MADISON SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2014 – 5:00 PM

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ROOM 151 – FIRST GRADE CLASSROOM

APPROVED MINUTES

Board members attending: Bruce Brooks, Jim Curran, Wendy Grzesik, Sloane Jarell, Ray O’Brien

Others attending: Superintendent Lou Goscinski, Special Education Administrator Raina Shearer Chick, Principal Brian Ernest

CALL TO ORDER: Board chair Jim Curran called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM with 3 board members present.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: Motion by Ray O’Brien to enter non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3, II (a), (b), & (c), and RSA 91-A: 2, I (b), seconded by Bruce Brooks. On a roll call vote the board entered non-public session at 5:01 PM.

Bruce Brooks – Aye

Jim Curran – Aye

Ray O’Brien – Aye

The Ayes have it.

1. Personnel Matters: Motion by Ray O’Brien to empower the board chair to sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement, seconded by Bruce Brooks. The motion passed 3-0.

Sloane Jarell arrived at the meeting at 5:05 PM.

1. Motion by Sloane Jarell to accept the superintendent’s nomination of Vicky Wasson as Food Service Director based on the principal’s recommendation, seconded by Bruce Brooks. The motion passed 4-0.
2. Motion by Ray O’Brien to accept the superintendent’s nomination of Joseph Costello as Bus Driver based on the principal’s recommendation, seconded by Bruce Brooks. The motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Ray O’Brien to re-enter public session, seconded by Sloane Jarell. The motion passed 4-0 and the board re-entered public session at 5:30 PM.

The board attended classroom presentations on the use of Kuno tablets, by student Owen Arias and his teacher Mrs. Deb Parsons, and by teacher Mrs. Mary Ellen Holmes.

Wendy Grzesik arrived at the meeting at 5:45 PM.

PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENES: The board reconvened public session at 6:05 PM.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

1. Announcements: The board approved the chair to sign the CBA, which has been done. The board approved two nominations from the superintendent based on principal recommendations: Food Service Director Vicki Wasson and Bus Driver Joseph Costello.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Ray O’Brien to approve the agenda, seconded by Wendy Grzesik. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting: 4-8-14: Motion by Ray O’Brien to approve the minutes of 4-8-14, seconded by Sloane Jarell. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

1. Calendar:
2. Right to Know Law Workshop: 5-13-14 @5:30 PM - Madison Elementary School, James Noyes Auditorium: On as a reminder. Ray O’Brien questioned whether 5:30 was the correct time, and Jim Curran will double check and let everyone know.
3. SAU 9 & 13 Meeting: 5-21-14 @ 6:00 PM – Conway: The date was changed from the 22nd. Superintendent Lou Goscinski said he and school principals will be presenting.
4. Next Regular School Board Meeting: Scheduled for 6-2-14 @ 5:00 PM.
5. RFCS Information Request: This was discussed at the last meeting. Lou Goscinski said we are trying to set up a meeting regarding sharing information.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

GENERAL ITEMS:

1. Digital Learning Initiative Presentation: The board thanked Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Holmes, and Owen Arias for their enjoyable and informative presentations.

MUSTANG ACADEMY DIRECTOR REPORT: Besides his regular report in the board packet, Director Mike Lane presented an addendum report to the board on the May 1 “Be Our Guest” event at MES at which over 60 students and 20 faculty members worked after school preparing food, cleaning, decorating, cooking, and serving over 280 guests while students learned about such things as nutrition, hospitality, and teamwork. He thanked the entire MES community for their support and said a strong partnership developed between the MES Wellness Committee, Mustang Academy, Madison Rec, and Memorial Hospital.

The board thanked Mike Lane, students and staff, and anyone else involved in this very successful event.

Sloane Jarell left the meeting at 6:20 PM.

