

**MSAD #70 Board of Directors
School Board Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2005**

The MSAD #70 Board of Directors held their regular board meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2005 in the central office boardroom. Chair, Estela Lane, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Estela Lane, Deanna Quint, Kevin Scott, Tim Blanchette, Joel Oliver, Trudy O'Bar, Darlene Scott-Rairdon, David Cassidy, Melissa Ivey, William Fitzpatrick, and Julie Chapla

Members Absent: Debra Crane, Kim Hall and Bruce Malone

Also Present: Robert McDaniel and Lisa Hutchinson

Staff Present: Melissa Barton, Frank Barton, Loreen Wiley, Bernadette Willette, Karen Rochford, Mary Harbison and David Minzy

Audience Present: Sara Berthiaume of the Houlton Pioneer Times

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Minutes: Consider minutes of September 12, 2005 with amendment

It was moved by Trudy O'Bar and seconded by Melissa Ivey to approve the minutes of September 12, 2005, as corrected. Motion carried-unanimous.

Agenda Order and Adjustments:

Added under Action Items: No. 4: Transfer of Jill Carton to Ed Tech III Learning Center.

Added under Action Items: No. 5: Appointment of Ruth Ann Burpee to Ed Tech II Behavior Room.

Added under Information Items: No. 8: Resignation of Lisa Hutchinson

Action Items:

Consider final reading of policy GBO: Family Care Leave, JLCD & JLCD-E Administration of Medication to Students, and EBAA Chemical Hazards:

It was moved by Tim Blanchette and seconded by Trudy O'Bar to approve the policy. Motion carried-unanimous.

Consider appointment of Board Member to SAU site review committee:

Bernadette explained to the board what the SAU review was and what was going to take place. After the brief discussion Julie Chapla volunteered to serve on the committee. Therefore no vote was held.

Consider Elementary Teacher Nomination and Election by the Board:

After a brief discussion regarding certification it was moved by William Fitzpatrick and seconded by Trudy O'Bar to elect Sara McQuarrie to fill the elementary teaching position grade 8 Math and Science, and to authorize the Superintendent to employ the candidate on Step 1 of the salary scale.

Consider the transfer of Jill Carton to Ed Tech III Learning Center

It was moved by Trudy O'Bar and seconded by Julie Chapla to approve the transfer of Jill Carton to the Ed Tech III Learning Center position. Motioned carried-unanimous

Consider the Superintendent's recommendation and to authorize the Superintendent to employ Ruth Ann Burpee to Ed Tech II Behavior Room:

It was moved by Trudy O'Bar and seconded by Julie Chapla to approve and authorize the Superintendent to employ Ruth Ann Burpee as Ed Tech II Behavior Room. Motion carried-unanimous

Information Items:

First Reading of policy: JLIE: Student Automobile Use and Parking:

David Minzy spoke to this policy and what its purpose is for. Indicating it is to keep track of student vehicles of MSAD #70 etc... He also mentioned briefly snow sleds and atv's and what was being done with those. The board asked Bob McDaniel and I to look into whether or not there is an actual policy in place regarding recreational vehicles as they did not believe there was and if not, one should be established.

First Reading of policy EFE: Competitive Food Sales-Sales of Foods in competition with the School Food Service Program:

The board was advised that we need this policy in place in order for organizations like the Booster club to sell food and not have to turn over the proceeds to the school food service program.

Small Schools Coalition:

The board was advised that we did not hear anything back on this. Bob McDaniel is to follow up on this.

Review Financial Report:

Lisa Hutchinson advised the board that we are on target for where we should be for the year. The only line running a little high for this time of year is the supply line for all areas. This is because our paper order bill came in late this year and would have normally been paid with pre-paid money.

Technology Update by Beth and Frank:

Both Beth and Frank advised the board where technology stands on both the teacher and the student level and how things are running. Beth also emphasized to the board the importance of purchasing district wide each year versus lump sums every few years. With targeted needs a requirement, this should be able to be met. It was indicated to Beth by the board the need for updates at the elementary level. Beth advised the board that some is being done now, and more will be done next year.

Update on Consolidation of services with area schools:

There have been no responses to the letters sent out by Peter Edgecomb. The board indicated to Bob McDaniel that we should follow up on this.

Update on Drivers Ed Program:

Lisa Hutchinson advised the board that there were 9 students originally, however 2 dropped out. Not all the bills have come through yet to see how the program faired this semester, but she will advise the board at the November meeting.

The high school does not know at this time the number of students who will be participating in the program next spring.

William Fitzpatrick asked if we could get the drivers ed car for free. Lisa explained that all we pay for now is a per mile rate traveled, maintenance of the vehicle, fuel and insurance. He is going to check into this further.

Administrator Reports:

Each Principal spoke briefly regarding what was taking place in their buildings and any upcoming events.

Resignation of Lisa Hutchinson:

Estela Lane indicated to the board that Lisa would be resigning her position at the end of this year. Lisa indicated in her letter that she would stay on until the end of December in order allow enough time to find her replacement and conduct some training before she leaves. Lisa Hutchinson also indicated that she would be willing to come into the office a couple of hours in the evening or on the weekend to aid them during budget preparation time.

Executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 6A to discuss legal action involving Employment of officials, appointees, and employees:

It was moved by Trudy O'Bar and seconded by Melissa Ivey to enter into executive session at 8:20 p.m.

It was moved by William Fitzpatrick and seconded by Trudy O'Bar to exit executive session at 8:42 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert McDaniel
Superintendent