

KIDS RSU #2
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2008
6:00 P.M.

HALL-DALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Present: Chair O'Neil LaPlante, Vice-Chair Jim Grandahl, Directors Mark Pearson, Cory Munsey, Jon Lambert, Linda Leet (left at 6:58), Joan Drappeau (left at 8:09), Gary Getchell, Sarah McNaughton, Dawn Gallagher, Tracey Woodman and Rich Howard

Also Present: Martha Witham, Don Siviski, Rick Cote and John Armentrout

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair O'Neil LaPlante at 6:01 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was conducted.
3. To consider action relative to additions or adjustments to the agenda and to ask for comments from the audience. (Insert number of No votes (8346) in 6.2.)
4. To take action relative to accepting minutes from December 9, 2008
Motion to accept with change made by Director Jon Lambert, **seconded** by Director Rich Howard. **Vote was unanimous.**
5. OLD BUSINESS
Prior to discussing the following items, Chair LaPlante reviewed the procedures for conducting board meetings, remembering to make motion prior to discussion, recognition of a speaker by the chair, limit redundant conversations. This is to make meetings as efficient as possible.
 - 5.1 Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405 (6)(A) - discussion of employment of a superintendent

Motion to enter into executive session made by Director Rich Howard, **seconded** by Director Linda Leet at 6:08 p.m.

Time out of executive session at 6:52 p.m.

Motion made by Director Dawn Gallagher to hire Donald Siviski as superintendent of RSU #2 for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011 and hire him as interim superintendent from now until June 30, 2009 for one day a week at the rate of \$444 per day. Between now and June 30, 2009 the terms, conditions and duties as the new superintendent will be negotiated. **Seconded** by Director Gary Getchell.

Discussion included several options available and why this option would best serve the RSU.

For the record, Director Dawn Gallagher wanted it to be known that the RSU will be responsible for the continuing contracts of current superintendents within the RSU. This

includes the contract of Don Siviski, whose contract extends until 2011; Martha Witham's contract goes until 2011; Lee Duff's contract expires June 30, 2009; and Rick Cote's superintendent contract expires June 30, 2009.

Director Dawn Gallagher asked to **amend the motion** by adding "subject to the approval of the full board". Director Rich Howard **seconded** this amendment. **Vote in favor of amendment was unanimous.**

Vote on the motion: Unanimous

- 5.2 Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405 (6)(A) - discussion of employment of the interim superintendent

Motion to enter into executive session by Director Mark Pearson, **seconded** by Director Jon Lambert.

Time in: 7:25 p.m.

Time out: 7:27 p.m.

Motion made by Director Rich Howard to pay Martha Witham \$30 per hour plus mileage for compensation as interim secretary and \$50 per hour for superintendent work. **Seconded** by Director Dawn Gallagher. **Vote was unanimous.**

- 5.3 Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405 (6)(D) - Discussion of labor contracts between the RSU #2 Board and the Monmouth Teachers' Association and the SAD #16 Support Staff

Motion to enter into executive session made by Director Dawn Gallagher, **seconded** by Vice-Chair Jim Grandahl.

Time in: 7:30 p.m.

Time out: 7:45 p.m.

- 5.4 Second Reading on BDE - Board Standing Committees

Motion to accept the second reading of Policy BDE was made by Director Rich Howard, **seconded** by Director Jon Lambert. **Vote was unanimous.**

- 5.5 BRING CALENDARS - Scheduling of future Board and Committee meetings

Director Dawn Gallagher asked to be taken off of the Building & Grounds, Transportation, Food Service Committee.

Director Sarah McNaughton volunteered to be on Budget & Finance Committee.

Save Mondays for future RSU meetings. If a Monday doesn't work, the meeting will be moved to Tuesday. Don Siviski will develop and send out a draft calendar.

The Board will try to set up a workshop with DWM on Dec 30, 2008.

- 5.6 To consider the operating budget through 6/30/09 (brought forward from last meeting). \$36,000 was allotted from all SAUs. SAUs will be billed for their portion.

- 5.7 To consider a timeline/process for budget development (brought forward from last meeting). All SAUs are to have budgets completed and sent to Interim Superintendent by March 1, 2009. Don Siviski will share budget info/timeline at RSU Adm. Team on December 18th.
- 5.8 To discuss ways to share communications with communities (brought forward from last meeting). Vice-Chair Jim Grandahl distributed a handout on RSU communication concerns. The Board will continue to investigate ways and opportunities to share RSU information with communities.
- 5.9 To consider scheduling a workshop with MSMA for new Board members. Don Siviski will check into scheduling a meeting during January.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1 To take action on authorizing current superintendents or interim superintendent to solicit and accept bids on fuel, heating oil.

Motion by Director Dawn Gallagher to authorize the superintendent to solicit bids on fuel, heating oil. **Seconded** by Director Rich Howard. **Vote was unanimous.**

- 6.2 Information of applications for new school buses within the RSU. Martha Witham informed the Board that Richmond has put in a request for a new bus for 2009-10.

- 6.3 To take action on the hiring of a recording secretary for RSU board meetings
Motion by Director Dawn Gallagher to permit the Superintendent to hire a recording secretary for RSU Board meetings. **Seconded** by Director Jon Lambert. **Vote was unanimous.**

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Don Siviski has the 'job description' for each subcommittee and he will distribute those appropriately.

9. ADJOURNMENT at 8:55 p.m.

To Do: Add second reading of ADA