# MADISON SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015 – 5:00PM

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ROOM 151

DRAFT MINUTES

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

Others attending: Superintendent Lou Goscinski, Director of Student Services Raina Shearer Chick, Business Administrator Chuck Bates, Principal Heather Woodward

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting 2-4-15: Motion by Wendy Grzesik to approve the minutes of 2-4-15, seconded by Ray O’Brien. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Minutes of Public Hearing on SB2: 2-17-15: Motion by Ray O’Brien to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing on 2-17-15, seconded by Wendy Grzesik. There was one correction in the heading of the document. With this correction the amended minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: Motion by Sloane Jarell to accept the Consent Agenda, seconded by Wendy Grzesik. The motion passed unanimously.

1. KHS Principal’s Report – February 2015
2. Special Education Enrollment by Grade

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

1. Calendar:
2. Voting by Ballot: Tuesday, 3-10-15, 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
3. Next School Board Meeting: Monday, 4-6-15 @ 5:00 PM
4. SAU 13 Joint Board Meeting: Tuesday, 3-17-15 @ 6:00 PM, Madison Elementary School, Room 151.

RECREATION/ENRICHMENT DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

* The girls’ basketball team took the championship this year and the boys did very well in 3rd place. Mike said all the games were great and both the teams and the parents represented Madison very well. The board offered congratulations to all the kids.
* The MES Health Fair will take place on Thursday, March 12 and we have a wonderful day planned with the students in conjunction with the Wellness Committee, especially Nan Bartlett, and Memorial Hospital, MES and MES Food Services, Madison Recreation Department, UNH Co-op Extension, Kiwanis Club of North Conway, and Yoga instructors Larissa Taylor and Stacy Petell. Each student will receive a Passport to Health to be initialed at each station they attend. The community is invited as well from 3:00-5:30 PM and there will be a “Grab and Go” meal of soup and bread made by the students. To reserve a place at this event please call 367-4642, ext. 137, or e-mail mlane@mes-nh.com.
* Next Tuesday, March 10 is the final ski day and the snowshoe group will be going to Tin Mountain for a trip to a beaver pond.

 PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

1. Principal’s Letter:
* Read Across America started this week and related activities are planned for the whole week.
* There was a SWIFT leadership meeting last Friday.
* March 17 is another Mustang Day.
1. Remote Instruction School Day/Blizzard Bag Day: Update:
* We have had 3 blizzard bag days so far with a good response rate of over 90% every time. Heather said the staff reports what they’re doing such as planning, collaborating, responding to students, etc.

SSTUDENT SERVICES DIRECOR: Student Services Director Raina Chick said there have been some changes at the high school: one student shares a para with another student on a long-term plan, and another student is being provided with one-to-one support. She said it looks as though we budgeted more than adequately for the ones that need paras. She said we are waiting to hear from the DOE on our request that we be allowed to use federal funds for the transportation component that we did not have in our district.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

1. E-rate Income: Business Administrator Chuck Bates handed out a report on E-Rate funding showing that there are two categories: Category I is telecommunications services and Category II is network access/infrastructure. He said Category 1 has been funded at 100% is being phased out; Category 2 has not been pursued up till now. He said we are getting internet free from Time Warner but we could benefit from infrastructure and better wireless coverage in the 3 schools. He said he put together a wish list of wireless access points, routers, etc. under Category 2 with a total for Madison of about $1,500, and if we get approval we would have about 80% reimbursement, meaning we could get $1,500 worth of gear for about $300, something that he recommended doing at some point. It was suggested that Chuck make this report at the upcoming SAU 13 Joint Board Meeting and that this should be put on the agenda for that meeting.
2. Expense Report: Estimated Year-End Balance: Jim Curran said he asked for this to be pulled out of the Consent Agenda because we are getting close to the end of the year. Chuck said this report is our first look at the expense report by object code and it summarizes what major areas we’re talking about. Ray O’Brien said in April we will fine- tune this a little more. Jim Curran said it’s looking better than it has been through the whole budget process.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

1. 2015-2016 School Calendar: Superintendent Lou Goscinski said we currently have draft #2 and we are meeting with principals tomorrow to go over this. He said we are waiting for SAU 9 and we may make some adjustments; the calendar will be brought to the next meeting for approval. He said there may be some slight variations with Conway.

SCHOOL BOARD BUSINESS

*New Business*

1. KHS Honor Roll Information: Jim Curran said we have just signed the honor roll letters because we just got the information. He explained that it takes a lot of time to research the addresses of the high school students because they are not listed by town.
2. Default Budget: NH RSA 40:13 IX (b): Lou Goscinski said there has been a lot of conversation around this and he provided to the board the legal definition as provided by the State of New Hampshire. Ray O’Brien said we have worked very hard to have a reasonable budget and we also developed a default budget according to interpretation of the rules. He said in doing this, and responding to requests by the Budget Committee, it becomes so close to the proposed budget that it looks false, and while he believed that we have been doing a conscientious job, the default budget has become the straw man that gets hit with a stick. Jim Curran said next year the first budget we should see is the default budget, because that is our starting point, and it will be set long before our proposed budget, and the only change will be the insurance piece. He said the board and the administration spent a lot of time building the budget this year for the school district, only to have it overtaken by all the comments about the default budget. Raina Chick said the unanticipated expenses hit us September through June, and next year it will be July through June, a big difference. Jim said people need to get involved and come to our meetings; we listen to people. Lou said he consulted with the attorney and based on his take everything we’ve done has been legal and transparent and within the letter of the law. He said next year we’ll start right out of the gate with the default budget.
3. School Lunch Program: Food Samples: Wendy Grzesik said she has heard wonderful things about the school lunches and at unbelievable cost savings. The board and administration agreed that the new food service director has done a great job. Heather suggested that board members come to lunch someday. Jim Curran suggested that at the April board meeting in non-public session they would like to have whatever meal was served for lunch that day. The board thanked the lunch personnel.
4. Long-Term Bus Driver Substitutes: The policy and rates were discussed. No action to be taken now.

Jim Curran said next month the school board stipends will be paid and he wanted to propose that a stipend donation be made in the name of Bruce Brooks to go towards the lighting of the ball field.

 Motion by Ray O’Brien that a stipend donation in the name of Bruce Brooks go towards the lighting of the ball field, pending legal approval. Seconded by Wendy Grzesik. The motion passed unanimously.

*Old Business*: None.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

BOARD COMMENTS: Sloane Jarell suggested that at the next meeting we should look at anything we need to get estimates on. After discussion it was decided that this will happen at the May meeting.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: Motion by Wendy Grzesik to enter non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3, II (a), (b), & (c). Seconded by Sloane Jarell. On a roll call vote the board entered non-public session at 6:05PM:

Jim Curran – Aye

Sloane Jarell - Aye

Wendy Grzesik – Aye

Ray O’Brien – Aye

The Ayes have it.

1. Personnel Matters: Discussed.

At 7:39 PM the board came out of non-public session.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF NON-PUBLIC SESSION

1. Announcements: The board completed the evaluation of the Superintendent.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

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Draft Minutes

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ambrose

Recording Secretary