MADISON SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2014 – 5:00 PM

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

RUTH V. CHICK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

DRAFT 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, Business Administrator Michael O’Neill, Principal Brian Ernest

CALL TO ORDER: Board chair Jim Curran called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. All present pledged allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Wendy Grzesik to approve the agenda, seconded by Sloane Jarell. There was one addition under the Superintendent’s Report, “G. NAEP Program.” With this addition the motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting: 5-5-14: Motion by Sloane Jarell to approve the minutes of 5-5-14, seconded by Wendy Gresik. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

1. Calendar:
2. SAU #13 Joint School Board Meeting 6-10-14 @ 6:00 PM – K.A. Brett School, Tamworth
3. MES Graduation 6-19-14 @ 6:30 PM
4. KHS Graduation 6-21-14 @10:00 AM
5. Next Regular School Board Meeting: Scheduled for 7-7-14 @ 5:00 PM. (**Note: if needed**)
6. RFCS Information Request: Superintendent Goscinski reported that a meeting with representatives of the Robert Frost Charter School has resulted in an agreement that they will provide the information we have been seeking and that this will be done on an annual basis.
7. KHS Valedictorian & Salutatorian: The board noted that KHS Valedictorian Brian Caputo and Salutatorian Talia Vaughan are both Madison students. Superintendent Goscinski drafted a letter of congratulations which was read to the board and received the board’s approval. Wendy Grzesik requested to have a sign out in front of the Madison school congratulating them once they graduate.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

GENERAL ITEMS:

1. WOWZERS Math App (Grades 3-8) – A presentation by Christine Zimmer.

MUSTANG ACADEMY DIRECTOR REPORT: Director Mike Lane said we received good press in the Madison Town column. He announced a new program for next year: combined field hockey for girls in grades 4, 5, and 6 between Madison and Bartlett. He said he had an idea for a sustainability project that he would like to discuss with Principal Ernest and a representative of the board. He said it might involve creating a revolving fund.

Motion by Sloane Jarell to approve the feasibility study as outlined by Mike Lane, seconded by Wendy Grzesik. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion about the use of remaining funds which Business Administrator Mike O’Neill said are in deferred revenue. Bruce Brooks suggested using funds for the maintenance of the fields, such as for fertilizer, lime, and lighting for evening programs. Jim Curran asked Mike Lane to get some information together for approval before July 1. He suggested that the board have a special meeting later in June and perhaps skip the July meeting.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

1. Principal’s Letter: In the board packet. No questions.
2. Current Enrollment: 149
3. Kindergarten Projection: Principal Brian Ernest said the kindergarten projection is around 12 for next year. He noted that the projection for the 6th grade is 25. This was discussed.
4. Wall Painting Schedule: The principal said this has been advertised in-house and will be advertised in the newspaper to close June 13th. He said we should have someone in place by the end of school. Jim Curran said we should be able to get this done for under $500.
5. E. Radio Licensing Update: Brian Ernest said he has signed the purchase order for this and is getting in touch with Ossipee Electronics to come here and do the work.
6. New Furniture Update: Brian said we had 4 bids and have picked out student chairs, tables, desks and office chair. He said he would recommend going with the lower bid with the same quality furniture for around $2,900.
7. Bus #2: Ken Eckhardt said the work was completed that was approved at the last board meeting. He said there were some issues regarding safety problems that involved the DOT in Concord; they found a few things such as corrosion around the service door and steps that caused it to be taken out of service. He said the bus is at Frechette’s and the repairs will be taken care of within about two weeks. He added that the DOT wants to come by and do an audit of our buses at some point.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: No report.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

1. Fund Balance Projection: Business Administrator Mike O’Neill said document 5 in the board packet has changed because he found an additional $20,000 in out of district tuition. He handed out a new document with a new projected budget balance of $99,818. He said the amount to be added to the 2.5 reserves can be determined in August.
2. FY 13 Audit: Mike said this should be done in 3-5 weeks.
3. School Care Medical Insurance: Mike said the final effective rates are less than expected and there is now a 4.6% decrease. Jim Curran noted that we need to keep in mind that at some point this is going to catch up.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

