

A regular meeting of the MSAD 36 Board of Directors was held on February 12, 2004 at the Cedar Street Complex with the following members in attendance: Chair Denise Rodzen, Jackie Knight, Rodney Newman, Ashley O'Brien, Eric Rodzen, Elaine Smith, Jean Tardif, and Cynthia Young; absent were Betsy DuBois, Russell Flagg, and Elizabeth Parker; excused were Fred Nadeau and Kimberly LaVoie. Also attending were Superintendent Terry W. Despres, members of the public and members of the press.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Denise Rodzen.
2. Motion was made by Jean Tardif and seconded by Elaine Smith to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2004 regular meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.
3. Chair Rodzen reported that the next regular scheduled Board meeting (February 26, 2004) will be canceled but that the town of Livermore Falls has scheduled a meeting to discuss down town revitalization proposals. This will give Board members an opportunity to attend this meeting at Murray Hall on the 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.
4. Chair Rodzen also informed the Board that when information is included in the Board packet and listed as an agenda item they will be taking action, members should be prepared to take action that evening.
5. Superintendent Despres reported on the following:
  - Middle School Bus Monitor - Chris Moreau
  - LES Ed Tech II for remainder of year - Angela VanDine
  - LES Long Term Maternity Leave - Nancy Purinton
  - Spring Special Olympics - Wendy Berube
  - Middle School French (remainder of year) - Rosie Wilcox
6. Motion was made by Jean Tardif and seconded by Jackie Knight to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for Middle School French Teacher (remainder of year) Rosie Wilcox. The vote in favor was seven (7) with Elaine Smith opposed.
7. Richard Swanson has submitted his intent to retire as required by Article XXIII of the teachers' contract.
8. Superintendent Despres distributed and reviewed with the Board Matt Gilbert's proposal for a Principal's Parent Advisor Council (P-Pac).
9. Motion was made by Jean Tardif and seconded by Jackie Knight to approve the proposed P-Pac at the Middle School. The vote in favor was unanimous.
10. Superintendent Despres reported that he has been in Augusta today at Legislature and that they will be moving forward with the 9<sup>th</sup> grade laptop initiative. The plan is to continue through 2015 with the state contributing 55% and local 45%. This would

put MSAD 36 share at approximately \$15,000.00 for the upcoming budget. This will not be a budgetary issue for us as we would use money that would be budgeted for the computer lab.

11. Mr. Despres reported that he is working rapidly on the construction (revolving renovations) for MSAD 36.
12. Jackie Knight reported that the Nutrition Committee met with the Food Service staff and that there were a lot of positive ideas about scratch preparation and what they would like to do. Mr. Despres further added that this was a discussion about finance, free and reduced costs for meals, how we are feeding and atmosphere.

#### Agenda Items

13. Motion was made by Jean Tardif and seconded by Jackie Knight to approve the previously presented Middle School Mission Statement. The vote in favor was unanimous.
14. Motion was made by Jean Tardif and seconded by Jackie Knight to approve the previously presented Class of 2004 - Senior Trip & Project Graduation request. The vote in favor was unanimous.
15. Motion was made by Jean Tardif and seconded by Jackie Knight to approve the Negotiated Agreement for 2003-2006 between MSAD 36 and the Education Support Personnel Association/MTA. The vote in favor was unanimous.
16. Norm Miele, President of the MEA was in attendance, on behalf of the custodians and drivers, to thank the Board for this great contract.
17. Motion was made by Ashley O'Brien and seconded by Jackie Knight to approve the proposed school bus lease/purchase with Banknorth Leasing Group for \$60,000.00 over 3 years. The vote in favor was unanimous.
18. Copies of various high school sports fields designs were distributed for the Board to review.
19. Superintendent Despres informed the Board that the Middle School is using the Accelerated Reader Program and also the STAR Reading Assessment and that the plan is for Elaine Eadler, MA UMF to begin a reading/writing project in the spring to help teachers gain insight into teaching reading/writing strategics across the curriculum.
20. Mr. Despres commented that the UA Program at the Middle School is in the early stages of review for the upcoming school year.

21. Mr. Despres also informed the Board that Cynthia Hatfield's Sophomore Honor's English class on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> five students and a friend will join each at the elementary school for a Read-a-thon in honor of Dr. Seuss. They will be reading for four hours 10-12 and 1-3. If anyone would like to sponsor a student reader please contact Mrs. Hatfield.
22. Mr. Despres noted that the Livermore Falls High School Boys Basketball Team will be playing in the tournaments at the Augusta Civic Center on Monday. Hope everyone can be there to support them.

#### Calendar and Agenda

February 26, 2004 - No Board Meeting

March 1, 2004 - Fields Committee 6:00 PM Cedar Street Complex

March 4, 2004 - Policy Committee - 6:00 PM Cedar Street Complex

March 11, 2004 - Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 PM Cedar Street Complex

March 25, 2004 - Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 PM Cedar Street Complex

23. Motion was made by Ashley O'Brien and seconded by Jackie Knight that a note be written on behalf of the Board of Directors to negotiating groups that we will need to begin negotiations as soon as possible. This is essential in building the upcoming budget. The vote in favor was unanimous.
24. At 7:55 PM motion was made by Jean Tardif and seconded by Jackie Knight to adjourn. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Superintendent of Schools

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Chair of the Board

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Recording Secretary