

Mascenic School Board Meeting Agenda 12/17/12

Meeting Minutes

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

Call to order at 6:00 PM by Chad Gibson

Present were Chad Gibson, Tara Sousa, Jeff Salmonson, Chris Lund, Betsey Cox-Buteau, Jen Krook, Gary Somero, Tom Starratt, Marion Saari, Trevor Courtney, Ben Kilar, Jan Longgood

A moment of silence observed.

Agenda Changes

- Kevin Rines to present items ahead of reports
- New business ahead of unfinished

Date & Time of next meeting:

Thursday, December 27, 2012 in Greenville at 6:00 PM for budget matters only

MOTION to accept the agenda and modifications made by Tara Sousa ; Seconded by Chris Lund; All in favor, none opposed.

Review of Minutes of 12/3/2012 Meeting

MOTION to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2012 meeting as amended by Chris Lund; Seconded by Jeff Salmonson; All in favor, none opposed

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

Patty Doyle (New Ipswich) commented that she would like to see discussion of her email under budget

Benti Hoiska (New Ipswich) asked if the School Board is comfortable with security at Mascenic.

Dr. Cox commented on the general state of security at Mascenic Schools and on ongoing discussions about school security.

Jim Kingston (New Ipswich) asked about the status of building key card programming.

Mr. Courtney provided an update and indicated that there was a meeting scheduled for 12/27 to reach final resolution.

III. Reports to the Board - to 6:50 p.m.

Athletics Requests, Kevin Rines

a – MRHS's Girls Basketball will be playing at a Christmas Jamboree at Interlakes High School in Meredith, NH. Mr. Rines requested the School Board's permission for the team to stay overnight at a hotel on 12/27.

Mr. Gibson asked about additional supervision for an overnight trip. Mr. Rines detailed the chaperone arrangements.

Mr. Lund asked about the cost of the trip. Mr. Rines explained that the district would not need to pay additional costs.

MOTION to approve overnight trip made by Jeff Salmonson; Seconded by Tara Sousa; All in favor, none opposed.

b - Mr. Rines requested the Board's approval to begin preliminary discussion of combined football program with Conant. Board member expressed support for discussions. No other action was taken.

1. School Board Chair - Chad Gibson

- Attended Hall of fame meeting. Hall of fame committee is making good progress. They have hopes to conduct initial nominations this spring with possible inductions next fall.
- Attended MRHS girls basketball game last Friday; the team won first game in 5 years and have made an excellent showing thus far this season.
- Attended Drama performance of The Hobbit which was excellent.

2. Interim Superintendent - Dr. Betsey Cox-Buteau

Dr. Cox presented her written report (packet). Highlights included:

- Discussion of need to crown the soccer field. General condition of field has improved through the work of Gary Somero and his department but mud remains a problem. Suggested that the board look at field improvements toward the end of the year as an investment list item.
- The draft state teacher evaluation model has been released but will be redrafted based on comments from the NHSBA and others.

3. Business Administrator - Jenifer Krook

MOTION to transfer \$31,016.95 from 100.1210.112.02.00 and place \$23,466.40 into 100.1290.564.01.00 and \$7550.65 into 199.2722.519.01.00, all to cover an unanticipated out of district placement made by Chris Lund; Seconded by Tara Sousa; All in favor, none opposed.

Mrs. Krook explained the financial statements YTD. One significant change is that she does not now expect the sale of Central Elementary School.

Mrs. Krook reminded the board of the contract with Cafe Services and recommended that the board renew the contract for the year of 2013-2014 due to their record.

MOTION to renew the contract with Cafe Services for the 2013-2014 school year made by Chris Lund; Seconded by Jeff Salmonson; All in favor, none opposed.

Mrs. Krook asked the board to consider the district Wellness Committee and recommended that a board member might join the committee.

4. Technical Services - Ben Kilar

- Attended the Christa MC Conference and picked up some ideas for Google Apps in the district and guidance on the direction of classroom tech in New Hampshire.

5. Building & Grounds - Gary Somero

- Mr. Somero is pursuing a rebate from PSNH for the completed Gym lighting and recent ERU replacement.
- Vendor will be visiting the district on Friday at Highbridge Hill Elementary School at ~ 9:30 AM to discuss solar projects for the MRHS/HHES campus. It may be possible to do the PV portion for no cost.

