

**SURRY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, November 3, 2015 – 5:00pm
SURRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Members Present: Marlene Tallent, Joan Welgoss, Michelle Berger, Don Driscoll, Monica Hardy-Torrey

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt, Fred Cole, Rosanna McFarland, Michelle Beckwith, Will Howard, Rachel Hayden, Alyssa Wolf, Julie Havey, Lynn Bonsey, Courtney Weaver, Bryan Wolf, Geoff Neal

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Chair Marlene Tallent.

2. Consideration of the Minutes of the Meeting on October 6, 2015:

A motion was made by Monica Hardy-Torrey, seconded by Joan Welgoss, to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2015 meeting. Vote: 5-0.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

Zack, from grade 8, said that the 8th graders would be fine with going on their trip on a weekend day.

5. Review of Agenda

A motion was made Joan Welgoss, seconded by Don Driscoll, to approve the agenda with the addition of A1 (Ed Tech hiring) under Communications. Vote: 5-0.

6. Communications/Reports

A. Chairperson

Marlene spoke at the MSMA Convention last week at the Augusta Civic Center. She is currently on the Proficiency-Based Education Council for Maine.

1. Ed Tech Hiring

A motion was made by Don Driscoll, seconded by Monica Hardy-Torrey, to hire Courtney Weaver as the 3 day a week Pre-K Ed Tech. Vote: 5-0.

B. Administration

1. Principal's Report

Fred Cole reported the following:

Enrollment is 109

Lynn Bonsey has kept up her National Teacher Certification for the third round

The Simplex panel is done

Heat in the gym has been on the fritz

New cooler has arrived

Ed Tech moved to 7th grade in the afternoons to address issues there

Nurse Nikki working on the head lice issue

2. PTCO Report

From November 2, 2015 meeting:

A book fair is going on now

Scripps fundraiser is planned

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3. Superintendent's Report

1. Mr. Hurvitt handed out budget calendar
2. Mr. Hurvitt handed out a letter from Bryan Wolf

4. Jordan Fund/Adams Fund

- A. Mark will get feedback from Selectmen and report back to Board in December.

7. Old Business

1. Community Use of School Facilities Policy Code KF – Second Reading

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2. Restraint and Seclusion Policy JKAA-R – Second Reading

A motion was made by Joan Welgoss, seconded by Michelle Berger, to approve the policy.

Vote: 5-0.

3. Possible Revision of Policy # IJOA – Field Trips and Excursions

There was a long discussion on this issue, with some feeling that a 2 night 8th grade trip was appropriate, and some feeling that the existing policy (1 night) was fine. Ultimately:

A motion was made by Michelle Berger to allow the 2015-16 8th grade trip to extend to 2 nights. There was no second to the motion. Trip stays at 1 night. (Note: Monica, who has a son in 8th grade, was asked by the Superintendent to abstain from voting). A new trip plan will be presented to the Board in December.

8. New Business

1. Leave Request

A motion was made by Marlene Tallent, seconded by Joan Welgoss, to enter Executive Session Pursuant to § 405 (6)(A) with Lynn Bonsey, Fred Cole and Rosanna McFarlane for a personnel issue at 6:24pm.

Vote: 5-0.

Exited Executive Session at 6:43pm. A motion was made by Don Driscoll, seconded by Michelle Berger, to allow Rosanna McFarlane to work half-time from November 30, 2015 until the end of the school year, and to job share with Marsha Fair, as proposed.

Vote: 5-0.

Monica Hardy-Torrey left the meeting at 6:45pm.

2. Standards-Based Education Review

October 9, 2015 workshop was a standards-based conversation on report cards. Surry would like to pilot new report cards, starting first trimester. Board OK by consensus. The Board will need to approve, if ultimately, the report cards are changed.

3. Possible Delegation of Votes for Union Board meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 5:30pm at the Penobscot Community School.

A motion was made by Don Driscoll, seconded by Joan Welgoss, to delegate Surry's votes to Marlene Tallent.

Vote: 5-0.

4. Policy Review Process

Marlene and Mark will work through it, and report back to Board.

5. October 1, 2015 Enrollments

Mr. Hurvitt passed out the enrollment report.

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9. Other Business

A. Requests for Information
None

B. Future Agenda Items

1. Teacher Presentation
2. After-school Program Report
3. Jordan Fund/Adams Fund – Memorandum of Understanding – Second Reading
4. Community Use of School Facilities Policy Code KF – Third Reading
5. 8th Grade Trip Plan
6. Summary of Accounts

C. Warrant Signatures

The warrants were signed.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m. by Chair, Marlene Tallent.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark E. Hurvitt
Superintendent of Schools

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