

**MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 56**

Frankfort • Searsport • Stockton Springs

Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

March 28, 2006 – 6:30 P.M.

Central Office - Searsport

Present:        Kimberly Ashley        Bonnie-Jean Brooks        Tom Calderwood  
                     Robert Danks                Harold Grove                Michael Housman  
                     Veronica Magnan        Glenn McFadden        Twyler Webster

Absent:        Nedra Bellows (ex.), Christopher Krause

Visitors:        12

1.        **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairperson Bonnie-Jean Brooks called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.
2.        **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA.** The Capital Asset Management Report was moved to before the Revolving Renovation Fund grants.
3.        **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** A motion was made by Harold Grove and seconded by Bob Danks to approve the minutes of March 14, 2006.

**VOTE: 9-0-0**

A motion was made by Twyler Webster and seconded by Bob Danks to approve the minutes of March 16, 2006.

**VOTE: 9-0-0**

4.        **NEW BUSINESS.**

A. A motion was made by Bob Danks and seconded by Twyler Webster to enter executive session for labor contract discussions between the MSAD #56 Education Association (Educational Support Staff) and the MSAD #56 Board of Directors pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (D).

**VOTE: 9-0-0**

The Board entered executive session at 6:40 P.M. and resumed public session at 8:05 P.M. A motion was made by Harold Grove and seconded by Tom Calderwood to deny the grievance.

**VOTE: 7-2-0 (Danks, Magnan)**

The Chairperson pointed out that further due process may occur.

The Superintendent announced that each Board member had a copy of Speak Out and they were invited to attend the book discussion on Wednesday, April 12, at 5 PM in Kathleen Jenkins's room.

C1. Capital Asset Management Report. The superintendent reminded the Board of Directors that the reports are visual assessments only, estimates are not exact costs, and only include items over \$1000. She reviewed the reports the members had:

- Component Renewal Report, which looked at the entire district as well as individual schools and identifies what needs to be addressed, % used, and when to be replaced.

- The required summary which outlines each building and the required things that needed to be addressed and its category;
- The cost and model assignments report, which identifies the replacement cost of each building and site.

Discussion /questions/answers followed. Life safety issues were discussed. Peter Garcelon was present and answered questions.

B. Revolving Renovation Fund Grants. The superintendent reviewed the amendment letter from the Commissioner, which increased the total amount, and extended the certification expiration date to December 31, 2007.

SDHS Roof Project:

Maximum loan	\$524,603
Portion to be forgiven	\$207,900 (39.63%)
Portion to repay	\$316,703 (60.37%)

SDMS Roof Project:

Maximum loan	\$720,340
Portion to be forgiven	\$285,471
Portion to repay	\$434,869

Length of loan is ten years.

The superintendent then reviewed the Stockton Springs Elementary School roof project, which the state held until we received our Capital Asset Management Report. Roughly, the cost would be:

Requested:	\$660,000
Repay:	\$398,442 (60.37%)
State forgives:	\$261,558 (39.63%)

We will give the state our answer on whether or not we wish to have the Stockton project considered, upon approval of the MSAD #56 Board of Directors.

The total amount we would need to pay for all three projects (if approved by the state) is:

SDHS	\$316,703
SDMS	\$434,869
Stockton	<u>\$398,442</u>
	\$1,150,014 over ten years, or \$115,001.40/year for 10

years.

The Board of Directors wanted to continue having the restructuring of the schools before committing to any project.

C2. Restructuring the schools. The superintendent reminded the Board that she took all the ideas from the Retreat and this year's meetings, and together with the Administrative Team, identified the pros, cons, and the impact on the budget. She then reviewed in detail the following suggestions:

- Close sections of the high school (i.e., ELA wing), move SDHS ELA classes to the middle school along with the Central Office. Each current K-5 building would now become a K-8 building. The pros, cons, and impact on the budget were outlined on chart paper.
- Restructuring the three elementary schools as follows: Stockton Springs Elementary School to be a K-1, Frankfort Elementary School to be a 2-3, and

Searsport Elementary School to be a 4-5. Here again, the pros, cons, and impact on the budget were outlined.

- Closing the high school, which would make our building K-5, and one middle school. The high school students would be tuitioned out. It is important to note that not all receiving schools openly accept students with special needs.

Discussion followed. The superintendent and another Board member asked for clarification on when these possible changes could be implemented (2006-07) or are we looking further down the road.

A motion was made by Twyler Webster and seconded by Michael Housman to extend the meeting beyond 9:30 P.M. A Board member asked how long would the meeting be extended (30 minutes) and what would be the focus – status quo or moving towards one of these areas.

**VOTE: 5-4-0 (Calderwood, Danks, Grove, Magnan)**

The motion failed because there was not the necessary two-thirds majority to pass it.

The superintendent shared agenda items for the next meeting: elementary budgets K-8, the high school budget, district-wide budgets, and the REACH program. Figures will be for what currently exists, showing no new restructuring ideas. Board members want data on the REACH program.

Veronica Magnan requested a vote on the Revolving Renovation Fund Grant, but since the motion failed, no vote could be taken.

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Not done
6. **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,