

Mascenic School Board Minutes

School Administrative Office, 16 School Street, Greenville, NH 03048

6/29/2015

1. Organization

Attendance: Earl Somero, Acting Chairman, Jeff Salmonson, Tara Sousa, Jim Kingston, Glenn Waring, Business Administrator, Melissa Vinal, Curriculum Coordinator, Maureen DeGrenier, Executive Assistant, various community members.

Call to Order 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome to attendees and invited attendees. School Board Meeting Norms: Start/end on time, follow the agenda and avoid tangents, refrain from side conversations, respect and hear from all voices and assume best intentions, follow the chain of command.

Agenda Adjustments

Mr. Waring announced that we needed to add a resignation to the Personnel section of the agenda.

Mr. Salmonson made a motion that the School Board accept the agenda as amended; Mrs. Tara Sousa seconded the motion. All members approved. No members opposed. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Correspondence

N/A

2. Unfinished Business

1. Math Pilot Program

Melissa Vinal presented the pilot costs as well as the total first year costs for both the McGraw Hill and Pearson programs.

The Mc-Graw Hill program will provide materials for all classrooms K-8 with the exception of Grade 7 which were already purchased and Grade 8 Algebra I. The materials include Teacher editions, Learning Stations, Math Routines (manipulatives), and math assessments. McGraw Hill's program for Grades K-5 is called My Math, and Grades 6-8 is Glencoe Math Course 1,2,3. Included with the math pilot is four days of training for teachers. The District will purchase the interactive workbooks at an estimated cost of \$17,605.50. The cost includes a 1-year online license for each student. The FY-15-16 budget appropriated \$19,000 for workbooks which needed to be purchased for the current math curriculum. The current program/workbooks does not include the interactive/online component.

The Pearson Envision Math program will provide materials for 2 classes at each grade level K-6. The materials will include a student edition and 1-year online license, digital courseware license, Practice materials teacher guide workbook, classroom manipulative kits, center manipulative kit, digital resources CD-Rom, practice poster, quick kit and center kit, teacher edition package, teacher resource masters domain book package, today's challenge teacher guide, math diagnosis and intervention system, exam review CD-Rom, problem solving reading mats, problem solving reading mats teacher's guide.* Training 2 teachers per grade level for the Pearson Math would cost \$3500.

It is the recommendation of Administration and teacher's to move forward with the McGraw Hill program due to the fact that it aligns with the current math program in Grade 7, Grade 8 Algebra I and the High School Math program. McGraw Hill was purchased for 7th Grade based on what the high school was using. Math is sequential and builds skills in layers. Having one program k-12 allows the scope and sequence of skills to develop properly.

Mr. Kingston asked what is typical length of time to stay with a curriculum program? Mrs. Vinal responded most schools stay with a program 8-10 years before updates. McGraw Hill updates online and will roll into our licenses.

Mr. Kingston was wondering what a 10-year cost cycle would be? Unfortunately, at the time of this meeting that information was not available.

Mrs. Sousa asked if the teachers have used Pearson? Mrs. Vinal responded that teachers are using an old version of Pearson right now.

Mr. Somero asked how systems deal with individual aptitudes of students. Mrs. Vinal responded that both have good programs for differentiation.

Mrs. Sousa commented that Pearson is only offering 2 pilot programs per grade level. The two programs are different. Do we want all the children to have the same education or two different programs learning different items?

Mr. Salmonson responded that I don't believe in running two pilots at the same time. Mrs. Sousa agreed that we are too small to run two pilots.

Mr. Salmonson asked how have the teachers reacted to the two pilots? Mrs. Vinal responded that Envisions just came in this week. Middle School and Elementary teacher's voted 100% to go with McGraw Hill. Our teachers were able to view the program for a few weeks. Mrs. Sousa asked if there is a commitment after the pilot is complete. Mrs. Vinal responded there is no commitment to purchase. We would still have a year of updated resources at minimal expense to the district.

Tara Sousa made a motion that the district move forward with the McGraw Hill pilot program. Jeff Salmonson seconded the motion. All members were in favor. No members opposed. Motion passed. 4-0-0.

Mr. Kingston stated that he would still like to see a life cycle cost of the program.

3. New Business

1. Wilson Reading Contract

The Wilson Reading program. Currently the district has no specialized reading programs. This program is essential for children who are not making any progress. It is a program that the non-typical learner can go into and be successful. We have an opportunity to train 5 teachers using IDEA Grant. The program is done in different stages and it is a lifetime certification for the teachers.

Mr. Kingston asked what are we taking away from in the grant to use it for the training? Melissa Vinal said each year we look at the grant to see what we need. This year we looked at training.

Jim Kingston made a motion to authorize the acting chairman to sign LTR Tutoring in the amount of \$12,298.21. Jeff Salmonson seconded the motion. All members approved. No members opposed. Motion passes. 4-0-0.

4. Public Comments - to 7:30 p.m.

Public Comment will be restricted to precise topics announced in advance. This means public comment will only be allowed on items in this weekly agenda.

5. Personnel

1. Retirement(s)

Glen Waring announced that Superintendent Goguen had received a retirement letter from Nancy Taber effective June 30, 2015.

Mr. Earl Somero and Mr. Jeff Salmonson asked for clarification regarding retirement and resignation due to the fact that the agenda adjustment had been for a resignation. Mr. Kingston responded that the acknowledgement of the error was sufficient since the agenda had already been approved to add an item under personnel.

Jim Kingston moved to accept the retirement of Nancy Taber effective June 30, 2015. Jeff Salmonson seconded the motion. All members approved. No members opposed. Motion passed 4-0-0.

6. Non-Public Session - RSA 91-A:3, II (a-c)

Tara Sousa made a motion to move to non-public session per RSA 91A:3 II (a); Jim Kingston seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Tara Sousa, yes, Jeff Salmonson, yes, Jim Kingston, yes, Earl Somero, yes. The vote was unanimous.

Jim Kingston made a motion to move to non-public session per RSA 91A:3-II (c); Tara Sousa seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Tara Sousa, yes, Jeff Salmonson, yes, Jim Kingston, yes, Earl Somero, yes. The vote was unanimous.

7. Adjournment

1. Process Observer Report Out

2. Motion to Adjourn 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen DeGrenier
Acting School Board Secretary

Approved on 8/3/2015