Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2012
Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Medomak Middle School

Agenda Topic

I. Opening
   A. Call to Order by Danny Jackson
      1. Pledge of Allegiance:
      2. Declaration of Quorum: 903/1000
      3. Note Absences (Mary Genthner, Cynthia Rosen)
      4. Adjustments to the Agenda: Move Senior Permission. Action to Item 8(2)

II. Audience with the Public
    Steve Cartwight- citizen- spoke to the Board
    Susan Price- citizen- spoke to the Board.
    Melissa Barbour- citizen- spoke to the Board

III. Consent Agenda
     Approve Minutes of September 27, 2012
     Motion to approve: Dennis Wooster Seconded: Erik Amundsen
     Vote: 848/55/0 (Guy Bourrie)

IV. Superintendent and/Or Chair Reports
   A. Superintendent’s Report: None
   B. Board Chair’s Report: None
   C. Business Manager’s Report: Scott Wyman discussed the savings that occurred and impact to the budget from summer hiring. With the two new ed. techs and the long-term substitute, we are about equal at this point with what was budgeted.
V. Presentations
1. Recognizing the employees that have retired – Danny Jackson and Supt. Pratt presented plaques to those retirees present.
   a) Nancy Durgin – 32 years
   b) Patricia Garber – 25 years
   c) Alison Jourdet – 16 years
   d) Nichola Taylor – 24 years
   e) Mary Hazelton – 14 years
   f) Geri York – 26 years
   g) Patricia Libby – 32 years
   h) Toni Campbell – 25 years
   i) Ruth Castner (2011) – 41 years

VI. Reports from Schools:
   Ben Vail: Reported that the steel drum band will play at the MAMLE conference at Sugarloaf this month. Julie Sanborn has done a great job with this program.
   Harold Wilson: Reported that a lot is going on including the first ever Medomak youth football game played during the homecoming weekend which also included lots of other events. There was a blood drive this fall with more units collected than the goal that had been set. School pictures were done today. The MELMAC grant went in on time.
   Julia Levensaler: Reported that NECAPS started this week, which is the state assessment. The PBIS team met and the character trait for the month was self-control. The students get a coupon for the exhibiting this behavior toward being able to select a reward at the end of the month. Tomorrow’s workshop day is focused on data review from NWEA and other fall assessments.
   Ann Kirkpatrick: FVS- Reported that they too are starting NECAPS. PTA meetings for the year are set up. The stage adventures program will be after Thanksgiving. Don Fendler visited the school and presented to classes reading his book. WCS- She reported that this school is also doing NECAPS. During the workshop day, both schools will be working at Warren. K-2 staff will be meeting at Union to review standard-based report cards. The other staff will work on goals for instruction. Student data is also the topic of the day.
   Richard Blackman: Reported that to no surprise, NECAPS are going on. He shared that the Conservation Fair was a great experience for the many students attending. Union School also had Don Fendler visit and he does an amazing job of making students feel like he is talking to them individually. At Prescott, Mr. Blackman reported that 75% of students were proficient on the Science MEA last year. He shared that both schools met AYP this last year. He shared a great picture of the double rainbow picture over Union School.
   Karen Etheridge: Reported that at the annual fall conference, three staff members presented and their presentation made the district proud. The DOE was impressed with the work the district is doing. She thanked the Board for support of the Miller- Lifeskills program. She also told the Board that the mini-buses program is going well. Because of hiring, other staff road the bus until the aids were hired. Because of state testing, her staff has to focus on their students needs and make necessary accommodations. Some ed. Tech positions are open because of moving around either into other positions or because of moving into teaching positions.
   Kim Schroeter: Reported that she has been busy with the last set of reports for the CIPS work. The SES tutoring work has just today gone out. She attended a two-day conference for curriculum leaders and the top priority was the new teacher evaluation law and how curriculum leaders would support teachers. Lastly, she shared she is now a student at the adult education program at MVHS taking a pottery class which she is very excited about.
Susan Taylor shared that Adult Ed. is in the 3rd full week of classes. Classes are occurring at various sites. Some classes had to be postponed because of enrollments being low. She also shared that recently she had 5 GED diplomas awarded to students.

Linda Trenholm: Reported that a technology meeting occurred this evening where they discussed the implementation of billing for laptop damage. There was also discussion of the planning for the next year for participation in MLTI and/or using other devices. Professional development from technology will start next week for Google, moodle, and open lab for staff.

