

**SURRY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, March 5, 2015 – 5:00pm
SURRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Members Present: Marlene Tallent, Joan Welgoss, Don Driscoll, Laura Pellerano, Monica Hardy-Torrey

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt, Cathy Lewis, Miranda Engstrom, Julie Havey, Abigail Bartlett, Libby Bishop, Lynn Bonsey

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. By Chair Marlene Tallent.

2. Consideration of the Minutes of the Meetings on:

1. February 9, 2015
2. February 10, 2015
3. February 23, 2015
4. February 27, 2015

A motion was made by Joan Welgoss, seconded by Monica Hardy-Torrey, to approve the minutes of the meetings. Vote: 5-0.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

None

5. Review of Agenda

A motion was made by Laura Pellerano, seconded by Don Driscoll, to approve the agenda after amending it to add 8.5 (Acknowledge Receipt of the Town of Surry, Maine School Department Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014). Vote: 5-0.

6. Communications/Reports

A. "Something Good" Award

Sarah Dunbar is the recipient for her positive contributions to Surry Elementary School.

B. Chairperson

Marlene Tallent reported that MSBA (Maine School Board Association) is lobbying for a 50 million increase to GPA.

Marlene is going to Nashville to the National School Board Conference.

C. Administration

1. Principal's Report

Cathy Lewis handed out the Principal's report which is attached to the office minutes. She reported that Moira Creaser left \$1,000.00 to the Surry library in her will.

2. PTCO Report

Mini courses in May.

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3. Superintendent's Report

1. Mr. Hurvitt handed out the GSA report which is attached to office minutes.
2. Mr. Hurvitt reported that the 6/30/2014 carry-forward figure is \$660,566.00.

4. Jordan Fund/Adams Fund

Laura Pellerano has dispersed 1-\$1500.00 scholarship. The second is in process. The third will not be distributed this year. A motion was made by Monica Hardy-Torrey, seconded by Joan Welgoss, to split the third \$1500.00 scholarship amongst the other two students for this year. Vote: 5-0.

Concerning the Adams Fund: Laura will write up a procedure, and Cathy will get together a book order.

5. Pre-K Report

Joan reported meeting with Sue Reed from the Department of Education in February. Sue was very positive about Surry's program. She talked about curriculum and parent involvement with conferences and home visits. She has met with the Peninsula Pre-K Committee. Cathy has visited Head Start to see what curriculum they were using.

7. Old Business

1. 2015-16 Budget Discussion and Possible Adoption

A motion was made by Don Driscoll, seconded by Joan Welgoss, for a plan to raise three hourly employees 3%, and the others 1.5% for 2015-16, as recommended by Cathy. Vote: 5-0.

A motion was made by Don Driscoll, seconded by Monica Hardy-Torrey, to add a pre-K ED Tech II, 3 days a week, to the budget. Vote: 5-0.

A motion was made by Don Driscoll, seconded by Laura Pellerano, to apply \$150,000.00 from carry-forward to the 2015-16 budget. Vote: 5-0.

There was consensus to book \$110,000.00 for State subsidy. Vote: 5-0.

A motion was made by Don Driscoll, seconded by Monica Hardy-Torrey, to approve the budget with the recent amendments. Vote: 5-0.

2. 8th Grade Trip

Julie Havey presented a trip to Laser Craze, the Great Wolf Lodge and Boston June 11-12, 2015. A motion was made by Laura Pellerano, seconded by Monica Hardy-Torrey, for final approval. Vote: 5-0.

3. Discussion on Policy JFAB (Admission of Non-Resident Students) Second Reading

A motion was made by Don Driscoll, seconded by Joan Welgoss, to approve the policy based on Mark's amendments. Vote: 5-0.

8. New Business

1. Decision on Rock Lobster Relay on June 19, 2015

The request was withdrawn.

2. Coaching Nominations

The coaching nominations will take place at the April meeting.

3. Possible Executive Session per § 405 (6)(A) on Personnel Matter

A motion was made by Don Driscoll, seconded by Monica Hardy-Torrey, to enter Executive Session at 6:10pm. Vote: 5-0.

Exited Executive Session at 6:22pm.

4. Possible Principal Nomination

A motion was made by Don Driscoll, seconded by Laura Pellerano, to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Fred Cole for a two year contract (7/1/15 – 6/30/17), the first year salary set at \$72,000.00. Vote: 5-0.

5. Acknowledge Receipt of Town of Surry, Maine School Department Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014.

A motion was made by Joan Welgoss, seconded by Don Driscoll, to acknowledge receipt of the audit. Vote: 5-0.

9. Other Business

- A. Requests for Information

None

- B. Future Agenda Items

1. Coaching Nominations

- C. Warrant Signatures

None

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26pm by Chair, Marlene Tallent.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark E. Hurvitt
Superintendent of Schools