1. 2014-2015 Substitute Rates: Motion by Bruce Brooks to approve the superintendent’s recommendation to keep the rates the same, seconded by Sloane Jarell. The motion passed unanimously.
2. 2014-2015 Lunch Prices: Motion by Wendy Grzesik to approve the recommendation of the food service director to increase lunch prices by 10 cents, seconded by Sloane Jarell. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Commissioner Barry’s Visit: Update by Superintendent Goscinski on the commissioner’s visit which he said was very positive. He said Commissioner Barry would like to have the governor come and see what the school is doing with technology. The superintendent said he wanted to commend teachers and students for what they’re doing, which is really on the cutting edge of technology.
4. Remote Instruction School Day/Blizzard Bag: Lou said he met with the union president and said there was great support among teachers for remote instruction school days. He said he will be presenting a plan to the commissioner and he wanted to make sure there was at least 80%participation from students and staff. Jim Curran suggested that since elementary students would be let out earlier than middle and high school students, possibly the afterschool program could be ramped up for those days. The superintendent said we will field-test it first.

Motion by Ray O’Brien to allow us to move forward with the state on a plan for remote instruction school days, seconded by Sloane Jarell. The motion passed unanimously.

1. SAU #9 Strategic Planning Committee Update: No response yet.
2. Consent Agenda: Lou Goscinski said we are trying this out in Tamworth and Freedom. He said this involves having the superintendent and board chair decide on information that is non-controversial such as the principal’s letter and financial reports and put it up front on the agenda to be looked at ahead of time and passed en masse. He said if there is something a board member wants to discuss, then a motion could be made to take it off the consent agenda. Wendy Grzesik said she would prefer to leave the principal’s report on the agenda. Ray O’Brien agreed that there is some information that is good for the public to hear out loud. Jim Curran noted that the information would be in the board packet which is a public document that could be posted on the website. The board agreed to try the consent agenda.
3. NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress): The superintendent said a letter was received from the commissioner stating that Madison has been selected to participate in this program. He said Brian Ernest has been made aware of this and that people from the state would be coming. FYI.

SCHOOL BOARD BUSINESS:

*Old Business*

1. Second Reading/Adoption of Policies Required by Law: EFA, JG, JICD, JKAA, JLCJ, JLCK, & JLDBA.

Motion by Bruce Brooks to accept the above policies under “Old Business, A” as second reading/adoption, seconded by Sloane Jarell. The motion passed unanimously.

*New Business*

1. First Reading of Policies with Changes Recommended by NHSBA & Madison Policy Committee: BBAA, BHC, EB/JLI, ECAF, GBCD, GBCD-R, GBEA, GBEBB, GCO, IHBG, IHBG-R, ILBA, IMBA, JEC, JFAB, JICDD, JICI, JICK, JJA, KCD, & KFA

Motion by Bruce Brooks to accept the above policies under “New Business, A” as a first reading, seconded by Sloane Jarell. The motion passed unanimously.

1. First Reading of Policies to be Readopted with No Changes:

Motion by Bruce to accept all under letter B, ray, unanimous.

1. Policy Book Section A: AA, ABA, AC, ACD, ACE, AD, ADB, ADC, ADD, & AE
2. Policy Book Section A. Appendix: AC-R
3. Policy Book Section B: BA, BAAA, BB, BBA, BBB, BBBA, BBBC, BBBD, BBBE, BBBH, BCA, BCB, BDA, BDB, BDD, BDE, BDF, BDG, BEA, BEB, BEC, BEDA, BEDB, BEDD, BEDG, BEDH, BFE, BG, BGA, BGB, BGC, BGD, BGE, BGF, BIA, BIB, BIBA, BID, BIE, BJ, BK, & BKA
4. Policy Book Section B. Appendix: BA-R, BBA-R, BBB-R, BBBH-R, BCA-R, BDD-R, & BEDG-R
5. Policy Book Section C: CA, CB, CBB, CBG, CCB, CFA, CFB, CGC, CH, CHA, CHB, CHCA, CHD, & CM
6. Policy Book Section C Appendix: CB-R, CBI-R, & CFA-R
7. Policy Book Section D: DDA, DB, DBC, DBI, DBJ, DC, DD, DEA, DFA, DG, DGA, DH, DI, DIA, DID, DIE, DIH, DJ, DJC, DJD, DJE, DJF, DJG, DK, DKA, DKC, DM, DN, DO, & DP
8. Policy Book Section D Appendix: DFA-R, DI-R, & DJC-R

