

**SURRY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, February 15, 2017 – 5:00pm
SURRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Members Present: Marlene Tallent, Michelle Berger, Pat Jencks, Don Driscoll arrived at 5:20pm

Members Absent: Joan Welgoss

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt, Fred Cole, Mary Beth Mitchell, Courtney Weaver, Libby Bishop, Julie Havey

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:16pm by Chair Marlene Tallent.

2. Consideration of the Minutes of the Meetings on January 3, 2017; Monday, January 23, 2017 and Thursday, January 26, 2017

A motion was made by Michelle Berger, seconded by Pat Jencks, to approve the minutes of the January 2017 meetings. Vote: 3-0.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

(Don Driscoll arrived at 5:20pm)

Peter Farragher came from the YMCA to talk about a potential Surry after-school program. Right now, they run programs in Blue Hill, Lamoine, and Hancock from the end of school to 5:30pm, 5 days per week. They have a snow day option in Ellsworth. For Surry, they would need 2 spaces, and 2 staff members who would be employed by the YMCA. Jess Montgomery is the person in charge of these programs. There is a 1:13 ratio. The program is for K-5 and needs an 8 child minimum. There is no cost to Surry, but it is \$10.00 per day per student for the program.

Comments were:

- Kathy Lowell likes the program the way it is (no cost).
- Libby Bishop feels that the \$25.00 per hour pay is appropriate for staff.
- Mary Beth Mitchell likes the current program.
- Courtney Weaver likes the current program.

5. Review of Agenda

A motion was made by Pat Jencks, seconded by Michelle Berger, to approve the agenda after moving the budget discussion down. Vote: 4-0.

6. Communications/Reports

A. Chairperson

Marlene reported on the following:

- Handed out an article from the Washington Post.
- Testifying on legislative bills.
- MSMA is looking for a new director.

B. Possible Teacher Presentation

None

C. Administration

1. Principal's Report

The Principal's report was handed out and is attached to the office minutes.

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2. PTCO Report

- Looking for a Treasurer
- Family Fun Night was successful. 50 people came in a snowstorm. Broke even.
- Seed sales by February 17, 2017.
- Mini courses are May 5, 12 and 19
- Voted on teacher gift for Teacher Appreciation Week.

3. Superintendent's Report

- 1) Move Board meeting from March 7, 2017 to March 9, 2017 as there is a Town Meeting conflict.
- 2) Move Board meeting from July 4, 2017 to July 6, 2017 due to holiday conflict.
- 3) Mr. Hurvitt handed out a letter from Christine Collins to the Board.

4. Jordan Fund/Adams Fund

A motion was made by Don Driscoll, seconded by Michelle Berger, to award up to 3 - \$2,000.00 scholarships for 2017 for Surry high school graduates. Marlene Tallent handed out the application. Mark Hurvitt looking into the Adams Fund.

7. Old Business

1. Discussion of 2017-2018 Budget

The Board discussed the budget line by line, making changes.

A motion was made by Marlene Tallent, seconded by Michelle Berger, to add a 40% middle school math position; keeping Laura Johns at 60%/40% science and technology.

2. Garden Coordinator Job Description

A motion was made by Pat Jencks, seconded by Don Driscoll, to approve new job description.

Vote: 4-0.

(The Spring 2017 stipend is \$400.00, paid for by the accepted grant from the Garden Club).

8. New Business

1. Final Approval of 8th Grade Class Trip

A 2-day whitewater rafting trip is planned. The bus will drop them off one day, then pick them up the next day. Mary Beth Mitchell, Courtney Weaver and Laura Johns are chaperones.

A motion was made by Don Driscoll, seconded by Michelle Berger, to approve the plans.

Vote: 4-0.

2. Summary of Accounts

Noted.

3. Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Negotiations MRSA § 405 (6)(D) Labor Contract Discussion.

A motion was made by Pat Jencks, seconded by Michelle Berger, to enter Executive Session at 7:00pm for the purpose of labor contract discussion.

Vote: 4-0.

Exited Executive Session at 7:10pm with no action taken.

9. Other Business

A. Requests for Information

None.

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B. Future Agenda Items

- 1) Possible Delegation of Votes for Union 93 Board Meeting on March 27, 2017
- 2) 2016-2017 Budget Discussion and Possible Adoption
- 3) Coaching Nominations

C. Warrant Signatures

The warrants were signed.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm by Chair, Marlene Tallent.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark E. Hurvitt
Superintendent of Schools

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