# MADISON SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014 – 5:00 PM

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

RUTH V. CHICK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

APPROVED MINUTES

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

Others attending: Superintendent Lou Goscinski, Student Services Director Raina Shearer Chick, Finance Manager Michael O’Neill, Principal Heather Woodward

CALL TO ORDER: Board Chair Jim Curran called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM with 3 board members present. All present pledged allegiance to the flag.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: Motion by Sloane Jarell to enter non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a), (b), & (c). Seconded by Ray O’Brien. The motion passed 3-0. On a roll call vote the board entered non-public session at 5:00 PM:

Jim Curran – Aye

Sloane Jarell - Aye

Ray O’Brien – Aye

The Ayes have it.

1. Student Matter: Discussed. Motion by Ray O’Brien to accept the superintendent’s recommendation, based on the report from Superintendent Carl Nelson, to deny a parental request for tuition. Seconded by Sloane Jarell. The motion passed 3-0.
2. Personnel Matters:
3. Superintendent’s Nominations:

* Motion by Ray O’Brien to approve the nomination of Kathleen Kolbe-Holden as part-time Guidance Counselor, seconded by Sloane Jarell.
* Motion by Sloane Jarell to approve the nomination of Tracy Holmes as Madison Recreation Before School Instructor. Seconded by Ray O’Brien. The motion passed 3-0.

1. Superintendent Goscinski announced that the investigation of a bullying matter which was brought to the board’s attention has proved to be unfounded.
2. Student Services Director Raina Chick discussed out-of-district placements which will be required for two new students in Madison.
3. Superintendent Goscinski provided the board a list of Madison students attending the Robert Frost School.
4. Discussion of the Food Service Contract. Motion by Wendy Grzesik to approve the existing contract with Freedom regarding the Food Service Director. Seconded by Sloane Jarell. The motion passed 3-0.
5. Discussion and of correspondence on behalf of the school board regarding a donation to Mustang Academy.

PUBLIC SESSION: Motion by Wendy Grzesik to come out of non-public session, seconded by Sloane Jarell. The motion passed 3-0 and the board came out of non-public session at 5:30 PM.

PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENES: Chair Jim Curran called the public session to order at 5:35 PM. Board member Wendy Grzesik joined the meeting.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF NON-PUBLIC SESSION

1. Announcements

There were two staff nominations: Tracy Holmes as Madison Recreation Before School Instructor and Kathleen Kolbe-Holden as part-time Guidance Counselor. The board reviewed a request from a parent and denied the request based on the superintendent’s recommendation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Ray O’Brien to approve the agenda, seconded by Sloane Jarell. Additions to the agenda are under Building Project/Transportation “E. Bus Route Change Request;” under Principal’s Report, “B. Staff;” and under School Board Business, “E. Enrollment Discussion.” With these additions the amended agenda was approved 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting: 8-4-14: Motion by Wendy Grzesik to approve the minutes, seconded by Ray O’Brien. Ray O’Brien noted that after coming out of non-public session the board approved a request from a parent regarding transportation.

With this change the minutes were approved 3-0-1 with 1 abstention.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: Motion by Wendy Grzesik to accept the Consent Agenda Items, seconded by Sloane Jarell. The motion was approved 3-0.

1. Finance Manager’s Expense Report
2. Second Reading of Policies to be Readopted with no Changes as Recommended by the Madison Policy Committee: I, J, K, L & Appendices.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

1. Calendar:
2. Next School Board Meeting 10-6-14 @ 5:00 PM – Madison Elementary School, upstairs in the RTI room. Chair Jim Curran noted that as yet there is nothing to report on finding a new school board member.

PUBLIC INPUT: Superintendent Lou Goscinski thanked the teachers and staff of Madison Elementary School and the board for a great start to the new school year.

RECREATION/ENRICHMENT DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Director Mike Lane reported that soccer numbers are at an all-time high with 25 students on the soccer team; we have two good-sized teams and the schedule is almost complete. Mike noted that the grant is now over and it’s beginning to hit home that people are required to pay for programs moving forward. He said he would like to look into the idea of tapping into some of the money that was donated, specifically from the Community Market/Deli, to offer scholarship support to families. Jim Curran announced a donation of $5,000 to Mustang Academy from a parent who was most appreciative of the program.

Motion by Sloane Jarell to accept with thanks the $5,000 donation to Mustang Academy, seconded by Wendy Grzesik. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Lane said the thrift store is slated to start in October and donations are coming in; we are looking mostly for clothing that is in good shape, not home goods, appliances, or electronics. He said in winter we could use ski and snowboard equipment. Ray O’Brien suggested a matching- type fund. Applying to the Ossipee Children’s Fund was also suggested. Ray noted that in his report Mike Lane had thanked Wayne Jones for his help in keeping the field nice, and Jim Curran added that the town crew had done a good job. The board gave a big “thank you” to the Town of Madison highway crew.

