

**M.S.A.D. #44 BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MONDAY, November 26, 2007  
7:30 PM – TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
MINUTES**

**I CALL TO ORDER:**

Directors Absent: Ms. Thurston, Ms. Largess, Ms. Davis, Mr. Korhonen

Others Present: Mr. Kuzyk, Mr. Raymond, Ms. Tancrelle, Mr. Brown, Mr. Davis,  
Mr. Tornrose, Ms. Littlehale, Dr. Murphy, Ms. Waite, Mr. Sabin,  
Rep. Tim Carter

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**II ACTION ON MINUTES:**

Ms. Brown motioned to approve the minutes of October 22, 2007.

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

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

None

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

Mr. Melville informed the Board of a petition against consolidation. Greenwood Selectmen will be sending a resolution against consolidation to Governor Baldacci. It was also noted that the MSBA has voted to support consolidation repeal efforts.

Ms. Cross distributed Welcome Back to School bags from the Wellness Committee to the Board and mentioned the Walk to Korea that is currently underway.

Ms. Nasta stated that she recently attended the MSMA Conference. She mentioned Student Aspirations – My Voice where students spoke about how they felt about school and belonging.

**Chairman's Report**

None

**V COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS:**

SAD #44 Board Meeting: Monday, December 10, 2007 – THS – 7:30 PM

Executive Committee: TBD

Education Committee: TBD

Personnel Committee: Monday, November 26, 2007 – 7:10 PM - THS

Facilities & Ancillary Services Committee:

Negotiations Committee: TBD

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Finance Committee: Monday, November 26, 2007 – 6:45 PM  
Policy Committee: Monday, November 26, 2007 – 7:00 PM  
Region 9 Cooperative Board: Tuesday, December 18, 2007 – 7:00 PM

**VI COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Education Committee: Ms. Arizzi – No Report

Facilities & Ancillary Services Committee: Ms. Cross reported that there had been a meeting with Smith & Reuter regarding the application for Revolving Renovation funds to be used for renovations at THS. Dr. Murphy will provide additional information under the Superintendent's Report.

Finance Committee: Mr. Pew – The Committee met and signed warrants.

Negotiations Committee: Mr. Pew – No report.

Personnel Committee: Ms. Brown – The Committee has an agenda item.

Policy Committee: Ms. Largess – The Committee has an agenda item.

Region 9 Cooperative Board: Mr. Farrington reported that the ground breaking for the new addition project has occurred.

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

- Appointments and Resignations – Dr. Murphy noted the retirement of Judi Brown, Special Education Teacher at TMS. He also informed the Board of the following appointments: THS – Mark Thurlow – Head boys' Basketball Coach; David Berry – Asst. Boys' Basketball Coach; Kelly Dole – Head Girls' Basketball Coach; Bob Remington – Nordic Ski Coach; At TMS – Tim O'Connor – Head Boys' Basketball Coach; Shelly Maxfield – Head Girls' Basketball Coach; Becky Morin – Asst. Girls' Basketball Coach; Tim Kavanagh – Alpine Coach; Steve Keane – Nordic Ski Coach; Todd Papiyanou – AES Basketball Coach; Tera Ingraham – CPS Basketball Coach and Meg Steven – CPS Student Council Advisor. The following coaching vacancies remain: THS – Asst. Girls' Basketball Coach; Alpine Ski Coach and at TMS – Asst. Boys' Basketball Coach.
- Update on area consolidation efforts – There have been significant changes since the last meeting. SAD 44's plan had been put together and submitted to the DOE. The Regional Planning Committee had been assembled and had met several times. SAD #43 has submitted a revised Letter of Intent indicating their intent to consolidate with SAD #39, SAD #21 and Hanover. Dr. Murphy stated that there was no malice intended in omitting SAD #44. This consolidation made a tighter circle geographically. Dr. Murphy complimented Board and community members on the knowledge of the law they brought to consolidation meetings.
- School Consolidation Update – Representative Timothy Carter – Rep. Carter informed the Board that there is currently a state-wide petition circulating to void consolidation. On December 10<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting of the Legislature, Commissioner and educators. Rep. Carter asked Board members to voice any concerns to him prior to the Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. He added that MSBA

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- is also supporting the a repeal of the law. He stated that the state needs to look at all options for saving money, including keeping the cost of health care down.

A Board member commented that as far as he is concerned, the DOE has lost all credibility and needs to get back to the primary business of assuring excellence in education.

