

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 56

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Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

April 11, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.

Central Office - Searsport

Present: Nedra Bellows Bonnie-Jean Brooks Tom Calderwood
James Cunningham Robert Danks Harold Grove
Michael Hamilton Bradley Jones
Veronica Magnan Twyler Webster

Absent: Christopher Krause (ex.)

Visitors: 7

1. Call To Order. Chairperson Bob Danks called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. The superintendent updated the Board on some items from the April 10, 2007 meeting:
 - Salaries. The superintendent shared that she has spoken to individuals regarding the pay adjustments for administrators and Central Office staff.
 - HS secretary line at \$60,000: This line covers the high school secretary, the ¼ time co-curricular secretary, and the full time Ed Tech III for Project Success.
 - Postage: Individual classroom teachers had postage in their budgets under 610. This has all been combined and moved to the postage line which caused the increase.
 - Board question on each town's share of the budget, based on valuation. Valuations show a steady increase. A chart was distributed. Frankfort ranges from 3 – 13%, Searsport from 10-13 %, and Stockton Springs from 10-18%, which have been constantly increasing. There is a column which shows the total evaluation of the district for the last five years.

2. Continuation of 2007-08 budget discussions. Draft #3 was distributed.
 - \$15,000 for the truck and \$12,500 for the plow/sander has been removed from the budget.
 - Accreditation report. Searsport District High School is in the middle of a ten year cycle. Therefore, there will be no financial expenses.
 - If we have a carryover of \$850,000, where did the budget go wrong? The superintendent reported that we go after as many grants as possible so we can assist with the cost. We use grant money first before district funds. We did not use as much oil as projected. We are conservative with revenues. We froze the budget. \$98,000 was collected from the state and that earned interest until the state requested the money back.
 - The superintendent and business manager said that we make projections of what costs will be as the budget is developed.

A motion was made by Bonnie-Jean Brooks and seconded by Harold Grove to approve the 2007-08 school budget in the amount of \$10,480,502.

VOTE: 9-0-0

A motion was made by Harold Grove and seconded by Mike Hamilton to approve the 2007-08 Adult Education budget in the amount of \$88,440.

VOTE: 9-0-0

A motion was made by Harold Grove and seconded by Tom Calderwood to approve the 2007-08 School Nutrition budget in the amount of \$565,579. There was discussion about rising costs of food and fuel and the effect on this budget. There is a carryover of \$30,000 available to help with this. The Director of Food Services is the only one who can purchase equipment, which she does. The Director does an excellent job of managing the Food Service program.

VOTE: 9-0-0

A motion was made by Mike Hamilton and seconded by Jim Cunningham to authorize the superintendent and the business manager to revise the 2007-08 budget figures when the district receives its actual 281.

VOTE: 9-0-0

A motion was made by Tom Calderwood and seconded by Bonnie-Jean Brooks to authorize the superintendent to accept the fuel oil, gas, paper, and other items on the day of the bid opening to lock in a price.

VOTE: 9-0-0

The Board of Directors wants information on the following:

- How many gallons of oil are we burning a year?
- Storage tank? Where to store it?
- How do you move the oil from one tank to another?
- Storage tank in each community?

Pros and cons of each above.

These are options for the Buildings and Grounds Committee to investigate and make recommendations.

Other.

- One Board members read that they may not make districts which are out of the ordinary, i.e., standards-based, Great Maine Schools Grant recipients, reorganize.
- The Board wants to hear more on the reorganization process. Should we start the dialogue?
- Reminder of the information budget meeting on Wednesday, May 30, 2007 at the High/Middle School Cafetorium at 6:30 pm.

The Chairperson thanked administrators, the sub-committee of the Finance Committee, the Superintendent, the Business Manager, and Central Office staff for all their work on the budget. This was a successful process.

3. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,