

SAD #7 MINUTES

The MSAD#7 Board of Directors met in the 5th - 6th grade classroom at NHCS at 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 2008.

Present Were: Doreen Cabot, David Cooper, Nancy Hopkins-Davisson, Nan Lee Stone

Also Present: Carolyn Taylor, Christine Cooper, Colleen Maker, Patti Sparhawk, Crystal Grant, Barney Hollowell, Principal and Tom Marx,
Superintendent

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

The minutes of the March 3, 2008 meeting were accepted 3-0-1 (Nancy Hopkins-Davisson abstaining)

The Board took up item 4a out of order.

Carolyn Taylor provided a schedule of the Washington, D.C. trip a copy of which is attached to the official copy of these minutes. The Board asked some questions. A motion was made and second to support the trip. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board took up the agenda item on the kindergarden program for next year. There were three parents in attendance to present their request for all-day Kindergarten program next year. Work on fine and gross motor skills, projects, and interactions with other grade levels were some of the reasons proposed for making the request. Also presented was the fact that students have been going to Preschool for several years (since they were 3) for four days a week. The length of the day at Preschool is 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Board members asked questions and expressed their ideas. A dialogue ensued.

It was moved (Doreen Cabot) and seconded (David Cooper) to continue all day Kindergarten as it is (full day in the third trimester). The motion passed 3-1 (Cooper, nay).

The Board discussed possibly offering a lunch program next year. Breakfast was also discussed. Regulations at the Federal and State level require a lunch program and the Superintendent will meet with the hot lunch officials in Augusta soon on \ requirements for such a program.

It was moved and seconded that the following be approved:

That in connection with the school construction project previously approved by Maine School Administrative District No. 7(the "District") in accordance with applicable law, the District be and it hereby is authorized to execute and deliver a Loan Agreement between the Maine Municipal Bond Bank (the "Bond Bank") and the District to effect a borrowing from the Bond Bank in the principal amount of 1,900,000, which Loan Agreement shall be substantially in the form presented to the Board at this meeting, and such Loan Agreement hereby approved in all respects.

The motion was passed unanimously.

It was further moved and seconded that the following be approved:

That the chair of the Board of School Directors and the Treasurer be, and each of them acting singly hereby is authorized in the name and on behalf of the District to execute and deliver the Loan Agreement and such other instruments, documents, certificates and on behalf of the District as may be necessary, convenient or appropriate to effect the transactions contemplated by the foregoing votes and the documents referenced therein, and that the Secretary of the District be and hereby is authorized to attest to the foregoing and attach the District's seal to any of the foregoing.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Board postponed discussion on caffeine and sugar in the school.

The Board voted unanimously to go into executive session to discuss negotiations.

Following the executive session the Board reconvened.

The Superintendent distributed the first draft of the 2008-09 budget. The Board set Monday, March 24, 2008 at 5:15 p.m. and Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at 5:15 p.m. as dates to work on the budget. The meetings will occur in the Library at NHCS.

In the absence of any other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Marx

Superintendent of Schools