

S.A.D. #44 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONDAY, December 10, 2007
7:00 PM – TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
MINUTES

I CALL TO ORDER:

Directors Absent: Ms. Chaisson, Ms. Arizzi, Mr. Korhonen

Others Present: Mr. Brown, Mr. Davis, Mr. Tornrose, Ms. Graham, Ms. Littlehale,
Dr. Murphy, Mr. Sabin, Ms. Tancrelle, Ms. Aloisio, Mr. Raymond

Pledge of Allegiance

II ACTION ON MINUTES:

None

III CITIZEN COMMENTS: (maximum fifteen minutes)

None

IV BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: (maximum fifteen minutes)

It was noted by a Board member that students put on an excellent performance of Mountain Home Companion earlier in the month.

Chairman's Report

None

V COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS:

SAD #44 Board Meeting: Monday, January 7, 2008 – AES – 7:00 PM

Executive Committee: TBD

Education Committee: Monday, January 14, 2008 – EBS – 4:00 PM

Personnel Committee: Monday, January 7, 2008 – AES – 6:45 PM

Facilities & Ancillary Services Committee: Monday, December 10, 2007 – 6:40 PM

Negotiations Committee: TBD

Finance Committee: Monday, December 8, 2007 – 6:45 PM

Policy Committee: Monday, January 14, 2008 – EBS – 5:30 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 – Committee met and discussed revolving renovation funds options.

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

Negotiations Committee: Mr. Pew – No report

Personnel Committee: Ms. Brown – No report

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 appointment of Janet Stephenson as an Ed Tech III at CPS and Ann Reese as Alpine Ski Coach.
- 2006-2007 Maine High School Assessment Report – Lee Graham – Ms. Graham directed the Board's attention to the Maine HS Assessment Report for 2006-2007 that was included in their packets. She briefly reviewed the report and stated that if there were any questions Board members should feel free to call her. A Board member stated that he would like to see a sample of the questions that are used on the test. Ms. Graham stated that she has several sample questions that the Board could review.
- Update on District efforts to comply with the Bethel Water District's boil water order – Dr. Murphy stated that due to the problems with the Bethel water source, school was cancelled on Tuesday, December 4th until potable water could be brought into the school for drinking and kitchen use. Northeast Distributors delivered water coolers and bottled water to THS and CPS. It was noted by a Board member that the Instant Alert system worked very well.
- Update on School Consolidation – Dr. Murphy reported that the Alternative Plan that the Board authorized him to submit has been filed. He added that 13 districts have submitted plans with less than the required 1200 students. Four were alternative plans and 9 were reorganizations.

VIII OLD BUSINESS:

None

IX NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion – Chief Deputy Dane Trip, Oxford County Sheriff's Department, was present to speak to the Board regarding the position of School Resource Officer.

Dr. Murphy stated that the Board needs to decide if the position of School Resource Officer is wanted at THS. He then introduced Deputy Dane Trip. The School Resource Officer Program Feedback form was distributed to the Board. Feedback was obtained from 183 HS students and 17 parents and listed both positive and negative feedback.

Deputy Trip began by stating that placing SROs in schools is a nationwide project. The difference between an SRO and police presence is that an SRO can teach in cooperation with the classroom teacher, give presentations on such topics as civil rights, take care of car accidents on school property, and handle disputes and fights between students. Interactions are mostly initiated by students.

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A Board member questioned the wisdom of hiring the additional position of SRO when the budget situation is so uncertain. Should SAD #44 go with hiring a teacher or SRO? Mr. Trip responded that in the current school environment a SRO is valuable. He stated that the biggest deterrent of crime is visibility and predicted that once the SRO is present in the building for a time, the public will want to keep the position.

A Board member noted that while school safety is a top issue with her, metal detectors would eliminate many threats to students.

A Board member asked how many calls last year to the Bethel Police Department could have been better handled by an SRO. The response was that while calls are sporadic, they are getting more severe.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda - #4 will be voted on 4 separate times for each item.
3. To see what action the Board wishes to take regarding the approval of the School Resource Officer position at the Telstar complex.

Following the lengthy discussion with Deputy Tripp, Mr. Polak motioned to move the question.

MOTION: Mr. Polak SECOND: Mr. Melville VOTE: 8 yes, 4 no

Ms. Cummings motioned to continue further discussion at a later meeting.

MOTION: Ms. Cummings SECOND: Ms. Largess VOTE: 8 yes 4 no

4. Ms. Cross motioned to accept the Facilities Committee's recommendation and approve a Revolving Renovation Grant application to address the Life/ Safety and Health and Welfare issues regarding the Curtain Wall Replacement at the Telstar Complex.

MOTION: Ms. Cross SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

Ms. Cross motioned to accept the Facilities Committee's recommendation and approve a Revolving Renovation Grant application to address the Life/ Safety and Health and Welfare issues regarding the Automatic Fire Protection at the Telstar Complex.

MOTION: Ms. Cross SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

Ms. Cross motioned to accept the Facilities Committee's recommendation and approve a Revolving Renovation Grant application to address the Life/ Safety and Health and Welfare issues regarding the Replacement of Existing Elevator at the Telstar Complex.

MOTION: Ms. Cross SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

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Ms. Cross motioned to accept the Facilities Committee's recommendation and approve a Revolving Renovation Grant application to address the Life/ Safety and Health and Welfare issues regarding Entrance Canopy Structural Repairs at the Telstar Complex.

MOTION: Ms. Cross SECOND: VOTE: Unanimous

5. Mr. Melville motioned to approve 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: Mr. Melville SECOND: Ms. Cross VOTE: Unanimous

Time in: 8:55 PM Time out: 9:45 PM

6. Mr. Melville motioned to approve extending Dr. David Murphy's contract as Superintendent of Schools in MSAD #44 through June 30, 2013, effective July 1, 2008

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

ADJOURNMENT: 9:55 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted:

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