

M.S.A.D. #7 MINUTES

The MSAD Board of Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, May 7, 2008, at 5:15 p.m. in the Library at NHCS.

Present were: Directors Nancy Hopkins-Davisson, Doreen Cabot, Michelle Campbell, David Cooper, and Nan Lee.

Also present: Principal Barney Hallowell, Superintendent Tom Marx

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The meeting was called to order at 5:19 p.m.

The Superintendent called for nominations for chairman. Nancy Hopkins-Davisson was nominated and elected 4-0-1 (Hopkins-Davisson abstaining). The Superintendent called for nominations for vice-chairman. Nan Lee was nominated and elected 4-0-1 (Lee abstaining).

The April Financial Statement was discussed.

The Fund-Raising Committee is currently gearing up to raise the remaining \$180,000 for the New School Project.

The Building Project is progressing toward a September 1 occupancy.

The Principal reported on the French Club's bottle drive, the arrival of two new students on April 28, that April 30 was the midpoint of the third trimester, the SAT was administered by Hope Sage on May 3, the principal attended NEASC's required conference for schools that will be re-accredited in 2011 on May 5 and 6 and the work on the Mission Statement; he discussed Rajasthan's folk arts performance to students and staff, David Wilson's week-long residency, asbestos testing, the next six weeks preparing for and then moving, that the last week of school will be focusing on community school, the track team's participation in several meets, the *Phantom Toll Booth* is "coming along," and driver's education will be offered this summer.

The Superintendent explained that the warrant is not ready for signing today. The Board agreed to meet at 11:45 a.m. on Monday, May 12, 2008, to sign the warrant.

The Board discussed the proposed school calendar distributed with the agenda. Discussion focused on the late start days after the February and April vacations. It was moved to accept this calendar for next year, but the Board has serious concerns about the late start days and wished to meet and consult with teachers and parents on this issue before the 2009-10 calendar is developed. The motion failed 2-3-0 (Cooper, Campbell, and Cabot nay). The Board will schedule a meeting with teachers.

The Board discussed the proposed 2008-09 budget for next year as approved at the April 2, 2008, meeting at \$1,654,117.60. There was an under-budgeted figure; \$450.85 more needs to be budgeted for Region 8's Vocational Budget. It was moved to increase the budget proposed by \$450.85 producing a new total figure of \$1,654,568.45. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved and passed unanimously to go into executive session to discuss negotiations.

Following the executive session the Board recessed.

The Board discussed a luncheon for the teachers on May 12, 2008. Various dishes were assigned.

In the absence of any other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Marx
Superintendent of Schools