

**R.S.U. No. 67**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Mattanawcook Academy Library**

Mission: R.S.U. No. 67 strives to provide a safe, caring, supportive educational environment which empowers all individuals to fulfill their unique potential as lifelong learners and responsible, contributing citizens in an ever-changing global society.

**Board of Directors:** Reginal Adams, Caitlin Brinkman, Sarah Crockett, Board Secretary; David Edwards, Board Vice-Chair; Darla Lichtenberg, Judy McComb, Carolyn Smith, Debra Tardy, Jackie Thurlow, Board Chair; John Trask, Jessica Worster, Sean Sibley, Student Representative

**Members excused:**

**Members absent:** Jeff Schick

**R.S.U. No. 67 Staff:** Superintendent Michael F. Marcinkus, Principals: Mike Bisson, Anita McCafferty, Larry Malone, Henry Pietras; Director of Curriculum and Academic Achievement, Donna Vigue; School Health Coordinator, David Hainer; Administrative Assistant, Lisa Morin

**Guests present:** Grade 5 students, staff and parents.

**A. Call to order:** Chair Thurlow called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**B. Adjustment to the agenda:** None

**C. Consideration of the minutes of Wednesday, December 2, 2009 School Board meeting:**

Motion by Director Crockett, seconded by Director Adams to accept the motion as read.

Vote: Unanimous

**D. Communications:** none

**E. Public Participation:** none

**F. Personnel:** have not met

**K. 1. Grade 5 Service Learning Presentation.**

Discussion: Grade 5 students spoke on how they performed a pollution project. They designed reusable bags and chose a type of pollution displaying the cause, effect and the solution on these bags. They took a trip to the Lincoln transfer station. They also did a biodegradable lab and

observed and found which items were biodegradable. They toured the school to see ways energy is being wasted and saved. They designed posters to put around the schools to remind others on how to conserve energy. Grade 5 had a visit from the Maine Energy Education Program and made mini solar panels with a generator. They also made a mini wind turbine with a fan. It was hands on and all about renewable resources. A lot of interpersonal skills were used in health and science. Grade 5 students presented a pollution video. They spoke on the Hunger project which began after observing current events. Grade 5 did a Penny Drive for the Lincoln food cupboard project. They talked about the need for the food cupboard, collected, counted and rolled money. They graphed totals weekly for each homeroom. This project helped a lot with their math skills and graphing. They visited the local food cupboard and learned how the food cupboard worked.

#### **G. Reports from Staff:**

1. Curriculum Coordinator (D. Vigue) – Written report
2. Special Education (C. Morin) – Written report. Thank you for the little tips!
3. Mattanawcook Academy (H. Pietras) – Bulletins
4. Mattanawcook Junior High (L. Malone) – Bulletins. Mr. Malone reported that the student led conferences were very positive. Parents got a better understanding of PowerSchool and the depth of it. The music concerts came together well. Athletic programs are about halfway through.
5. Ella P. Burr (M. Bisson) – Bulletins. Mr. Bisson reported that they are continuing work with Sidney Greenlaw (literacy consultant). It has been very beneficial.
6. Tobacco Grant (D. Hainer) - Written Report. Mr. Hainer gave an update on the weight watchers program that RSU 67 and Region III are trying to put together and reported that there will be a Wellness program. More details will follow. We are still working towards a healthier school lunch menu, however it is very expensive. Where the lunch program is self sustaining, it would raise the cost to 4-5 dollars per lunch to change the menu all at once. We are making little strides and it will take time.
7. Facilities Director (B. Morin) – Written report

#### **H. Committee Reports:**

1. Region III – Written report
2. Operations Committee – Has not met. The Operations committee will meet when the Sieman's report comes back.
3. Policy Committee – On agenda
4. Personnel Committee – Has not met.
5. Gifted and Talented – Has not met.
6. LSA Service-Learning Leadership Team – Written report.
7. Student Representative – Mr. Sibley reported that MA will be having semester exams (which is new and scary to some students).

8. School Board Reports – Chair Thurlow spoke with Mr. Stanley and he was going back to his board and talk about specific areas with which they wish to collaborate on. Chair Thurlow also mentioned the Northwood partnership presentation on service learning. All are welcome, please RSVP by January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**I. Superintendent's Report**

1. 2010-2011 Calendar – Mr. Marcinkus met with regional superintendents and took a quick glance at putting together a calendar for next year.
2. Update on Stabilization funds – Mr. Marcinkus reported that we have just received word that the original projects we submitted got confused with others. A new employee for the State of Maine is now working with our funds and working through it with us. New energy efficient lighting was put in at EPB through this account.
3. Update on MJHS Guidance Counselor position – on agenda
4. Carleton Project update – Handout.
5. Other – Handout (bulletin on cuts of the EPS monies). Reminder to the negotiations committee – we have the support staff contract to negotiate and bus drivers contract this year. There will not be a 2010-2011 property liability increase in rate.

**J. Old Business:**

None

**K. New Business:**

**2. Motion to accept or not accept the second reading to rescind policies IGED – Adult Education Program of Studies and BBB – School Board Elections.**

Motion by Director Crockett, seconded by Director Smith to accept the motion as read.

Vote: Unanimous

**3. Motion to accept or not accept the second reading to revise policies; CB-R – Superintendent of Schools Job Description, BB – School Board Legal Status, EBAA – Chemical Hazards, and IHBAK – Life-Sustaining Emergency Care.**

Motion by Director Crockett, seconded by Director Adams to accept the motion as read.

Vote: Unanimous

**4. Motion to accept or not accept the second reading of reviewed adopted policies CB – School Superintendent and BBA – School Board Powers and Responsibilities.**

Motion by Director Smith, seconded by Director Crockett to accept the motion as read.

Vote: Unanimous

**5. Motion to accept or not accept the Superintendent's recommendation to allow the MA Jazz Band to travel out of state to Boston MA to participate in the Berklee Jazz Festival on March 13, 2010.**

Discussion: Handout

Motion by Director Smith, seconded by Director Adams to accept the motion as read.

Vote: Unanimous

**7. Discussion on meeting schedules for board committees.**

Discussion:

Personnel Committee meeting is set for Monday January 11<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 p.m. at the Superintendent's office.

Policy Committee meeting set for Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. at the Superintendent's office. Mr. Pietras and Mr. Malone should attend.

**8. Discussion on Support Staff contract negotiations**

Discussion: We are currently waiting to hear from Ms. Wotton to see what they decided at their meeting. R.S.U. No. 67 decided it would be prudent to have Roger Kelly present when we negotiate.

**9. Motion to accept or not accept the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Verna Boyington as MJHS School Counselor for the 2009-2010 school year.**

Motion by Director Smith, seconded by Director Trask to accept the motion as read.

Vote: Unanimous

**L. Announcement: Next board meeting January 20, 2010.**

**M. Items requested by Board Members, Community and staff to be included in the next agenda:**

**K. 6. Discussion on Superintendent Search**

Discussion: The Board discussed procedures for the Superintendent Search, including MSMA search packet, advertising, suggested time frame, committee, etc.

**N. Adjournment:**

Motion by Director Crockett, seconded by Director Trask to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Unanimous  
Time: 10:06 p.m.

***NOTE: No new business will be undertaken after 10:00 p.m. unless the Board votes unanimously to extend the meeting beyond 10:00 p.m.***