Motion by Bruce Brooks to readopt with no changes all policies under “New Business, B”, seconded by Sloane Jarell. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Award Flooring Bid: Motion by Ray O’Brien to have the work done by Milford Flooring, seconded by Sloane Jarell. The motion passed unanimously.

Bruce Brooks suggested having the flooring done in the last classroom and taking the funds out of 14-15 money. The board agreed. Lou Goscinski said we will get a figure for that.

1. Award Exterior Trim Bid: Motion by Sloane Jarell to approve having Peter Wing do the exterior trim within $500 and taking the money out of next year’s budget; seconded by Bruce Brooks. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Substitute Coordinator: Tabled till next month.

PUBLIC INPUT: Christine Zimmer asked about the Title I policy and Lou Goscinski said it will be going before the policy committee for review. Christine also asked about having proper signage for traffic when students are loading and unloading. This was discussed. Jim Curran said we will do everything we can to make sure everyone stays safe.

Wendy Grzesik said she would like to see “Board Comments” back on the agenda.

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 Wendy Grzesik. On a roll call vote the board entered non-public session at 7:14 PM.

Bruce Brooks – Aye

Jim Curran - Aye

Wendy Grzesik – Aye

Sloane Jarell - Aye

Ray O’Brien - Aye

The Ayes have it.

1. Personnel Matters: Superintendent’s Nominations. The superintendent noted that these nominees will have to go through criminal background checks.
2. After school program: Dennis Pelletier, instructor for lacrosse. Motion by Sloane Jarell to approve Dennis Pelletier as instructor for lacrosse in the after school program, seconded by Wendy Grzesik. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Summer rec program: Kim Coleman. Motion by Sloane Jarell to approve Kim Coleman for the summer rec program, seconded by Wendy Grzesik. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Summer rec program: Abby Olds. After discussion, motion by Bruce Brooks to approve with reservations Abby Olds for the summer rec program, seconded by Ray O’Brien. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Title I program: Linda Haver. Motion by Bruce Brooks to approve Linda Haver for the Title I program, seconded by Ray O’Brien. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Title I program: Christina Edwards. Motion by Wendy Grzesik to approve Christina Edwards for the Title I program, seconded by Ray O’Brien. The motion passed unanimously.

The board discussed leave time for Ken Eckhardt to attend his daughter’s graduation in California the first week of June. Motion by Bruce Brooks to approve Ken Eckhardt to use vacation time from next year as requested, with the caveat that if he leaves the money would have to be repaid; seconded by Sloane Jarell. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ray O’Brien to approve allowing a student to finish the year at Madison and graduate who is no longer living in Madison; seconded by Sloane Jarell. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENES: Motion by Sloane Jarell to return to public session, seconded by Wendy Grzesik. The motion passed unanimously and the public session reconvened at. 8:10 PM.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

1. Announcements:
* The board approved the superintendent’s nominations for the after school program.
* The board approved Ken Eckhardt using vacation days from next year with the caveat that if he leaves the money would have to be repaid.
* The board approved allowing a student to finish the year at Madison and graduate who is no longer living in Madison.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Wendy Grzesik to adjourn, seconded by Ray O’Brien. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Madison School Board Meeting

June 2, 2014

Draft Minutes

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ambrose

Recording Secretary