

## SAD #7 MINUTES

The MSAD #7 Board of Directors met in Regular Session on Monday, March 3, 2008 at 5:15 p.m. in the Math Room at NHCS.

Present Were: Doreen Cabot, David Cooper, Cindy Page and Nan Lee Stone

Also Present: Bridget Hopkins, John Dietter, Barney Hallowell, Prinicipal, and Tom Marx, Superintendent.

The meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m.

The Minutes of the February 20, 2008 meeting were accepted 3-0-1 (Doreen Cabot abstaining).

The Superintendent explained the work Bridget Hopkins had done to correct the data we received when we hired ADS Profund to enter the new accounting model we have been required to adopt. This does not change the total of the data reported the last two months but does realign it.

Barney Hallowell, reported that the Fund-Raising effort is still on going but it is slow. We still have about \$180,000. to raise.

Tom Marx, reported on the current progress on the building project.

It was moved and passed unanimously to go into executive session to discuss a legal contractual matter.

Following the executive session the Board reconvened.

The Principal reported on several items including the following: the girls basket-ball successful season, the 3rd & 4th grade's trip to Augusta to see how State Government works and met with the Governor, high school classes are raising money, Ed Webster's assaults on Mt. Everest visited our school and spoke to our students, eight of our students have had their poems selected for the "Pine Tree Anthology", Mike Adams from the State's Bureau of Adaptive Technology has been here to design a program for a special needs student, a workshop he and Louis Carrier attended on the Note Share software program that allows all readers to

work collaboratively on a document at the same time, the visit of Rosemary Nerelle who has authored a book on native Americans, an adaptation by Wendy Wasserstern of the greek play "Media" will be our entry in the one act play competition (in Rockland) this coming weekend, Lisa Shields has written a grant that the Maine Arts Commission has been selected and they also have accepted a grant application from Terry Goodhue on boat building - both of which will appear in the magazine, tomorrow night is the Knowledge Fair, MEA testing has begun and will go on for four weeks, Amilia Campbell is having a great time, Natalie Jones will be studying in France for six weeks and Connor Curtin will be studying at a school in Hawaii for the third trimester.

The Superintendent informed the Board that he will not be on island Thursday or Friday this week and Monday and Tuesday next week.

The Board discussed caffeine and sugar in drinks consumed at school. We do not sell drinks with caffeine and high fructose corn syrup, but students can bring it to school. We will ask MSMA if they have a sample policy. The Board has a possible interest in pursuing a policy in this area. There was also interest in sponsoring a presentation on diabetes for students and staff.

The Board discussed oil and gas prices for next year. It was suggested that we go to bid for oil for next year. It was suggested we budget \$5.00/gallon for gas. Custodial needs were discussed. Oil was suggested to be budgeted at \$4.50/gallon for next year.

April meeting dates were discussed. The April 16 meeting was changed to April 23rd.

In the absence of any other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Marx  
Superintendent of Schools