

**SURRY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
5:00 PM –TUESDAY- August 2, 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, Vicki Esposito, Doug Havey, Julie Havey, Bette Britt, reporter for *The Penobscot Bay Press*, Lynn Bonsey, Kim Steinbarger, Heidi Grindle, Courtney Weaver, Steve Bemiss

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Hal Casey.

2. Consideration of the Minutes of Meeting on July 5, 2011 and July 15, 2011

A motion was made by Marlene Tallent, seconded by Don Driscoll, to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2011 meeting. Vote: 5-0

A motion was made by Marlene Tallent, seconded by Don Driscoll, to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2011 meeting. Vote: 5-0

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

Julie Havey commented that bus routes need to be published in the Ellsworth American.

5. Review of Agenda

A motion was made by Marlene Tallent, seconded by Don Driscoll, to approve the agenda with an amendment to omit 8. New Business item J. Summary of Accounts. Vote: 5-0

6. Communications/Reports

A. Chairperson

Hal Casey thanked the Board, and Mary Jane Maltezos, for their work on the 37 policies recently reviewed.

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

Steve Bemiss reported the following:

The Selectmen have an easement, and are getting a signed contract. The official start of the septic project will be August 6, 2011. We are still in the race to get things done by August 31st. A special Town Meeting has been set for August 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The expected septic cost is \$93,700.00. The article is set at \$110,000.00.

C. Administration

1. Principal's Report

Marianne DeRaps' written report is attached to the office minutes. She also stated that currently, there are 106 students.

2. Superintendent's Report

- Mark Hurvitt reported that Julie Koblinsky, Curriculum Coordinator, will attend the November 1st board meeting.

- He reminded the board about the August 8th Union #93 meeting at the Penobscot Community School beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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D. Standing Committees

1. Pre K Committee

No report.

Starting in September, the following standing committees will be listed: Pre K; Performance Based Compensation; Code of Conduct; After School Program.

7. Old Business

A. To Approve Concept Approval of Pre-K for the 2012-2013 School Year

A motion was made by Jon Walden, seconded by Marlene Tallent, to approve the concept approval of a Pre K Program at Surry. This will be a budget issue.

Vote: 5-0.

B. Hiring Procedure Update

The Board did not favor the current procedure of not having a written policy, nor did they like Blue Hill's policy. For the September meeting, Mark Huvitt will write a proposal for Surry.

C. Performance Based Compensation Update

Hal Casey suggested forming a committee including two board members (Marlene Tallent and Laura Pellerano), two teachers and Marianne DeRaps.

Vote: 4-0-1

Laura Pellerano abstained.

D. Playground plan, including timetable, cost, and footing

The Board would like to get the playground done before school starts. To that end, Mark Huvitt will check with Andrew McCullough, engineer. He will also call Gametime. Courtney Weaver, parent, said that the PTCO would also like to be involved. The issue, so far, is that the playground is tied to the septic system project and, since that project has been put on hold so, too, has the playground. Additionally, there was discussion about the playground surface.

Jon Walden made a motion to have wood chips. There was no second.

A motion was made by Marlene Tallent, seconded by Don Driscoll, to make the footing rubber chips.

Vote: 4-0-1

Jon Walden abstained.

8. New Business

A. Possible Appointment of a Grade 1 Teacher for the 2011-2012 School Year

No nomination.

A motion was made by Marlene Tallent, seconded by Don Driscoll, to allow the Superintendent to hire and inform the Board in September.

Vote: 4-1

(Laura Pellerano – Nay)

B. Possible Appointment of an Educational Technician II

No nomination.

Mark Huvitt will appoint when a suitable candidate is found.

C. Possible Appointment of Grade 5-8 Science Teacher (50% Time) for the 2011-2012 School Year – No nomination.

A motion was made by Marlene Tallent, seconded by Don Driscoll, to allow the Superintendent to hire and inform the Board in September.

Vote: 4-1

(Laura Pellerano – Nay)

D. Coaching Appointments

No nominations.

E. To Approve the School Physician for the 2011-2012 School Year

A motion was made by Marlene Tallent, seconded by Don Driscoll, to approve the appointment of Dr. Nabonzy, M.D. as the School Physician for the 2011-2012 school year.

Vote: 5-0

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8. New Business (continued)

F. To Approve Student Handbook for the 2011-2012 School Year

Marianne DeRaps has been working on revisions.

A motion was made by Marlene Tallent, seconded by Hal Casey, to approve the Student Handbook for the 2011-2012 school year.

Vote: 4-1

(Laura Pellerano – Nay)

G. Annual Discussion of Bus Routes

Bus routes were discussed. This brought up timing of the actual starting of school.

A motion was made by Laura Pellerano, seconded by Hal Casey, to change the official start of from 8:00 a.m. to 8:05 a.m. because of new bus routes.

Vote: 4-1

(Marlene Tallent – Nay)

H. To Give School Board Concept Approval of Federal Grants for the 2011-2012 School Year

A motion was made by Laura Pellerano, seconded by Don Driscoll, to give School Board concept approval of Federal grants for the 2011-2012 school year.

Vote: 5-0

I. To Approve School Lunch Pricing for the 2011-2012 School Year

Mark Hurvitt recommended to the Board the following:

Student Lunch - \$2.00; Reduced Student Lunch – 40 cents; Adult Lunch \$4.50;

Other Milk – 25 cents; Student Breakfast - \$1.50; Adult Breakfast - \$3.00

A motion was made by Laura Pellerano, seconded by Hal Casey, to accept the Superintendent's recommendation with the exception of moving the Adult Lunch price to \$5.00 for the 2011-2012 school year.

Vote: 4-1

(Jon Waldon- Nay)

J. Summary of Accounts

Mark Hurvitt will email the Summary of Accounts to the Board.

K. After School Program Discussion

Hal Casey suggested forming a committee comprised of two board members (Hal Casey and Marlene Tallent), two teachers, community members and Marianne DeRaps.

A motion was made by Marlene Tallent, seconded by Don Driscoll to form such a committee.

Vote: 5-0

L. Code of Conduct Update

Marianne DeRaps updated the Board. The committee is ready to meet. The committee includes two staff members (Pete Loiselle, Larry Deans), one parent (Heidi Grindle), one community member (Dick Bishop), one board member (Hal Casey)

9. Other Business

A. Requests for Information

None

B. Board Comments

None

C. Future Agenda Items

None

D. Warrant Signatures

The warrant was signed.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. by Chair Hal Casey

Respectfully submitted,

Mark E. Hurvitt
Superintendent