

November 9, 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 @ 8:45 p.m.)
Phyllis Peterson, Principal
Jill Wdowiak, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order
Ms. Tickner called the School Board meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes
Ms. Dreyfuss asked that her first name be spelt correctly “Colline” in the minutes of October 5 and October 12, 2011. A motion was made by Ms. Levesque to approve the Board Minutes of October 5, 2011 (Retreat) and October 12, 2011 (R) as amended. Ms. Dreyfuss 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 #5002517-5002518) in the amount of \$760.85 and (cks #5002519-5002551) in the amount of \$47,932.34. 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 -\$43,543.00 as of November 9, 2011. He stated that this month’s report has improved since last month’s report. A motion was made by Ms. Tickner to approve the Financial Report as of November 9, 2011. Ms. Asseng seconded the motion. A unanimous vote in favor was taken.

Ms. Levesque inquired about the possibility of Marlow offering preschool. Mr. Ruehr replied that it sounds like it's a good idea but we have done the finances and there are no cost savings but you can investigate for yourself. He also shared that you would need to provide many services such as speech, OT, PT and psychological services. Mr. Ruehr stated that your preschool would need to have typical kids as well those who are special education kids. He adds that it is difficult in a small town to have an efficient elementary school and the same would apply to a preschool. Ms. Levesque suggests that we talk to Nelson School about this.

Private Pay Tuition – The Board will review the information and bring it back next month for a 2nd reading.

Sand Pond Bus Route – Discussion ensued regarding the options of transportation from the Sand Pond location. Mr. Ruehr explained that it has to be a designated school bus with a certified driver and you would have to have insurance and someone who is willing to insure you. The Board will look at the road and will look into insurance costs and will report back next month.

Ms. Levesque asked Mr. Ruehr if other districts pay their employees for time not used. Mr. Ruehr replied that they don't in our district.

6. Report

- a. Principal – Ms. Peterson distributed her principal's report and updated the Board about an incident that occurred with a visitor at the school and the notice that was sent home with students. She also reminded the Board about the upcoming Thanksgiving Dinner that is being served at the school on November 14th at 11:30 a.m. Ms. Peterson also informed the Board that this year's holiday concert would be held on December 13th at 6:30 p.m.
- b. Co-Superintendent – Mr. Woolridge updated the Board on legislative issues. He also informed the Board that one 11th grade student at Keene High School missed more than five days of school due to an out of school suspension. Mr. Woolridge distributed the Science NECAP Comparisons for the Spring 2010 – Grade 11 Results and shared that Keene High School's science scores were up by 14%. He also informed the Board that KHS will be changing to a modified block schedule for this coming fall. He explained that he has been working with Keene and they have come up with a recommendation to move from five elementary schools to four elementary schools, with Jonathan Daniels School being the one to close.

- c. School Board Members – None
 - d. S.A.U. 29 Committees – Mr. Woolridge informed the Board that there will be an SAU Board Meeting held on November 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the LGIA at Keene High School and an SAU Board Meeting held on December 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the LGIA at KHS.
 - e. Options Committee – None
- 7. Old Business
 - a. Other – None
 - 8. New Business
 - a. Other – None
 - 9. Future Agenda/s
 - Disaster Recovery Policy
 - Negotiations
 - Private Pay Tuition – 2nd reading
 - 10. Non-Public Session – R.S.A. 91-A:3

A motion was made by Ms. Tickner that the Board move into non-public session at 9:15 p.m. under the provisions of R.S.A. 91-A:3 to discuss negotiations. Ms. Levesque seconded the motion. Accompanying the Board was Mr. Woolridge.
 - 11. Adjournment

Ms. Tickner adjourned the Board Meeting at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Wdowiak
Recording Secretary

APPROVED: 12/14/11