

# **Agenda Mascenic School Board Meeting 11/19/12 - Meeting Minutes**

## **I. Organization (to 6:10 p.m)**

Present: Chad Gibson, Tara Sousa, Robert Turner, Jeff Salmonson, Dr. Betsy Cox-Buteau, Gary Somero, and Ben Kilar.

Meeting called to order by Mr. Gibson at 6:00 PM

Mr. Salmonson was appointed time-keeper and Mr. Turner was appointed process observer.

Agenda Changes -  
add: Coaching nominations & School Calendar

**MOTION** to accept agenda changes made by Ms. Sousa, seconded by Mr. Turner. All in favor, none opposed.

Date & Time of next meeting: Monday, December 3rd at 6:00 PM.

Mr. Gibson reminds the board of their morning budget work session on 12/8/2012

**MOTION** to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2012 meeting as amended by Mr. Salmonson, seconded by Mrs. Sousa. All in favor, none opposed.

## **II. Public Comments - to 6:30 p.m.**

None

## **III. Reports to the Board - to 7:30 p.m.**

### 1. School Board Chair - Chad Gibson

- Check for \$112,000 delivered to SAU from the sale of Appleton Elementary School to Curtis Priest. This amount exceeded the district's asking price. Thanks to Mark Tieger and Gary Somero for their efforts
- Superintendent Search. Committee will meet on November 27. Anticipate an advertisement will be placed by December first and hope to receive all applications by the end of December.
- Hall of Fame Committee met today and is making progress.

### 2. Interim Superintendent - Dr. Betsey Cox-Buteau

- Presented report (see packet).
- Highlighted athletic results for several of our students.

- Explained changes to state adequacy aid to the board. We anticipate a small increase in revenue from this source over the next year.

### 3. Business Administrator - Jenifer Krook

Mrs. Krook was absent. Dr. Cox presented her report to the board (see packet).

- Tax rates have been set at \$5.40 / 1000 for Greenville and \$13.92 /1000 for New Ipswich
- Discussed Schoolcare rate holiday with the board.

**MOTION** to accept Schoolcare recommendation made by Mr. Salmonson seconded by Mr. Turner, all in favor, none opposed.

- Explained need to transfer money within budget to cover audiology services.

**MOTION** to transfer \$7889.63 from 100.2190.323.01.00 to 100.2153.323.01.00 by Mr. Turner and seconded by Mrs. Sousa. All in favor, none opposed.

- Transportation bid discussion deferred pending the arrival of Lee Somero @ 6:30

### 4. Technical Services - Ben Kilar

- Mr. Kilar presented a bid for small laptops to be purchased with title VI Grant money to the board.

**MOTION** to accept the CDWG bid by Mr. Salmonson and seconded by Mr. Turner. All in favor, none opposed.

### 5. Building & Grounds - Gary Somero

- Boynton Generator is online. Mr. Somero notes that this generator was originally ordered in May. All schools now have backup generators to support basic services and shelter operations.
- Mr. Somero has been taking a class with PSNH on conducting energy audits and expects to bring these skills back to the district.
- Mr. Somero expects to need to transfer up \$18,000 to replace RTU1 at MRHS due to unanticipated failure. Will return to the board on December 3 with bid and transfer details.

### Transportation Bid Discussion

Regular education transportation bids were discussed by the board.

- Mr. Gibson noted that taking the apparent low bid might put a local company out of business.
- Lee Somero estimates that the low bid underestimates mileage and cost.

Dr. Cox asked the board members to send Mrs. Krook and herself questions to help clarify the proposals. The board also encouraged Mr. Somero and others to submit questions for that purpose.

Special Education Transportation bids were discussed.

- Discussion focused on the effects of 'ride share'.

Board will discuss this again at their December 3 meeting.

#### **IV. Unfinished Business - to 7:40 p.m.**

none

#### **V. New Business - to 7:50 p.m.**

##### 1. Drug Dogs

Mr. Gibson had a call from a parent suggesting that now might be a good time for the Drug dogs to visit the schools. Dr. Cox discussed the possibility with Chief Carpenter and reported that this can be done at no cost to the district.

Jim Kingston asked whether there was a recognized problem,

Mr. Gibson indicated that there had been some indications but that this was intended to be a deterrent. Dr. Cox added that school staff conducts any searches that are indicated and appropriate action is taken including referral to law enforcement.

Bob Champagne (Greenville) expressed his support.

**MOTION** to ask Dr. Cox to arrange Drug Dogs to visit Boynton Middle School and Mascenic Regional High School made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Sousa. All in favor, none opposed.

##### 2. New Ipswich Safe Schools-Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Per policy JICD-R, MOU should be signed annually. Signed copy received from Chief Carpenter.

**MOTION** to authorize MOU made by Mrs. Sousa and seconded by Mr. Turner, all in favor, none opposed.

##### 3. School Calendar

Dr. Cox asked if she should make December 21 a half day per past practice.

No action taken by the board to change calendar date to half day. School will remain a full day.

## **VI. Personnel - to 8:00 p.m.**

### 1. High School Long Term Sub - Business Education

**MOTION** to nominate Cullen Madden as a long term substitute by Mr. Salmonson, seconded by Turner. All in favor, none opposed.

### 2. Athletic Nominations

Dr. Cox recommended Caitlin Aho for MS Cross Country and Andrea Sbona for High School Swim Team coach.

**MOTION** to approve the slate by Mrs. Sousa, seconded by Mr. Salmonson. All in favor, none opposed.

## **VII. Policies - to 8:15 p.m.**

1. Policy EHB-R Record Retention was reviewed by the board as a first reading.

## **VIII. Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3, II (a-c) - to 8:30 p.m.)**

**MOTION** to enter non-public session at 7:20 PM per RSA 91-A:3,II:3(c) (reputation) by Mr. Salmonson, seconded by Mrs. Sousa. Roll Call. None Opposed.

Public meeting resumed at 7:38 PM

## **IX. Adjournment**

### Agenda Building

- HS math update
- Transportation Bids
- CoCurricular Committee Process
- Policy Review Subcommittee
- EHB-R Second Reading

### Process Observer Report

Mr. Turner reported that process expectations had been generally adhered to.

### Adjournment

**MOTION** to adjourn at 7:43PM by Mrs. Sousa, second by Mr. Salmonson. All in favor, non opposed.