

**MSAD #70 Board of Directors
School Board Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2006**

The MSAD #70 Board of Directors held their regular board meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2006 in the central office boardroom. Chair, Estela Lane, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Estela Lane, Kim Hall, Deanna Quint, Tim Blanchette, Joel Oliver, David Cassidy, Melissa Ivey, Darlene Scott-Rairdon, Paul Harrison, Trudy O'Bar, and Susan Clifford.

Members Absent: Bruce Malone, and William Fitzpatrick

Members Excused: Kevin Scott.

Also Present: Robert McDaniel and Susan Hawkes.

Staff Present: Clark Rafford, Bernadette Willette, Mary Harbison, Steve Hynick, Loreen Wiley, Mike Connors, Karen Rochford, Vivian Hynick, Sharon Kinney, Brenda Griffin, Peg Coolong, Sara Deveau, Brenda Robertson.

Audience Present: Elisha Foster.

Presentations: none

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of Minutes: Consider minutes of April 10, 2006.

It was moved by Melissa Ivey and seconded by Trudy O'Bar to approve the minutes of April 10th, 2006. Motion carried-unanimous.

Agenda Order and Adjustments:

Action Items:

Consider for approval the restructured Elementary Reading Program as presented by Loreen Wiley:

It was moved by Melissa Ivey and seconded by David Cassidy to approve the restructured Elementary Reading Program as presented by Loreen Wiley.

Motion carried-8 in favor-2 opposed-1 abstained.

Consider the approval of the Probationary Teacher's Contracts:

It was moved by Trudy O'Bar and seconded by David Cassidy to approve the Probationary Teacher's Contracts for 3 teachers moving on to second year probationary:

Motion carried-unanimous.

Consider the approval of the Continuing Teacher's Contracts:

It was moved by Trudy O'Bar and seconded by Melissa Ivey to accept the Superintendents recommendation for the Continuing Teacher's Contracts:

Motion carries-unanimous.

Consider the approval of an increase in the Administration benefit package from Standard Plan adult & child to Choice Plan two adults:

No action tabled.

Consider for approval the change of an Education Technician Position from an Ed Tech I Position to an Ed Tech II:

It was moved by Trudy O'Bar and seconded by Melissa Ivey to change the Education Technician Position from an Ed Tech I to an Ed Tech II:

Motion carries-unanimous.

Consider for approval the change of an Education Technician Position from an Ed Tech II Position to an Ed Tech III:

After some discussion and reviewing the job responsibilities Kim Hall moved and Trudy O'Bar seconded a motion to change the Education Technician from and Ed Tech II Position to an Ed Tech III:

Motion carries-unanimous.

Consider for approval Mechanical Services, Inc. proposal and contract:

The Board directed Superintendent, Robert McDaniel to review and return with proposal and the proposed area of construction.

This Action Item was tabled.

Consider for approval the continuing of the Gear-up program and appropriating the necessary funds:

Superintendent, Robert McDaniel informed the Board that the Gear-Up program was implementing a new 6 year Grant. Previously, Gear-up paid all of the salaries, and benefits of the Gear-Up Advisors. Next year MSAD #70 will receive \$29,600.00 towards the salaries and benefits of the Gear-Up Advisors. We currently have \$8,400.00 in the budget for this program.

To continue with Gear-up in both the Elementary and High School we would need to increase that amount by approximately \$78,600.00. Robert McDaniel suggests that we consider one of two options: 1. Eliminate the Elementary position and keep the High School position full time which would increase the cost to the District by \$16,000.00. \$8,400.00 was already proposed in the budget for next year so we would need to increase that amount by \$7,600.00.
2. Make Gear-up a stipend position.

It was moved by Trudy O'Bar and seconded by Melissa Ivey to continue the Gear-up program with one staff member and add the necessary funds to the budget:

Motion carries 10 in favor 1 opposed.

Consider for approval the purchase of a new furnace in the High School:

It was moved by Trudy O'Bar and seconded by Melissa Ivey to purchase a new furnace this year with Medicaid funds:

Motion carries-unanimous.

FY 2006-2007 Budget review and approval:

Board Chair, Estela Lane, informed the Board that the Finance Committee had cut the Proposed Alternative Education Program and also the proposed two way radios for the buses out of the budget. After much discussion and looking at various budget lines, Paul Harrison recommended cutting the carryover from \$100,000. to \$50,000.

It was moved by Joel Oliver and seconded by David Cassidy to accept 2006-2007 budget with a \$50,000.00 cut in carryover:

Motion carries-8 in favor-2 opposed-1 abstention.

Information Items:

Two Board Members to serve on the Interview Committee, for the hiring of a Third Grade Teacher, May 10th at 6:30 p.m. located at the Central Office.

Estela Lane and Kim Hall volunteered.

Superintendent to take 2 Vacation Days in May on the 18th and 19th.

Contract Cleaning Services:

Superintendent, Robert McDaniel, informed the Board on the current status of the Cleaning Contract and its costs. He proposed hiring one full time custodian and 3 part time custodians.

The board agreed to advertise for these positions.

Copier Lease:

We currently have a Lease purchase agreement with Specialized Purchasing Consultants, Inc. which will be ending in August. Robert McDaniel's suggests having Office Max after August as the price per copy and no lease agreement will save us approximately \$16,500.00.

The board agreed Office Max for the Districts copiers.

Resignation of High School English Teacher, Rebecca Silverman:

Superintendent, Robert McDaniel accepts Rebecca Silverman's resignation with regret. Informs the Board for the need to advertise for a full time high school English teacher.

Superintendent to advertise for the following Positions:

- 1 full time Custodian
- 3 part time Custodians
- 3 full time Ed Techs
- 1 part time Ed Tech
- 1 full time High School English Teacher

Scheduling of a Public Hearing to discuss proposed 2006-2007 Budget:

Tuesday, May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the High School Commons.

Scheduling of the 2006-2007 Budget Meeting:

Monday, June 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the High School.

Scheduling of the next regular School Committee Meeting:

Monday, June 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Office.

Administrator Reports:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert McDaniel
Superintendent