VII. Educational Issues
   a) Other- None

VIII. Action Items
   1. Review and approve the Many Flags plan: Alan Hinsey and Tori Manzi -on the steering committee shared information on the proposal. Discussion about a weighted vote with the 11-board vote for some votes but not all. Concerns about the campus and what our kids get out of it. Ms. Manzi shared that this document allows the new Board to do some work regardless if a building occurs. She saw the benefit as program sharing and other collaboration under the Many Flags umbrella.
   Motion to approve the Many Flags Governance Document: Lynda Letteney
   Seconded: Guy Bourrie
   Discussion: Questions on page 8 of the document- would it be a duplication of voting. Reply-Ms. Manzi-The new board of directors will put out some recommendation for the collaborative agreement. She said that is a task for the new director board would work this out and bring it back to the Boards.
   Discussion about regionalization that can happen without more administrative costs, which may occur in the Many Flags project. Discussion about the cost of an employee in the plan. Discussion about just having the Cooperative Programs and Services Advisory Council and not a Board of Directors. Questions about the weighted vote only on the financials. Discussion about student services and how our students would benefit from the program on a new campus. Concerns expressed that not many citizens know about this program and it is mostly within the Board discussions level. Where would the Region 8 new facility be located if the Many Flags doesn’t go through and do they need a new facility?
   Tori Manzi explained the cost for Many Flags, as proposed, would need to be developed. Goal to hire a part-time Executive Director after a board of directors is formed. The steering committee has talked about the public forum before the vote this fall.
   Tod Brown said the design is for the directors to solve these questions. There is an expense but even if we go to regionalization, there is a cost involved. He said that he has come around to a different way of thinking. He recommended that we allow this to go forward and see what can be developed.
   Lynda Letteney agrees with Tod. The idea of how the Region 8 Board would fit to the new board of directors isn’t totally worked out. She felt a governing entity would be needed to figure this out. She also pointed out the last page of the document and that issues shouldn’t be looked at until have more detail.
   Sandra O’Farrell is a fan of regionalization and she doesn’t see this as a way to change things. There was some clarity about Region 8’s involvement and how it fits with Many Flags.
   Discussion about taxpayer’s questions and what would the funding look like if Many Flags comes to be. When the economy gets hit, budgets don’t see the same reductions.
   Errol Silvestri questioned the funding mechanism as to how long financial commitment is for and the answer was that most discussion at the steering committee level has been an annual commitment.
Tod Brown talked about regionalization and how that works is yet to be developed into a cooperative agreement.

Erik Amundsen asked about timeframe for the next phase. The region is doing a non binding agreement vote and it will take about 3-6 month for a Board of Directors to work out the detail.

Guy Bourrie spoke against the plan and he can not support this because he believes there are easier and better ways to provide good education for the students without this.

Gail Hawes said she believes in regionalization but she is not sure this is the process that regionalization should occur. She thinks the item mentioned as benefits can be done without Many Flags. Consolidation did not do anything for the taxpayers of RSU 40. She is against the process.

Vote: 381/522 (Ann Donaldson, Wayne Luce, Guy Bourrie, Dennis Wooster, Sandra O’Farrell, Gail Hawes, Danny Jackson, Darrell Goldrup)
Motion Failed.

2. Review and approve the senior class request for early dismissal/late arrival: Senior Class officers ask for the Board to grant late arrival/early dismissal with Mr. Vannah speaking to the Board. He requested the Board’s permission for this with the condition that students maintain an 85 average or better. The rationale is that this might allow more access to student jobs.
Move approval senior privileges: Dennis Wooster
Seconded: Maggie Massengale
Vote: 738/165/0 (Ann Donaldson, Guy Bourrie, Gail Hawes)

3. The following policy for first reading:
   a. GCPC- Recognition Policy: brought up at Danny Jackson request.
      Motion to accept the recommendation for first reading: Sandra O’Farrell
      Seconded: Darrell Goldrup
      Vote: 761/73/1 (Danny Jackson/ Tod Brown)

XI. Committee Reports
   A. Personnel Committee – October 10th @ 5:30 p.m. - MMS
   B. Curriculum Committee – October 15th @ 7:00 p.m. - MMS
   C. Facilities-Transportation Committee – October 11th @ Union
   D. Finance Committee – October 17th @ 7:00 – Central Office/Union
   E. Negotiations Committee TBA
   F. Policy Committee – October 17th @ 5:00 p.m. – Central Office/Union
   G. Region 8 Committee – October 24th @ 7:00 – MCST/Rockland
   H. Technology Committee – TBA

XIV. Executive Session 1 MRSA§ 405 (6) (A) Personnel
Motion to go into executive session in accordance with 1 MRSA§ 405 (6) (A)
Personnel: Guy Bourrie
Seconded: Gail Hawes
Vote: Unanimous (903/903)
Entered into executive session at 8:46 PM
Exited executive session at 9:03 PM.

XV. Action as the Result of Executive Session
Motion to accept Scott Wyman’s resignation with regret: Ann Donaldson
Seconded: Dennis Wooster
Danny read the letter Scott wrote to the Board
Vote: Unanimous
Motion to authorize the Supt to search for a replacement for the Business Manager and for facilities manager: Guy Bourrie
Seconded: Wayne Luce  Vote: Unanimous (903/903)

XVI. Executive Session 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (D) Negotiations with MVEA
Motion to go into executive in accordance with 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (D) Negotiations: Sandra O’Farrell    Seconded: Gail Hawes  Vote: unanimous
Entered executive session enter at 9:07 PM
Exited executive session at 9:40 PM

XVII. Action as the Result of Executive Session: None

XVIII. Other Items/Adjournment at 9:43 PM