

**SURRY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, May 3, 2016 – 5:00pm
SURRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Members Present: Marlene Tallent, Joan Welgoss, Michelle Berger, Don Driscoll, Pat Jencks

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt, Fred Cole, Steve Bemiss, Laura Johns, Elizabeth Schaab

1. Call to Order

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

****Election of a Chair and Vice Chair****

Don Driscoll nominated Marlene Tallent as Board Chair. Joan Welgoss seconded. A motion was made by Michelle Berger to close nominations, seconded by Don Driscoll. Vote: 5-0.
The vote was 5-0 in favor of Marlene Tallent. Marlene was elected chair.

Marlene Tallent nominated Don Driscoll as Vice Chair. Joan Welgoss seconded. A motion was made by Marlene Tallent to close nominations, seconded by Michelle Berger. Vote: 5-0.
The vote was 5-0 in favor of Don Driscoll. Don was elected vice chair.

2. Consideration of the Minutes of the Meeting on April 5, 2016

A motion was made by Don Driscoll, seconded by Pat Jencks, to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2016 meeting. Vote: 5-0.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

None.

5. Review of Agenda

A motion was made by Michelle Berger, seconded by Joan Welgoss, to approve the agenda after adding 7.1 (Lawn mowing bids). Vote: 5-0.

6. Communications/Reports

A. Teacher Presentation

Elizabeth Schaab took the Board into the PreK room and toured them around the wonderful classroom space.

B. Chairperson

Marlene Tallent reported the following:

- 1) Welcome to Pat Jencks.
- 2) Marlene will be attending the Commissioner's Conference in Bangor in June.
- 3) Marlene is headed to a Chicago Leadership Conference in the summer.
- 4) She is still involved in Maine School Board Association (MSBA)

C. Administration

1. Principal's Report

- 1) Guidance counselor possibly leaving
- 2) Laura Johns is working on the school website

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- 3) Speech contest being organized by Lynn Bonsey.
- 4) Don Driscoll asked a question about home-schooling.

2. PTCO Report

Per Cathy Lloyd: Mini courses are being run
Teacher appreciation week
Working on PTCO meeting minutes
Field day cookout being organized

3. Superintendent's Report

- 1. Reported on GSA meeting, Marlene being the Surry representative.
- 2. Mark is freezing the budget, as of 5/6/16 until 6/30/16.
- 3. Now that we have had preschool screening, and 13 preschool kids showed up, Mark recommended that the Board consider eliminating the 1 day of Spanish and staffing the PreK Ed Tech position. The daylight between those two positions is \$660.24, and that would come from contingency. There was a lot of discussion on this issue. Finally, a motion was made:
A motion was made by Marlene Tallent, seconded by Don Driscoll, to add an article to the upcoming special town meeting in June asking the voters to fund the PreK Ed Tech II position for \$10,582.00.

Vote: 5-0.

Mark will work with Steve Bemiss on this.

4. Jordan Fund/Adams Fund

Quarterly report shows \$239,466.05.

Two (2) applications have been received for the high school scholarship so far.

7. Old Business

1. Lawn Mowing Bids

A motion was made by Don Driscoll, seconded by Pat Jencks, to go with Steve Bemiss' low bid for mowing.

Vote: 5-0.

8. New Business

1. To Approve the 2016-2017 School Year Calendar

A motion was made by Marlene Tallent, seconded by Michelle Berger, to approve the calendar.

Vote: 5-0.

2. April 1, 2016 Enrollments

Noted.

3. MLTI Refresh Discussion

A motion was made by Marlene Tallent, seconded by Don Driscoll, to change the grade 7-8 MLTI platform from ipads to MacBook Air's.

Vote: 5-0.

4. Policy Revisions – Second Reading

A motion was made by Marlene Tallent, seconded by Don Driscoll, to delete the list of policies as presented by Mr. Hurvitt.

Vote: 5-0.

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New Business (continued)

5. Surry Honor Roll Students

Marlene created a nice card, from the Board, which now needs to be printed on card stock. It will be sent out at the end of the year to Surry high school students making the honor roll from whatever high school they go to.

6. Support Staff Work Regulations Update

Moved to June meeting.

7. Policy # GBDA – Mother Friendly Workplace (First Reading)

We don't need a new policy as this issue is governed by Maine law.

8. To Approve Teachers Going Onto Continuing Contracts for the 2016-2017 School Year

A motion was made by Marlene Tallent, seconded by Don Driscoll, to approve continuing contracts for Ben Thelwell, Paige Osgood and Rebecca Poole-Heyne. Vote: 5-0.

9. To Approve Teachers Going Onto 2nd Year Probationary Teaching Contracts for the 2016-2017 School Year

A motion was made by Marlene Tallent, seconded by Joan Welgoss, to approve contracts for Laura Johns, Karen Hawthorne, Kaitlin Michaud, Elizabeth Schaab. Vote: 5-0.

10. To Approve Non-Contracted Support Staff for the 2016-2017 School Year

A motion was made by Marlene Tallent, seconded by Michelle Berger to approve contracts for Nikki Jaffray, Glen Baez, Linda Conley, Brittany Hale, Julie Havey, Cathie Rossignol, Ashley Snow, Lesa Taylor, Naomi Watson. Vote: 5-0.

11. Possible Long-term Sub Nomination

A motion was made by Marlene Tallent, seconded by Michelle Berger, to give the superintendent permission to hire and inform in June. Vote: 5-0.
Michelle Berger will be on the committee.

9. Other Business

A. Requests for Information

None.

B. Future Agenda Items

SES Honor Roll Discussion
Student Representative for Board meetings
Long-term Sub Nomination
Support Staff Work Regulations Update
June meeting at 3:00, not 5:00

C. Warrant Signatures

The warrants were signed.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm by Chair, Marlene Tallent.
Respectfully submitted,

Mark E. Hurvitt
Superintendent of Schools