

**SURRY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, January 6, 2015 - 5:00pm
SURRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Members Present: Marlene Tallent, Joan Welgoss, Don Driscoll, Laura Pellerano

Members Absent: Monica Hardy-Torrey

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt, Cathy Lewis, Pat Hollenberg, Shelly Schildroth, Paul Perkinson, Doug Havey, Lynn Bonsey, Anne Berleant (Penobscot Bay Press reporter)

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. By Chair Marlene Tallent.

2. Consideration of the Minutes of the Meeting on December 2, 2014

A motion was made by Joan Welgoss, seconded by Don Driscoll, to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2014 meeting. Vote: 4-0.

A motion was made by Don Driscoll, seconded by Joan Welgoss, to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2014 meeting. Vote: 3-0-1 (Laura)

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

1. Doug Havey spoke about Spanish. Too much of a social studies class, not enough focus on speaking the language.

5. Review of Agenda

A motion was made by Don Driscoll, seconded by Joan Welgoss, to approve the agenda. Vote: 4-0.

6. Communications/Reports

A. "Something Good" Award

Presented this month to Danica Walz, Music, for hardwork and dedication in taking the Surry students to the fall MSMA conference to perform, and in performing at the fall Surry sculpture dedication.

B. Chairperson

Marlene Tallent reported that she is headed to Washington, DC and Nashville, TN for the Maine School Board Association.

C. Administration

1. Principal's Report

Cathy Lewis handed out the Principal's report which is attached to the office minutes. Plus, Cathy handed out thank you notes to the Board from staff members regarding the Board holiday gifts of Yankee Candles.

2. PTCO Report

Need to engage in more fundraising, after the Christmas gift-giving program. They are looking into selling seeds.

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C. Administration continued

3. Superintendent's Report

1. Paul Perkinson presented the GSA report which is attached to the office minutes.
2. Changed time on Jan. 13, 2015 budget meeting from 5:00 to 6:00.
3. Checked with Board about consensus on advertising for a full-time principal. In fact, that was Board consensus.

4. Shelly Schildroth, Curriculum Coordinator

Shelly went over three Surry curriculum initiatives, and fielded questions.

D. Jordan Fund Representative

Brenda Gatcomb, from Acadia Trust, came for her annual visit. She presented the financial information for the Jordan and Adams funds, and answered questions. Both funds are managed for long-term growth.

7. Old Business

1. Student Handbook Approval

A motion was made by Don Driscoll, seconded by Joan Welgoss, to approve the handbook. Vote: 4-0

2. Busing Follow-up.

No action. Will go out to bid next year and will write specs so as to insure no K-12 students get picked up before 6:45 or 7:00am.

3. Pre-K follow-up

6 or 7 identified students, at this point.

8. New Business

1. Middle School report from Don and Laura

Informative meeting with Don Driscoll, Laura Pellerano, Lynn Bonsey, Sarah Dunbar and Cathy Lewis. Discussed middle school staffing and Health, or lack of it, at the middle school level.

2. KCD (Public Gifts/Donations to the Schools) First Reading Second reading in February

3. First Reading of Wellness Policy Second reading in February

4. First Draft of the 2015-2016 Budget Went over the highlights of the first budget draft. Will go line by line on 1/13/15.

5. School Properties Disposition First Reading DN Second reading in February

9. Other Business

A. Requests for Information

N/A

B. Future Agenda Items

N/A

C. Warrant Signatures

Warrants were signed.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23p.m. by Chair Marlene Tallent.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark E. Hurvitt
Superintendent of Schools

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