

**MSAD #70 Board of Directors
School Board Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2006**

The MSAD #70 Board of Directors held their regular board meeting on Monday, December 11, 2006 in the central office boardroom. Chair, Estela Lane, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Meg Scott, William Fitzpatrick, Tim Blanchette, Darlene Scott-Rairdon, Melissa Ivey, Estela Lane, David Cassidy, Susan Clifford, Kim Hall, Kevin Scott, Joel Oliver, Donald Pond, Darlene Theriault and Brenda White.

Members Absent: none

Members Excused: none.

Also Present: Robert McDaniel and Susan Hawkes.

Staff Present: Clark Rafford, Mary Harbison, Bernadette Willette, Dave Minzy, Loreen Wiley, Cindi McNutt and Beth Moore.

Audience Present: Lorna Pond

Presentations: Loreen Wiley and Bernadette Willette reviewed with the Board the initial NWEA test results. There are some areas of concern, Loreen informed the Board on what course of action was being taken to address these areas. Bernadette informed the Board that the University of Maine will be looking at the curriculum in the high school and will also review the NEWA assessment to address any areas of concern.

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of Minutes: Consider minutes of November 13, 2006.

It was moved by Melissa Ivey and seconded by Tim Blanchette to approve the minutes of November 13th, 2006.

Motion carries-13 in favor 0 opposed 1 abstention.

Agenda Order and Adjustments:

Move the executive session to the end

Action Item #1: Table

Add Information Item # 4: School Board Survey

Action Items:

Consider the final reading of policies JFCK Student Use of Cellular Telephones and other Electronic Devices and JFCK-R Student Use of Cellular Telephones and other Electronic Devices Rules.

It was moved by Melissa Ivey and seconded by Brenda White to accept the final reading of policies JFCK Student Use of Cellular Telephones and other Electronic Devices and JFCK-R Student Use of Cellular Telephones and other Electronic Devices Rules.

Motion carries-13 in favor 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

Consider the recommendation of the Transportation Committee on daycare drop off and pick up.

It was moved by Kim Hall and seconded by Darlene Theriault to accept the Transportation Committee's recommendation as follows: All requests must be in before June first before the bus routes are established. If any changes in daycare facility occur during the summer the district needs to know, as soon as possible, in order to re-evaluate the drop off or pick up at the daycare provider. The time impact it has on the bus routes. The amount of time and distance added to the bus route will be key factors. Whether or not there is a safe turn around available. The ages of students involved. The hardship on family will be taken under consideration. The district reserves the right to accept or reject any request for drop off or pick up at daycares that are not on the regular routes of the buses.

Motion carries-13 in favor 0 opposed 1 abstention.

Consider the approval of the Superintendent's nomination of Jana Condon for Varsity Cheerleading Coach.

It was moved by Tim Blanchette and seconded by Kim Hall to accept the Superintendent's nomination of Jana Condon for Varsity Cheerleading Coach.

Motion carries- 13 in favor 0 opposed 1 abstention.

Consider entering into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6)(A).

It was moved by Melissa Ivey and seconded by Tim Blanchette to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 at 8:19 p.m.

Motion carries-unanimous.

It was moved by Sue Clifford and seconded by Kim Hall to exit executive session at 8:47 p.m.

It was moved by Melissa and seconded by Kim Hall to give the Superintendent the discretion to act in the district's best interest regarding the matter of MSRS.

Motion carries-unanimous.

Information Items:

Administrative committee meeting results.

MSAD 70 along with other districts have partnered together to apply for a Technology grant from the Department of Agriculture.

The Administrative committee met with the Superintendent and decided that the Superintendent should try and achieve the following goals:

Public Relations: Continue to meet with selectmen of the towns within the district to develop a healthy working relationship and mutual trust with town officials and community members.

Technology: Continue to work towards improving the educational opportunities of students through the budgetary process.

Math: Begin working on improving the districts math program in grades K-12 by looking at highly successful districts, reviewing the districts curriculum and through professional development with the focus being to improve instructional strategies.

Review November Financial Statement:

Appointments for a Technology Committee member and a Policy Committee member:

Meg Scott was appointed to the Technology Committee.

Darlene Theriault was appointed to the Policy Committee.

School Board Survey:

Chair Estela Lane suggested the Board complete the School Board Survey booklet before the next school committee meeting.

Administrator Reports:

There will be a Technology Committee meeting held at the Central Office on Wednesday, January 3, at 6:30 p.m.

Concert, Wednesday, Dec. 13 at the elementary at 6:30 p.m. for middle and high school chorus.

Concert, Friday, Dec. 15, at the elementary at 1 p.m. for elementary chorus.

Band concert, Jan. 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the elementary.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert McDaniel
Superintendent