

**MSAD #70 Board of Directors
School Board Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2005**

The MSAD #70 Board of Directors held their regular board meeting on Monday, December 12, 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, Tim Blanchette, Joel Oliver, Trudy O'Bar, David Cassidy, Melissa Ivey, William Fitzpatrick, Darlene Scott-Rairdon and Julie Chapla.

Members Absent: Debra Crane, Kevin Scott, Kim Hall and Bruce Malone.

Also Present: Robert McDaniel and Lisa Hutchinson

Staff Present: Clark Rafford, Bernadette Willette, Dee Hutchinson, Susan Hawkes, Vivian Hynick, Jim Ritchie and Steve Harding.

Audience Present: none

Presentation: Dee Hutchinson presented the School Board with information on the CSR Grant. She shared the different components and explained how it is being utilized at our School. She conducted an analysis of the results and concluded a possible decrease in failure rates. Thank you Dee it was very informative.

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Minutes: Consider minutes of November 14, 2005 and the minutes of November 16, 2005.

It was moved by Melissa Ivey and seconded by Trudy O'Bar to approve the minutes of November 14, 2005 and the minutes of November 16, 2005. Motion carried-unanimous.

Agenda Order and Adjustments:

Change: Order of Action Items #5-6-7 and 8. These are all executive session items move to the end of all the Information Items.

Add Information Item #8: Substitutes day rate pay increase for FY 06/07.

Change: Information Item # 4 to read: Volunteer from the School Board to serve on the Wellness Policy Committee and Volunteer from the School Board to Serve on the Dropout Prevention Committee.

Action Items:

Consider the approval of Medicaid money in the amount of \$5,695.00 to cover the shortage of funds needed to purchase a handicap bus:

Jim Ritchie explained to the board that with the extras needed for a handicap bus it will cost an additional \$5,695.00. He also informed the committee that if they wait and order the handicap bus after December 23, 2005 they would get the newer more improved model at no additional cost.

It was moved by Trudy O'Bar and seconded by Melissa Ivey to approve an additional \$5,695.00 to be used from Medicaid monies for the purchase of a handicap bus and to order the newer model.

Motion carried-unanimous.

Consider the final reading of policy JLIE Student Automobile Use and Parking:

Clark Rafford, High School Principal, discussed with the Board the area in which snow sleds would be allowed to park and that after the adoption of the new policy Students would be allowed a parking area for ATV's.

Motioned by William Fitzpatrick and seconded by Trudy O'Bar to approve the final reading of policy JLIE Student Automobile Use and Parking.

Motion carries-unanimous.

Consider the final reading of job descriptions for Business Manager and Administrative Secretary.

Trudy O'Bar asked if the job descriptions should be looked at by legal council. Superintendent, Robert McDaniel, informed the Board that the job descriptions did not need legal council.

With no further discussion Trudy O'Bar moved and Melissa Ivey seconded to accept the final reading of job descriptions for Business Manager and Administrative Secretary.

Motion carries-unanimous.

Consider the payment in the amount of \$10,884.00 to Region II SAVE for the use of the building in Fy06:

Robert McDaniel, Superintendent, explained to the Board that by taking the wall down at the Region II SAVE building it increased the area used by Hodgdon therefore, increased the cost. After much discussion from the Board, they directed the Superintendent to setup a meeting with the Save Director, Mike Howard and the Save Committee members to discuss the possibility of purchasing the SAVE building or look into possible construction of our own building.

It was moved by Trudy O'Bar and seconded by Melissa Ivey to accept the payment in the amount of \$10,884.00 to Region II SAVE for the use of the building in FY 06 (only) from Medicaid money.

Motion carried 8 in favor and 2 opposed.

Executive session pursuant to 20-M.R.S.A. Employee/applicant records:

Tim Blanchette moved and David Cassidy seconded to enter into Executive session pursuant to 20A MRSA Employee/applicant records.

Motion carried-unanimous.

Trudy O'Bar moved and Time Blanchette seconded to exit executive session at 9:40 p.m.

Motion carries-unanimous.

Consider approval of paying the cost of immigration services paperwork:

It was moved by Melissa Ivey and seconded by Trudy O'Bar to table action article#6 until the January School Board meeting.

Motion carried-unanimous.

Executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6) (D) Superintendent Contract renewal negotiations:

It was motioned by Tim Blanchette and seconded by Melissa Ivey to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6)(D) at 9:45 p.m.

Motion carries-unanimous by show of hands.

Tim Blanchette moved and Melissa Ivey seconded to exit executive session at 9:48 p.m.

Motion carried-unanimous.

Consider approval of Superintendent, Robert McDaniel's contract:

Moved by Joel Oliver seconded by Trudy O'Bar to approve Superintendent, Robert McDaniel's contract, extending the contract for a third year and increasing his vacation days to 25 days with them being front loaded there will also be a salary increase of \$1,800.00 for 2006/2007 school year and 2007/2008 school year.

Motion carried-unanimous.

Information Items:

First reading of job descriptions for Technology Administrator and Technology Assistant:

Melissa Ivey requested that job descriptions should all be the same format.

Harvest Survey results:

After some discussion the board decided to wait and see what SAD 29 decides to do about Harvest Break and possibly meet with SAD 29 to discuss this matter further.

ATM system update:

Robert McDaniel, Superintendent, spoke on the problem we are currently having with the ATM system. If we don't increase our usage of the system we will lose our fiber optic service. We are looking at and developing a plan to increase the usage of this system through: Staff Development, College Courses, Virtual Field Trips and Meetings. Robert McDaniel will submit a proposal to the state for approval.

Volunteer from School Board to serve on Wellness Policy Committee and Volunteer from School board to serve on Dropout prevention committee:

Melissa Ivey volunteered to serve on the Dropout Prevention Committee and Trudy O'Bar volunteered to serve on the Wellness Policy Committee:

Communication lines owned by Verizon:

Robert McDaniel informed the Committee members that he was contacted by Verizon after a recent inspection of their poles indicating to him that the school department's data lines were installed at some point in time on Verizons poles. He was advised by Verizon that the School has a couple of options regarding these lines. The first being we can submit an application to Verizon with all corresponding fees to maintain the use of their poles at which time they would come and inspect the lines to make sure they are in compliance. After the initial setup we would pay them an annual fee for the use of their poles. The other option for us would be to contact Houlton Water Company and Robert Quint to obtain an estimate of what the cost would be to put in our own poles or to run the wires underground. Robert McDaniel is to report back to the Board regarding his findings.

Update on consolidation of school services:

Robert McDaniel met with Superintendent of Houlton, Steve Fitzpatrick, to discuss the different possibilities of sharing services. One of the services they discussed was the possibility of sharing a garage for the busses. Also discussed with other Superintendents in the area was the possibility of sharing a Special Ed Director and Curriculum Coordinator. The Board directed the

Superintendent to obtain more information on these matters. Area Superintendents met with First Students to see how they could save the District some dollars. They will be getting back to area Superintendents with more information.

Information regarding Speech Therapist:

Robert McDaniel informed the Board that he received only one application for Speech Therapist. The Board directed Robert McDaniel to interview the applicant.

Substitutes Day rate pay:

Robert McDaniel briefed the School Board on Substitutes rate of pay and what the rate of pay is for subs at nearby districts. He recommended that the Board should increase the Substitutes rate of pay for school year 06/07 as it is difficult getting substitutes because they prefer to work in neighboring districts which pay more money.

Administrator Reports:

Included in package-no further discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert McDaniel
Superintendent