

**MSAD #70 Board of Directors  
School Board Meeting Minutes  
March 13, 2006**

The MSAD #70 Board of Directors held their regular board meeting on Monday, March 13, 2006 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, David Cassidy, Melissa Ivey, William Fitzpatrick, Darlene Scott-Rairdon, Paul Harrison, Trudy O'Bar, Kevin Scott, Kim Hall, and Julie Chapla.

Members Absent: Bruce Malone.

Also Present: Robert McDaniel and Susan Hawkes.

Staff Present: Clark Rafford, Bernadette Willette, Loreen Wiley, David Minzy, Cindi McNutt, Mary Harbison, Stephanie Woods, and Ronald Murray.

Students Present: Kayla Harris and Dustin Fitzpatrick.

Audience Present: Shelly Sylvester.

**Presentation: Smart Board**

Stephanie Woods did a Smart Board presentation.

With funding from an Emints grant, Stephanie Woods' classroom has received a lot of advanced technology devices, including the Smart Board. What appeared to be just a projected picture of a computer desktop, actually worked as a computer. Stephanie listed a wide variety of uses in the classroom for the Smart Board. Students, Kayla and Dustin both agreed that the Smart Board enhances their learning abilities.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Consider minutes of February 13, 2006.

It was moved by Melissa Ivey and seconded by Julie Chapla to approve the minutes of February 13th, 2006, as amended. Motion carried-unanimous.

**Agenda Order and Adjustments:**

Add Action Item #7: Move to after the Administrator Reports/ Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) Compensation of Officials/appointees/employees.

Add Action Item #8: Reappoint Harvest Committee members.

Add Information Item #9: Advertise for a Reading Recovery Teacher.

Add Information Item #10: Advertise for a Grade 3 Teacher. This position would be for one year only.

**Action Items:**

Consider the approval of the final reading of job description for: Assistant Principal-Elementary School:

It was moved by Melissa Ivey and seconded by Trudy O'Bar to approve the final reading of job description for: Assistant Principal-Elementary School.

Motion carried-unanimous.

Consider the approval of the final reading of the job description for: Principal-High School:

It was moved by Melissa Ivey seconded by Trudy O'Bar to approve the final reading of job description for: Principal-High School.

Motion carries-unanimous.

Consider the final reading of job descriptions for: Athletic Administrator:

David Minzy informed the Board that the Athletic Administrator's position will be required by State law to be certified.

It was moved by Melissa Ivey seconded by Trudy O'Bar to approve the final reading of job description for: Athletic Administrator with corrections.

Motion carries-unanimous.

Consider the approval of joining Maine Small Schools Coalition:

It was moved by William Fitzpatrick and seconded by Tim Blanchette to approve the joining Maine Small Schools Coalition.

Motion carries-unanimous.

Consider the approval of French Class Trip to Quebec:

Ron Murray, French Teacher, informed the board on the itinerary and funding projected for the French Class attending Quebec.

It was moved by Tim Blanchette and seconded by Kim Hall to approve the French Class Trip to Quebec.

Motion carries-unanimous.

Consider the approval of French Class Trip to London and France:

Ron Murray, French Teacher, informed the board on the itinerary and funding projected for the French Class attending France and London.

It was moved by Tim Blanchette and seconded by Kim Hall to approve the French Class Trip to London and France.

Motion carries-unanimous.

Consider the approval of Carrie Palmer for the position of middle school softball coach:

It was moved by Joel Oliver and Seconded by William Fitzpatrick to approve Carrie Palmer for the position of middle school softball coach.

Motion carries-unanimous.

Appoint a Harvest Committee:

After some discussion the board decided a Harvest Committee was not necessary at this time and the Budget Committee would review the cost to the district of having a split harvest.

**Information Items:**

First reading Policy IGDJ Interscholastic Athletics:

After much discussion, Superintendent, Robert McDaniel will take the Policy IGDJ Interscholastic Athletics back to the Policy Committee for more corrections.

Communication lines owned by Verizon:

Robert McDaniel informed the board that he was still waiting to hear back from Verizon.

Update on meeting with Steve Fitzpatrick, Superintendent of SAD #29, on Superintendent's agreement:

Joel Oliver and Robert McDaniel met with Houlton to discuss the Superintendent's agreement. As of today Houlton has 29 more students than does Hodgdon on this agreement. Superintendent, Robert McDaniel discussed the implications of relocating High School students back to our district. Joel Oliver, Vice Chairman, explained the two tier tuition which Houlton is contemplating. Dave Cassidy commented that if we continue to increase the positives at Hodgdon then they will want their children to attend school here. Paul Harrison felt that

Hodgdon should not subsidize Houlton and should not go along with the two tier system. It was also mentioned that the Commissioner of the Department of Education may need to make the final determination on this matter. Joel and Robert will be meeting again with Houlton to discuss this issue further. The financial impact on Hodgdon is approximately \$160,000.

Initiated Legislation to Create a Maine Taxpayer Bill of Rights (Maine TABOR):

SAD 70 Elementary School received a certificate of achievement as an Improving School for Math at Grade 4:

Board congratulates this accomplishment.

High School Boiler repairs:

One of the High School Boilers is not working. The back section of the boiler is cracked and it is so old Jim Ritchie cannot find parts to replace the section. Need to replace this boiler at an approximate cost of \$18,000.00(low side) or \$25,000.00(high side). David Cassidy mentioned that we should look at what will be most efficient, even if it will cost a little more upfront, we would save money with our heating costs.

Jim Ritchie will be eliminating 2 buses from the schools fleet:

Robert McDaniel informed the Board that two of the older school buses will be eliminated from the schools fleet. We will be advertising them for sale.

February's Financial Statement:

Estela Lane, Board Chairman, informed the board that the Budget Committee had their initial meeting on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Robert McDaniel, Superintendent, discussed the possibility of the State bringing the lowest paid teachers salary to a minimum wage of \$30,000.00.

Advertise for a Reading Recovery Teacher:

The Board advised the Superintendent to advertise for this position.

Advertise for a Grade 3 Teacher (position would be for one year only):

The Board advised the Superintendent to advertise for this position and to make the position for one year only.

Administrator Reports:

Clark Rafford, Principal of the High School, acknowledged the Hockey Team's Good Sportsmanship Award. He commented on just what good sports they truly were.

Loreen Wiley, Principal of the Elementary School, informed the board of a Talent Show with the ATLC being held April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

Executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6) (A) Compensation of officials/appointees/employees:

Melissa Ivey moved and Tim Blanchette seconded to enter into Executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6) (A) Compensation of officials/appointees/employees at 9:49 p.m.

Motion carries unanimous.

Melissa Ivey moved and Tim Blanchette seconded to exit Executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6) (A) Compensation of officials/appointees/employees at 10:01p.m.

It was moved by Trudy O'Bar and seconded by David Cassidy to restore the Assistant Elementary Principal's contract to 200 work days and to renew the contract through 2008.

Motion carries 12 in favor 1 opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert McDaniel  
Superintendent