

December 14, 2011

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Marlow School Board
John D. Perkins School, 7:30 p.m.

Present:

Stephanie Tickner, Board Chair
Marcia Levesque, Board Member
Karin Asseng, Board Member
Jane Leech, Board Member
Colline Dreyfuss, Board Member
Wayne Woolridge, Co-Superintendent of Schools
Tim Ruehr, Business Administrator for Towns (left @ 8:32 p.m.)
Phyllis Peterson, Principal
Jill Wdowiak, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order
Ms. Tickner called the School Board meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes
A motion was made by Ms. Dreyfuss to approve the Board Minutes of November 9, 2011 (R). Ms. Asseng seconded the motion. A unanimous vote in favor was taken.

3. Hearings of Individuals and/or Groups
None

4. Bills and Manifests
A motion was made by Ms. Tickner to approve the bills and manifests (cks # 5002555-5002557) in the amount of \$779.88 and (cks # 5002558-5002588) in the amount of \$81,812.37. Ms. Dreyfuss seconded the motion. A unanimous vote in favor was taken.

5. Financial Report
Mr. Ruehr distributed the Financial Report showing a negative balance of -\$37,373.00 as of December 14, 2011. He explained that this financial report is slightly improved and is going in the right direction. A motion was made by Ms. Tickner to approve the Financial Report. Ms. Asseng seconded the motion. A unanimous vote in favor was taken.

Budget Overview 2012-2013 – Mr. Ruehr distributed the budget books to the Board and reviewed the 2012-2013 budget.

A motion was made by Ms. Dreyfuss to request that the special education director/representative be invited to the next board meeting to answer special education questions from the Board. Ms. Levesque seconded the motion. A unanimous vote in favor was taken.

Private Pay Tuition – Mr. Ruehr distributed Nelson’s Private Pay Policy to the Board for them to look over. This will be brought back next month for a first reading.

Sand Pond Bus Route – Ms. Levesque looked into this and called her insurance agent and explained our situation. She asked what it would take for a private person in town to get insurance for this purpose. Ms. Levesque was given a quote of \$1,460.00 for the year. Mr. Ruehr explained that we require for the driver to have workman’s comp, liability insurance and would have to be a certified school bus driver. Ms. Levesque shared that the bus company is concerned because there is no turnaround on Sand Pond Road. She suggests that we look into getting a turnaround up there and add this stop on to the First Student bus route. Mr. Ruehr reminded the Board that in order to purchase a portion of land for a turnaround, we would have to have a warrant article. He will talk to First Student regarding this and report back next month.

6. Report

- a. Principal – Ms. Peterson distributed her principal’s report and shared that the students are enjoying the 3 new pieces of playground equipment and the outdoor classroom; adding that the Marlow Highway Department donated their time and sand. She informed the Board that the staff has been working very hard and she was pleased to report that 2 students are now off of IEP’s.

- b. Co-Superintendent – Mr. Woolridge distributed his blog and updated the Board on legislative issues. He informed the Board that he and Mr. Ruehr met with Senator Molly Kelly and Senator Bob O’Dell and representatives from the region last Friday to discuss issues regarding adequacy aid and building aid. Mr. Woolridge shared with the Board that the legislature has a website that follows legislation from a school board’s point of view: www.nhsba.com.

Ms. Levesque feels that our zoning is wrong and suggests that the Board work with the selectmen about this. She recommends that our town look at ways to encourage businesses to come here and that would help to offset our taxes. Ms. Levesque explains that we are not going to get our money from the state in the next 2-3 years, so we need to look at other options.

- c. School Board Members – Ms. Dreyfuss shared that her daughter is a student at Keene State College and would like to propose the idea of a math fair for 5th & 6th graders, who would then present to the other students. Ms. Dreyfuss will have her daughter call Ms. Peterson to set up a time to meet. She also shared with the Board a new website she found that sends postcards all over the world. Ms. Dreyfuss would like to attend a staff meeting to talk to the staff about this. She also asked the Board if they would be interested in a DVD and camera for the school for added security. Ms. Dreyfuss will contact PC Connection or will contact her brother's company who will provide one. A motion was made by Ms. Levesque to accept a DVD and camera. Ms. Tickner seconded the motion. A unanimous vote in favor was taken.

Ms. Tickner shared with the Board that she attended the Advisory Meeting and explained that they are moving forward and are looking at structural changes with the upcoming retirements of administrators in the Central Office.

- d. S.A.U. 29 Committees – Mr. Woolridge informed the Board that there will be an SAU Meeting held on December 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the LGIA at KHS.

- e. Options Committee – Ms. Levesque feels it would good to get the committee back together and to look at ways to increase the tax base as well as looking into the Endowment Fund again.

7. Old Business

- a. Other – None

8. New Business

- a. Designation of Board Representatives for SAU Structural Review Committee – Ms. Leech will be the Marlow Board Representative for the SAU Structural Review Committee.

- b. Other - None

9. Future Agenda/s
Disaster Recovery Policy
January – Status of KHS Students
January - Special Education Meeting
January - Sand Pond Road
January - Private Pay Tuition

10. Non-Public Session – R.S.A. 91-A:3
None

11. Adjournment
Ms. Tickner adjourned the Board Meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Wdowiak
Recording Secretary

Approved: 1/11/12