Another Board member asked if the Commissioner was responsible to approve the consolidation of SAD #43, 39, 21 and Hanover with the exclusion of SAD #44. Rep. Carter responded that the Commissioner cannot force them to accept SAD #44 if they have the required 2500 students.

A Board member asked where the support is for consolidation. As far as he could see there is none in the rural areas of the state. He noted that the urban areas such as Lewiston/Auburn and Portland are not hit as hard by consolidation.

Rep. Carter stated that the Legislature will be back in session on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Legislature will be taking another look at the EPS funding formula.

A Board member noted that the Legislature did not take any advice on consolidation. He noted that the Maine Heritage Foundation had suggested taking 4 to 5 years to consolidate instead of 1 year.

- 2006-2007 Maine High School Assessment Report – Lee Graham – Report was postponed to a later meeting
- Report of the Telstar High School Athletic Director – Ms. Jillian Manzer – Ms. Manzer reviewed the five high school fall sports. The soccer team made it to the finals and lost to the State Champion. The golf team won the State Championship and several members were named all-stars. Cross country girls came in 6<sup>th</sup> in regionals and also had team members named as all-stars. The field hockey team was the runner-up in the State Championship. The football team has shown a great deal of improvement. Many of the athletes have also increased their academic scores.

The middle school had 40 participants in soccer and field hockey and only lost a handful of games. Ms. Manzer praised all the coaches for their hard work and dedication. The cross country team placed in the top 5. There are approximately 14 8<sup>th</sup> graders who will be joining the football team next year.

Ms. Manzer noted that winter sports are now underway and she will be reporting on these at a later date.

- Dr. Murphy reminded the Board of the Benefit Auction for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade being held on Friday, November 30, 2007 at CPS.
- Dr. Murphy complimented staff on the handling of the recent tragic car accident involving a THS student.

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- Revolving Renovation Funds – Dr. Murphy reported that there are matching funds from the state available to address student safety issues. The entryway at the high school and the elevator could qualify. If the funds were awarded to MSAD #44, the use of Capital Improvement funds could also be used if approved by the voters in a June referendum.

**VIII OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**IX NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion - None
2. Adjustments to the Agenda - None
3. Ms. Cross motioned to approval the 2008 Board of Director's Meeting Schedule.

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

4. To see what action the Board wishes to take regarding changing the scheduled start times of Board meetings to an earlier time.

Ms. Brown motioned to amend the motion to have meetings begin at 7:00 PM.

MOTION: Ms. Brown SECOND: Mr. Farrington VOTE: 12 yea 1 nay

5. Ms. Brown motioned to approve the Personnel Committee's recommendation of the approval of the School Resource Officer Job Description.

MOTION: Ms. Brown SECOND: VOTE:

Prior to the vote, the Board conducted a lengthy discussion. It was suggested that the Board is being asked to approve the Job Description for a position that it is not yet sure it wants. With the pending consolidation issues, the Board does not know what administration configuration will look like next year. The function of the SRO was also discussed. It is the administration's job to monitor halls and the SRO should not be used for truancy issues. A survey of parents and students has been completed but not yet presented to the Board.

Another Board member stated that she could not approve the position until the financial piece is resolved.

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Dr. Murphy stated that the next SRO training will be held in April. He also stated that the position could be considered for the next budget. He asked the Board if they would like to have a representative from the Oxford County Sheriff's office come and talk to the Board at the December meeting. It was agreed that this would be beneficial.

Dr. Murphy requested that the Board send him specific questions prior to the next meeting.

After the discussion Ms. Brown withdrew her motion to approve the School Resource Officer Job Description.

Ms. Cross motioned to table the approval of the School Resource Officer Job Description.

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

6. Ms. Cross motioned to table the approval of the position of School Resource Officer at the Telstar complex.

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

7. Ms. Cross motioned to table the approval of the FIRST READING of the School Resource Officer policy.

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

8. Ms. Brown motioned to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation and approve the Superintendent's nomination of Cynthia Savage as a Special Education Teacher for the Telstar Middle School.

MOTION: Ms. Brown SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

9. Ms. Cummings motioned to approve authorizing the Superintendent to submit an Alternative Plan for consolidation to the Department of Education prior to the December 1<sup>st</sup> deadline..

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

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10. Ms. Cummings motioned to table entering into an executive session for a periodic review of the performance of the Superintendent of Schools pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405 (6) (A).

MOTION: Ms. Cummings SECOND: Ms. Taylor VOTE: Unanimous

**ADJOURNMENT: 9:26 PM**

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

Respectfully Submitted:

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