IV. New Business

1. FY 14 Budget - Chad Gibson

Mr. Gibson reminded the board of their 1/8 meeting at MRHS.

Chris indicated his satisfaction with the proposed changes to the Business, MS Teacher and Firefighter positions. He indicated his reluctance to make large scale changes to administration until the Superintendent position is clarified. He indicated his amazement that proposed budget is so minimally above default based on other increased costs being passed along from the State, etc.

Mrs. Doyle (New Ipswich) stated her concerns about discontinuing the Director of Guidance

position.

Mrs. Sousa asked about the advantages and disadvantages of eliminating a Director of Guidance position.

Dr. Cox reviewed the roles of both the Director of Guidance and the proposed Director of Curriculum, Grants, Data. Dr. Cox explained that the curriculum aspect of the Director of Guidance could be absorbed into the new Director position and that a stipended department head position would be created at MRHS to provide leadership at that level.

Mr. Smith (New Ipswich, MRHS) indicated his concern with the apparent change in direction. Mr. Gibson indicated that this was a concern of the board as well.

Mrs. Maino (New Ipswich, MRHS) indicated the importance of aligning particularly the math curriculum and that outside help and expertise would be welcomed.

Mrs. Krook explained the fund balance from the previous year including unanticipated revenue, savings realized through consolidation, etc. Dr. Cox indicated that one way that the budget was kept down even with the cost increases being passed on by the State was by cutting budget lines that historically have gone unspent.

Discussion of COLA for non-CBA staff. Concern raised by Mr. Salmonson about ~ \$10,000 allocated for administrator bonus.

Mr. Gibson asked for administration to prepare as an information item for the board, a list of what the impact would be if there was a cut of \$200,000 to the proposed budget.

2. Board direction to Board Chair to send letter to New Ipswich Zoning Board of Adjustment regarding Central School property.

Mr. Gibson reminded the board of a letter from a Mr. Casey from Dollar General suggesting that the board might communicate with the ZBA about the consequences of a 'no' vote by the ZBA. Mr. Lund indicated that if the ZBA declined to approve these variances, it may set a precedent that no similar proposals would succeed. One consequence of this may be the need to demolish New Ipswich Central School.

MOTION to direct Mr. Lund to draft and send a letter to the New Ipswich Zoning Board of Adjustment laying out the concerns raised by the Mascenic Regional School Board made by Chris Lund; Seconded by Tara Sousa; All in favor, none opposed.

V. Unfinished Business

1. NHSBA Delegate Assembly - Chad Gibson

Discussion of what occurs at the assembly. No action taken.

2. Co-Extra Curricular Committee recommendations to the Board - Jeff Salmonson

Deferred until the next meeting after brief discussion.

VI. Policies - to 8:00 p.m.

1. Policy EHB-R Record Retention - 3rd Reading

Had been approved in the previous meeting (see minutes 12/3/2012), no further action taken.

2. Policy EEAEA Mandatory Drug/Alcohol Testing - School Bus Drivers Policy - 1st Reading

Initial review by the board.

VII. Personnel - to 8:05 p.m.

1. Letter of Intent to Retire - Linda Simeone/ Math - MRHS

MOTION to accept the Letter of Intent to Retire from Linda Simeone with Regret made by Chris Lund; Seconded by Tara Sousa; All in favor, none opposed.

2. Resignation of Brantley Powers

MOTION to accept the resignation of Brantley Powers Chris Lund; Seconded by Jeff Salmonson; All in favor, none opposed.

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

MOTION to enter non-public session at 7:42 per RSA 91-A:3,II:3(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, made by Chris Lund; Seconded by Jeff Salmonson, Roll Call - Jeff Salmonson - Yes; Chris Lund - Yes; Tara Sousa - Yes; Chad Gibson; Yes.

MOTION to enter non-public session at 7:42 per RSA 91-A:3,II:3(d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property made by Chris Lund; Seconded by Tara Sousa, Roll Call - Jeff Salmonson - Yes; Chris Lund - Yes; Tara Sousa - Yes; Chad Gibson; Yes.

Public meeting resumed at 7:55 PM.

IX. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn made by Chris Lund; Second by Tara Sousa, All in favor, none opposed.