

MINUTES OF THE SAU 87/MASCENIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
Monday, February 6, 2012

Vice-chairman Chad Gibson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll Call: Ms. Sousa, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Turner, Ms. Jenifer Krook Director of Financial Services, Assistant Superintendent Ms. Maria Dreyer, Director of Information Technology Ben Kilar, Student Representative Miss Stephanie Worobey, Director of Facilities Gary Somero, Principals Saari, Courtney, and Starratt, and Superintendent Dr. Corriveau.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Ms. Patty Doyle questioned the format of the SAT prep course
Principal Courtney explained it was a course for test taking strategies
Miss Worobey further added once you take the test, there was a way to review your answers and learn strategies. She did not take the course, but she heard good things about it.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

NECAP Results – Dr. Corriveau stated that the District did very well in some areas , but still has more work to do in mathematics. According to State Commissioner Virginia Barry, the whole state has more work to do in mathematics. Leo gave an overview of the District Results compared to the State. This overview will be available on the website.

Marion Saari reviewed specific elementary NECAP scores and the strengths and weaknesses.

Tom Starratt reviewed specific middle school NECAP scores compared to benchmark schools. Boynton Middle School has been focusing on those students scoring a level one (not proficient) and has seen some improvement.

Questions from the board regarding the low scores in mathematics, Marion discussed changes in the Elementary School in response to the need of teaching the math facts to mastery..

Principal Courtney discussed Mascenic NECAP results. They have been reviewing the test results against the specific student and review it with the data team.

Ms. Dreyer indicated they started to see results in the changes they implemented. In the past, the textbooks were used as the curriculum and following the textbook, which would be acceptable if the textbooks taught to mastery. There was also no prior retention policy at the elementary school, and would be forwarded on to the next level. She further explained math class process. She has been working monthly with the reading, math, and English teachers in middle and high school. She further explained the upcoming timeline of the test and the expected changes.

Mr. Gibson replied there needs to be a change, he is not an educator but this is an ongoing issue.

Ms. Dreyer explained how the teachers are working together as a group in the pod setting and expect to see great things. Their goal is 95% at the elementary level in reading and math.

A high school video that was presented to the NH Edies Committee was shown to the school board.

Principal Courtney explained the presentation. Visitors will be coming to the high school to review on March 14. The NECAP scores are made up of different components, there are certain items that can be changed quickly and other items that take time. He reviewed the NECAP

results, and was disappointed with the results, there are 10-15 students that can alter the results due to the class size.

2012-13 School Calendar – 1st reading, the change was the vacations to align with Milford. The start/end date expects to be the same, 175 days.

Showcase of Learning, Tributes – Dr. Corriveau advised Fred Bramante will be receiving an award for State Board service, and invited the School Board members to attend. Dr. Corriveau congratulated Linda Kalloger and Tom Kelly for their efforts.

Rivier College Partnership – Dr. Corriveau explained there are six interns and expect two additional interns who are student teaching at Mascenic.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT/CURRICULUM/SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT

Ms. Dreyer explained there are certain skills that are required for a child to enter kindergarten. Forty percent of the incoming students failed either hearing and/or eye exam, and many incoming students do not have the common core necessary to start, with some 2-3 years behind.

She is looking into grant funding for resources for the parents to work with their child. She is also looking into grants for parents that need to earn their GED so they can help their child.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Student Representative Report – Miss Worobey indicated there was black stuff in the water. Mr. Somero replied the water is tested quarterly, the results were just received and they are fine. The water filters were just changed today, it may have stirred things up in the water.

Athletic Report – Mr. Rines requested appointment on the following individuals:

Tyler Bergeron - Mascenic Boys Varsity Volleyball,
Karen Veaser - Boynton Girls Softball Coach
Griffin Smith / John Pogorzelski – Boynton Baseball Co-coaches

Mr. Gibson confirmed there was no need to discuss in non-public.

Motion to accept as a slate by Mr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Cooper; all in favor, none opposed.

Mascenic Regional – nothing to report
Boynton Middle School – nothing to report
Highbridge Hill – nothing to report
IT Report – nothing to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Policy IGE Parental Objections to Specific Course Material 2nd Reading – Mr. Gibson questioned the appeal process.

Ms. Dreyer gave an example of how a parent could request their child opt out of a specific curriculum at the parent's cost.

There were no changes.

Sale of Central/Appleton Building – Mr. Somero advised the potential buyer interested in the Appleton school has been out of the country. It was discussed if it should be placed back on the open market, there is no verbal commitment.

False Alarms – he received a bill from the police for false alarms. He is reviewing the \$900 bill he received to confirm if they are accurate. Any appeal is to the Town Selectmen.

Field Service – Mr. Somero explained follow-up to the potential soft ball field discussion at the deliberative session at Boynton. There is a plan drawn and the loan will be placed accordingly. There are three volunteer groups.

Funds Transfer – Mr. Somero requested \$7900 to upgrade the camera equipment to intergrate the operating system.

Mr. Kilar explained the current cameras are not compatible with the new system, it is not controllable and as flexible. The existing equipment will be moved to Greenville.

Motion to approve the funds transfer by Mr. Turner, seconded by Ms. Sousa; all in favor, none opposed.

Evaluation Committee, Board Representative – 1st meeting this Thursday, unknown future date.

Mr. Gibson will start as the member, he is unable to commit to future dates. Tara Sousa agreed to serve. Jim Cooper volunteered to be the substitute.

NEW BUSINESS

Retirement: Joanne Wood - Special Education, Boynton Middle School

Motion to accept with regret by Mr. Cooper; seconded by Mr. Turner; all in favor, none opposed.

NON-PUBLIC

The board voted to close the meeting and enter non-public session at 7:41 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Turner; in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3 II (a,b) negotiations, reputation, and contracts. All in favor, none opposed.


The board came out of non-public session and resumed public session.

Motion to appoint Natalie Holt-Breen as a long-term substitute made by Ms. Sousa, seconded by Mr. Turner; all in favor, none opposed.

Extend option to extend contract for Food Service Contract and Transportation with intent to put transportation bid in Fall 2012 for 2013-2014 school year by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Turner; all in favor, none opposed.

Motion by Mr. Cooper to seal the non-public minutes for 20 years, seconded by Mr. Turner; all in favor, none opposed.

The meeting was closed at 8:12 pm.


Jacquie Long
School Board Clerk