

**MSAD #70 Board of Directors  
School Board Meeting Minutes  
February 12, 2007**

The MSAD #70 Board of Directors held their regular board meeting on Monday, February 12, 2007 in the central office boardroom. Chair, Estela Lane, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Meg Scott, Tim Blanchette, Melissa Ivey, Estela Lane, David Cassidy, Susan Clifford, Kevin Scott, Joel Oliver, Darlene Theriault and Brenda White.

Members Absent: William Fitzpatrick and Donald Pond.

Members Excused: Kim Hall and Darlene Scott-Rairdon.

Also Present: Robert McDaniel and Susan Hawkes.

Staff Present: Clark Rafford, Mary Harbison, Dave Minzy, Loreen Wiley, Cindi McNutt, Sue Bushey, Barb Moores and Brad Chiasson.

Audience Present: Melissa Nelson, Maggie Saucier, Danette Ellis, Deb Lunn, Mrs. Jurston, Mrs. May and Kristie Howell.

**Presentations:** Maggie Saucier and Melissa Nelson did a presentation on AFLAC. They discussed all the different policies available and informed the Board that a lot of the employees currently held policies and would like the option of making it a payroll deduction.

**Public Comment:**

There were a few members of the community to discuss action item # 1.

**Approval of Minutes:** Consider minutes of January 16, 2007.

It was moved by Melissa Ivey and seconded by Tim Blanchette to approve the minutes of January 16th, 2007.

Motion carries-10 in favor 0 opposed

**Agenda Order and Adjustments:**

Action Item #3: Contracts for Administration

Action Item #4: AFLAC

Add Information Item # 5: Executive Session pursuant to 1MMRSA 405(6)(A) no action

**Action Items:**

Some concerned parents of the Hodgdon Rec 5 and 6 grade girl's basketball team asked that the Board consider making the 5 and 6 grade rec team a school basketball program:

After much discussion, it was determined that the parents will need to get an estimated cost for the Budget Committee to review before March's board meeting. Dave Minzy, Athletic Director will meet with the Hodgdon Town Manager and Selectmen. They should also try and work on making the current program a better program. The school is willing to work with the Town to help establish a better basketball program for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Consider entering into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A 405(6)(A) Compensation of officials/appointees/employees.

It was moved by Melissa Ivey and seconded by Susan Clifford to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(A) Compensation of officials/appointees/employees at 8:20 P.M.

Motion carries-unanimous.

It was moved by Melissa Ivey and seconded by Susan Clifford to exit executive session at 9:50 P.M.

Motion carries-unanimous.

Consider for approval renewing Administrators Contracts with a 3% raise and the Choice two adult Benefit plan.

It was moved by Melissa Ivey and seconded by Darlene Theriault to accept the Superintendent's recommendations regarding administrator's contract, raise, and insurance package.

Motion carries-9 in favor-1 opposed.

Consider the approval of adding AFLAC as a payroll deduction for the employees that would like to purchase AFLAC Insurance with their own funds:

It was moved by Tim Blanchette and seconded by Brenda White to authorize the Central Office to add AFLAC as a payroll deduction but not an employee benefit.

Motion carries-unanimous.

Consider for approval the MSMA Sample resolution in opposition to the governor's school consolidation plan.

It was moved by Melissa Ivey and seconded by Tim Blanchette to sign and send the Resolution in opposition to the Governor's school consolidation plan to MSMA, Governor, the Dept. of Education and the Media.

Motion carries-unanimous.

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

It was moved by Melissa Ivey and seconded by Brenda White to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 at 10:20 p.m.

Motion carries-unanimous.

It was moved by Melissa Ivey and seconded by Brenda White to exit executive session at 10:29 p.m.

Motion carries-unanimous.

**Information Items:**

Hodgdon High School was a recipient of a Target Field Trip Grant in the amount of \$1000.00. Mrs. Bushey, Mrs. Mills, Mr. Chiasson and Mrs. Willette are taking interested students to Orono to watch Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. On Tuesday, April 10, 2007.

Principal Rafford, informed the board that the current grading system at Hodgdon High School will be reviewed and most likely updated. He will keep the Board informed of any changes made.

Review January Financial Statement:

Susan Hawkes reviewed with the board the changes in Maine care reimbursement requirements. Due to these changes we will have an overdraft in our Special Education purchased services line.

CSR Grant review:

The federal government has cut the funding to this program. The grant will run out at the end of this calendar year. Hodgdon will be given an additional 22,000 to finish out the grant, these monies will need to be expended by December 30, 2007.

Dale Douglas, MSMA, Board training, Monday, March 12, 2007 at 6 P.M.

All board members should try and attend this workshop.

School Board Survey Handbook:

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

Update on the Collaborative Initiative.

Bob McDaniel informed the Board of the Region 2 collaborative initiative's progress.

Region two's consultant, Mary Jane McCalmon, collected data from support staff, principals, secretaries, transportation directors, and maintenance directors from the schools located in region II. She will meet with board members and local officials sometime in March. The data gathered will help us find short term and long term cost savings for the area schools.

Update on the Educational Committee Meeting held in Augusta on Feb. 5, 2007.

Tim and Estela testified before the educational committee at the Augusta Civic Center opposing the Governor's regionalization plan.

Bob and Joel traveled to Presque Isle to hear the Governor and Susan Gendron talk about their regionalization plan.

Administrator Reports:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert McDaniel  
Superintendent