BUILDING PROJECT/TRANSPORTATION – Ken Eckhardt

1. Disposal of Equipment: Motion by Wendy Grzesik to approve disposing of equipment per school board policy, seconded by Sloane Jarell. The motion passed 3-0. Lou Goscinski suggested placing a notice in the newsletter.
2. Inspection of Buses: Update: Ken said all buses have been inspected and passed and all have had whatever repairs were necessary.
3. Security System: Update: Updates to the security system have been made.
4. Final Report on Summer Projects:

* Flooring has been completed.
* Painting of hallway was begun and will be completed as time allows.
* The outside of the building has been painted as well as some classroom walls.
* LCDs have been installed.
* Bus radios were all reprogrammed and installed in the buses, with frequencies to share with SAU #9, and Ken said he will make sure the town gets them. Ken said we need to get a letter out to Ossipee Mt. Electronics that we allow the town to have our frequency, and Conway also. Ken said he will get the letter out.
* New furniture is in.
* Vinyl siding is complete with the exception of a couple of speakers that were removed and need to be reinstalled. Mike O’Neill said he will call the installer.

1. Bus Route Change: Ken said he did not recommend changing a bus stop as requested by a Conway parent.

Motion by Ray O’Brien to accept the recommendation not to approve changing a bus stop, seconded by Wendy Grzesik. The motion passed 3-0. Lou Goscinski said he wanted to thank Ken Eckhardt publically for all he has done this summer.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

1. Principal’s Letter: Principal Heather Woodward said it has been a great start to the new school year. She said we now have Mustangs that kids can earn. She said full-day kindergarten started last week with 11 students enrolled and all are having fun. She said the food service director is getting compliments about the meals that are being served. Jim Curran noted that if any of the new staff would like to come in and meet the board we would like to meet them.

Wendy Grzesik said we had talked about letting the kids vote on the sign. The principal said this will be covered in the October meeting and asked if the sign should be replaced or repainted. Lou Goscinski said his advice was to hold off on spending money and the board agreed with this.

1. Staff: The principal said she had decided not to fill the RTI position right now because of the decline in student enrollment, which is at 135.

STUDENT SERVICES DIRECTOR’S REPORT

1. Enrollment by Grade: Handed out by Raina to the board; Raina said at this time there are 60 students in Madison identified as special ed. Raina said that at the beginning of the school year Madison had 3 out-of-district placements, not counting those attending the Robert Frost School. Jim Curran noted that we are responsible for the special needs of those students. He said responsibility lies with the residency, not with the students.
2. Summer Program: Raina said 50 students participated and she thanked the Laura Program for donating horseback riding, which was highly popular and successful. She said 26 of the students were from Madison and overall attendance was at 66%.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

1. FY 13 Audit: Superintendent Lou Goscinski said he talked to the auditors and the FY 13 audit is 95% done and they are getting the documents in for the FY 14 audit.
2. Completion of Tax Rate Setting Form: Michael O’Neill handed out forms ready for signature. He said the last page gives the cost per student of $21,416.78. He said the most important number on this form is the amount to offset taxes, which is $61,016.14, a little more than we thought because of prior period adjustments. He said this is a true number; all the work is done and there is nothing outstanding that will impact it.
3. School Calendar Adjustment: Discussed. Motion by Wendy Grzesik to eliminate the teachers’ workshop day on June 19, 2015, with hours to be spread out over the school year. Seconded by Ray O’Brien. The motion passed 3-0.
4. 2015-2016 School Budget Timeline: Lou Goscinski handed out a 2015-2016 budget timeline. This was discussed. It was decided to hold the Public Hearing on January 5 with a snow date of January 12, 2015. Wendy Grzesik suggested formally inviting the Advisory Board to attend. A date for the Deliberative Session will be set when the state guidelines are issued.

Motion by Wendy Grzesik to accept the Budget Timeline as presented and discussed. Seconded by Sloane Jarell. The motion passed 3-0.

1. Board Inspection of Facility as Per Policy FGA: To take place immediately following the board meeting.

SCHOOL BOARD BUSINESS

*Old Business*

1. Appointing School Board Member: Update: Nothing to update but call Jim Curran if interested.
2. Memory Garden/Ground Beautification: Update: To be updated next month.

*New Business*

1. Acceptance of Donation: Done.
2. Enrollment Discussion:

Motion by Ray O’Brien to allow Superintendent Lou Goscinski to have discussions with other school districts about possibly combining resources as we move forward with declining enrollment. Seconded by Wendy Grzesik. The motion passed 3-0.

PUBLIC INPUT: Christine Zimmer agreed with the comments that it was a great beginning to the new school year.

BOARD COMMENTS: Jim Curran thanked everyone involved in the successful start to the new year. Wendy Grzesik said school board members should be listed on the e-mail. Heather Woodward commented that the town should have a listserve, and Sloane Jarell said that is being looked into at the library. The principal announced that Open House is next Tuesday, September 16, 6:00-7:00 PM. Jim Curran said if any staff member would like to present at a board meeting we can accommodate them. Raina Chick noted that the Freedom Early Childhood Program has openings available.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Sloane Jarell to adjourn, seconded by Wendy, Grzesik. The motion passed 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.

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Approved Minutes

Respectfully submitted,

***Patricia Ambrose***

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Recording Secretary