MADISON EMPLOYEES’ ASSOCATION REPORT: Deb Parsons asked the board if there was any interest in having this be a regular item on the agenda as it has been in the past, and if so, what kinds of things would the board like to see. Discussion followed. Superintendent Goscinski said that “General Items” was on the agenda for teachers’ use and we’re trying to get teachers at every meeting. He said backup information for anything to be discussed at the meeting would need to be at the SAU office at least a week in advance so the board could be prepared for discussion. Wendy Grzesik said she would like to see more presentations.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

1. Principal’s Letter: In the board packet. Principal Brian Ernest referred to the “Be Our Guest” event and commended people for going above and beyond work hours to make this such a successful event. He thanked Memorial Hospital for donating 40 pedometers to the Walking Club. Brian said Engaging Solutions is taking collaboration to a new level, with a webcast featuring SAU 13 students being viewed by administrators and teachers in Texas, North Carolina, and the Southwest. He thanked Mary Beth Kremel from Engaging Solutions for her work and said her experience as a teacher has been helpful and he gave credit to MES staff for embracing that.
2. Current Enrollment: 148.
3. Transportation Matters: Ken Eckhardt expressed concern about one of the buses, the 2004 #2 bus. He said it overheated and had to be towed to Frechette’s. He said Frechette’s was not equipped for a Mercedes diesel and that Valladares gave a quote of $2,500 for parts and labor to put the bus back in service. He said his recommendation was to get it repaired. The board agreed. It was noted that when a new bus is purchased next year this bus will become the spare.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

1. Summer Program: Special Education Administrator Raina Chick said the Summer Enrichment Program starts July 7 and ends August 14; this is a morning program, 9:00-12:00, four days a week and open to any Madison, Tamworth, or Freedom student currently in K-6 who will be in grades 1-7 in the fall. She said there is a cap on 55 to 60 students. She said local funds will be used from all 3 district to pay teaching staff and transportation. She said signups will be going out this week and we would like to get everyone registered by the first week in June. Raina said the mission of this program is to incorporate the extended school year special education programing for students who require programming in the summer and also serves to meet the needs of kids who just need a little boost. She said Madison students can sign up for enrichment, recreation, or both. She said any questions about recreation should be directed to Mike Lane.
2. Consolidation of FY 15 IDEA Grant: Motion by Ray O’Brien to approve the consolidation of the IDEA Grant, seconded by Wendy Grzesik. The motion passed 4-0. Brian Ernest said he will look into any title I documentation that needs to be approved by the board.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

1. Fund Balance Projection: In the board packet. Lou Goscinski noted that as of now the projected budget balance is $57,801, with remaining available $44,158, but that will change. He said Mike O’Neill will provide the best options for the fund balance at the next meeting.
2. Exceptions Report: In the board packet. Any questions, please let Lou Goscinski know.
3. Security Grant: Lou said the grant has been submitted and he hopes to have a report by the next meeting. There was a discussion about school security.
4. RFP Update: Building Trim & Flooring: Lou said he didn’t have a recommendation tonight but hopes to have one for the next meeting. He said an ad was run in the Conway Daily Sun for flooring and carpet and a notice was put out on the vinyl siding and trim with local contractors asked to bid.
5. FY 13 Audit: Lou said the FY 12 audit has been shared with the new auditor, who projects that the FY 13 audit will be done by the end of this fiscal year.

SCHOOL BOARD BUSINESS:

1. First Reading of Policies: EFA, JG, JICD, JKAA, JLCJ, JLCK, & JLDBA. The superintendent said we do not currently have these policies and they are required by law.

Motion by Ray O’Brien to move all of the above policies as a first reading, seconded by Bruce Brooks. The motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC INPUT: Ken Eckhardt noted that the light fixture over the back door was not working and he replaced it with an LED fixture. The board agreed that this was the best way to proceed.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: Motion by Bruce Brooks to enter non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3, II (a), (b), (c), & (e), seconded by Ray O’Brien. On a roll call vote the board entered non-public session at 7:09 PM:

Bruce Brooks – Aye

Jim Curran - Aye

Wendy Grzesik – Aye

Ray O’Brien - Aye

The Ayes have it.

1. Personnel Matters: Discussed.

PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENES: Motion by Wendy Grzesik to return to public session, seconded by Bruce Brooks. The motion passed unanimously and the public session reconvened at 7:28 PM.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

1. Announcements: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bruce Brooks to adjourn, seconded by Wendy Grzesik. The motion passed 4-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

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Approved Minutes

Respectfully submitted,

**Patricia Ambrose**

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Recording Secretary