

**SURRY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
5:00 PM –TUESDAY- July 5, 2011
SURRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Members Present: Hal Casey; Marlene Tallent; Laura Pellerano; Jon Walden; Don Driscoll
Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt; Marianne DeRaps; Pete Loiselle; Miranda Engstrom;
Rachel Umphrey; Rosanna McFarland; Vicki Esposito; Doug Havey; Elaine Shute;
Lynn Bonsey; Julie Havey; Bette Britt, reporter for *The Penobscot Bay Press*; Valerie Moon;
Abigail Bartlett

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Chair Hal Casey.

2. Consideration of the Minutes of Meeting on June 7, 2011

A motion was made by Marlene Tallent, seconded by Don Driscoll, to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2011 meeting with an amendment to page 2. "to pursue". Vote: 5-0.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

Doug Havey voiced concern over the direction the school is going in. Abigail Bartlett felt very hopeful that the school was definitely on the right track.

5. Review of Agenda

A motion was made by Marlene Tallent, seconded by Don Driscoll, to approve the agenda with the addition of 8. New Business item L. Summary of Accounts and item K. Executive Session per 1 MRSA § 405 (6)(A) Duties of Officials. Vote: 5-0.

6. Communications/Reports

A. Chairperson – None

B. Selectmen's Report on Overboard Discharge System Future Planning

- Steve Bemiss was at the meeting. They were going to open four bids later on at the selectmen's meeting.
- The peet field will stay right where it is, saving about \$10,000.00.
- We are on schedule with the project. Mark Hurvitt will check into the requirement of a special town meeting for authorization, and have Drummond, Woodsum, MacMahon write the article.

* Jon Walden left the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

C. Administration

1. Principal's Report

a. Go over School Structure for 2011-2012 (Middle School Science ½ time Discussion)

Marianne DeRaps delivered a Powerpoint presentation on proposed staffing for the 2011-2012 school year. A lengthy discussion ensued. At issue was whether it was beneficial and cost-effective to add a half-time science position to the school for grades 3-8, or whether the current staff could create an effective and excellent science program.

Finally, the board chair, Hal Casey, called for a motion.

A motion was made by Don Driscoll, seconded by Hal Casey, to hire a half-time qualified science teacher. Vote: 2-2.

(Marlene Tallent, Laura Pellerano –Nay)

Motion failed.

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6. Communications/Reports (continued)

C. Administration (continued)

1. Principal's Report (continued)

- a. There was an additional motion:

A motion was made by Don Driscoll, seconded by Laura Pellerano, to hire a half-time highly qualified science teacher, preferably with a 340 middle school (5-8) science endorsement. Vote: 4-0.

Mark Hurvitt will advertise this position.

- b. Book Room Plan

Marianne DeRaps had requested \$5,000.00 to spend on a book room plan. The feeling from the board was not to do this at this time. No motion.

2. Superintendent's Report

- a. Informed the board that the Ed. Tech II candidate had a change of heart and declined the position.

- b. Informed the board that RSU 24 owes \$2,603.78 for the copier.

- c. Informed the board that our general liability insurance has been cancelled by J. T. Rosborough's and it now is with MSMA, as are our other four towns.

- d. Need agenda items from the board for the July 15th retreat.

- e. LD1274 passed on the last day of the legislative session, thus altering the EPS funding formula in Surry's favor for 2012-2013.

- f. The Surry dispute is now headed to the U.S. Court of Appeal's, First Circuit, Boston.

D. Standing Committees

1. Playground

Next meeting is July 15th at 8:00 a.m. at the school.

2. Pre K Committee

In August, the board will vote to support the concept of having a pre-school at Surry Elementary School for the 2012-2013 school year.

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

- A. To Award the Blue Hill and Surry Transportation Bid for a Five Year Contract September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2016:

A motion was made by Marlene Tallent, seconded by Don Driscoll, to award the Blue Hill and Surry Transportation Bid for a five year contract (September 1, 2011-August 31, 2016) to First Student. Vote: 4-0.

- B. Appointment of a 40% time Music Teacher for the 2011-2012 School Year

A motion was made by Marlene Tallent, seconded by Don Driscoll, to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint Danica Wolf as the 40% time Music teacher on a first year probationary teacher contract for the 2011-2012 school year. Vote: 3-0-1.
(Laura Pellerano abstained)

- C. Appointment of a Grade 3 Teacher for the 2011-2012 School Year

A motion was made by Marlene Tallent, seconded by Don Driscoll, to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint Rosanna MacFarland as the Grade 3 teacher on a first year probationary teacher contract for the 2011-2012 school year. Vote: 3-0-1.
(Laura Pellerano abstained)

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8. New Business (continued)

- D. Appointment of a Grade 2 Teacher for the 2011-2012 School Year
A motion was made by Don Driscoll, seconded by Marlene Tallent, to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint Rachel Umphrey as the Grade 2 teacher on a first year probationary teacher contract for the 2011-2012 school year. Vote: 3-0-1.
(Laura Pellerano abstained)
- E. Appointment of a One Day Per Week School Nurse
A motion was made by Marlene Tallent, seconded by Don Driscoll, to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint Nancy Gray as the school nurse for the 2011-2012 school year for 7.5 hours per week at an hourly rate of \$26.35. Vote: 3-0-1.
(Laura Pellerano abstained)
- F. Performance Based Compensation Discussion
This was added onto the Retreat agenda July 15th.
- G. Hiring Procedure Discussion
This was added to the August 2nd policy meeting agenda beginning at 1:00 p.m.
- H. Discussion of Secretary Hours During Summer
A motion was made by Don Driscoll, seconded by Marlene Tallent, to grant Cathy Rossignol an additional ten (10) work days during the 2011-2012 school year, starting this summer. Vote: 3-0-1.
(Laura Pellerano abstained)
- I. Possible Vote on LD800 Proposal
A motion was made by Don Driscoll, seconded by Marlene Tallent, to approve the document, generated by LD800, which would allow Surry to join Union 93. Vote: 4-0.

* Jon Walden arrived back at 7:13 p.m.

- J. A motion was made by Marlene Tallent, seconded by Don Driscoll, to enter into an executive session per 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(C) Condition of Property with the board, Mark Hurvitt and Marianne DeRaps. Vote: 5-0.
Time In: 7:17 p.m. Time Out: 7:45 p.m.
There was no action upon returning to open session.
- K. A motion was made by Marlene Tallent, seconded by Don Driscoll, to enter into an executive session per 1 M.R.S.A 405 (6)(A) Duties of Officials with the board, Mark Hurvitt and Marianne DeRaps. Vote: 5-0.
Time In: 7:47 p.m. Time Out: 8:03 p.m.
There was no action upon returning to open session.
- L. Summary of Accounts
The report was handed out.

9. Other Business

- A. Requests for Information
- B. Board Comments
- C. Future Agenda Items
August - After School Program; Code of Conduct
- D. Warrant Signatures

10. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. by Chair Hal Casey.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark E. Hurvitt
Superintendent