefly spoke regarding the recent article in the Lewiston Sun regarding security in our schools. A reporter for the paper made unannounced visits to area schools, entering the building without checking into the office, in an attempt to see how long they could be in the building before being confronted by staff. In all schools, the reporter was intercepted by staff and directed to check in at the office. In an effort to improve security at Telstar, Mrs. Silver has been moved closer to the front entrance of the building. Dr. Murphy also reported that he and Ms. Reed met with Bethel Chief of Police, Alan Carr, and another meeting will be scheduled to include all administrators. Building principals were asked to touch base with their staff regarding security issues.
  - Dr. Murphy informed the Board that at the December meeting there will be a presentation regarding Literacy vs. English.
  - Dr. Murphy spoke briefly regarding an issue of a strong smell coming from the basement of the Bus Garage. The area was ventilated using fans and a few inches of water was pumped out. A representative from the State Bureau of General Services who came out to inspect the site stated there is no health hazard and a report will be completed.
  - Dr. Murphy reported on some substantial changes to graduation requirements being considered by the Legislature. The recommendations include every student completing 4 years of Math, 4 years of English, 4 years of Science with three of these years being a lab science, a minimum of 2 years of a foreign language, and a 4 year personal wellness plan which include things beyond the school system. Dr. Murphy stated he will keep the Board informed as he receives more information.
  - Dr. Murphy took a moment to state that it was great to have Mr. Davis back as principal of Telstar. Mr. Davis has tackled a number of issues since his return and is a very visible presence in the school that has been acknowledged and appreciated by staff, students and parents alike.

### **VIII OLD BUSINESS:**

None

### **IX NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion
2. Adjustments to the Agenda

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3. Ms. Brown motioned to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Mr. Tim Remington as a half-time Athletic Director/half-time Physical Education Teacher effective immediately.

Dr. Murphy informed the Board that should they approve this appointment the open Math position would be advertised immediately.

MOTION: Ms. Brown SECOND: Ms. Thurston VOTE: 14 yea  
(Mr. Deegan abstained)

4. Ms. Brown motioned to approve the Superintendent's nominations of the following Curriculum Leaders: Karen Wilson – Elementary Level Humanities, Tracy Morin – Elementary Level Math/science, Tammy Davis – Middle School Level Humanities, Mark Kenney – Middle School Level Math/science, Douglas Bennett – High School Level Humanities.

Dr. Murphy noted that these staff members will receive a \$1,100 stipend in compensation for the additional responsibilities and that the cost has been included in the budget.

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

5. Mr. Pew motioned to approve the 2007 School Board Meeting Schedule.

Dr. Murphy noted that there are only two changes to the schedule from the previous year. In May only one meeting has been scheduled due to the fact that he will be away at his son's graduation in Annapolis. Additional budget related meetings will be scheduled as needed. September has been reduced from two meetings to one due to the historically light September agendas.

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

**ADJOURNMENT: - 9:19 PM**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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