

**SAD #8 School Board Monthly Meeting
February 15th, 2012
Middle School Science Room**

6:00 Board meets to review and sign warrants

6:30 Board business meeting

1. Call to order. **Meeting called to order at 630 pm by Julie Shane**
2. Approval of minutes of previous meeting. **Motion made by Joe Bickford Second by Laura Lazaro 5Y**
3. Communications. **Several bills being proposed by in Augusta by DOE. Lew will keep board updated on DOE bills being proposed by legislation.**
4. Approval of agenda. **Motion to approve Agenda as presented by Joe Bickford second by Laura Lazaro 5Y.**
5. Questions and comments from the public. **Lew Collins opened meeting stating that we are glad to see everyone here and the kids here seeing how the democracy works and how it works to give there opinion on subjects. Julie stated teams are to travel together per school policy. Question was ask if the school will allow the whole team to travel up Friday night to Augusta with parents and they will chaperone and pay the bill. All parents have to sign off and all kids have to go together. General discussion about travel and permission slips. More discussion about the bus and travel expenses. Are we going to keep the bus going up on Saturday spectators. Question was asked about concentration on games instead of going the night before what about practice.**
6. School Leader's report **Robb emailed to the board in advance the minutes from the school leaders report. Sam Thompson mentioned she liked what the Fire Chief took a kid and was missing.**
7. New Business
 - a. Music Committee report **Robb is presenting for the music committee. Discussed what is really valued and the history of music on the Island. They are developing a vision Statement for music in our school. In order to make the vision accomplished they developed an action plan. Looking at having a music teacher full time to developed programs for all students through out the day. FITA is looking into legality for a flex schedule for a full time music teacher. Looking at using town band, and getting music into as much of the day as possible. A lot of data out there claiming why music is important to helping with the learning in other subjects. Jessica Farrelly presented some information on why music help supports students in other educational area. She stated there needs to be a way to keep going through high school for students playing instruments since elementary. Theres no programs for students to keep going. There was discussion about the value of a full time music program. Bruce Philip and Linda Lapointe stated they would like to see the music full time and not stop for students. Glorida Delsandro stated that the teachers are working on scheduling for next year.**

- b. Budget formats **Lew Collins stated that we are looking at how to get budget info out to public how to present information out to people clearly and precise information. We are trying to accommodate everyone however creates challenge. If the community has any questions regarding budget please ask questions. Our goal is to make it simple and as many formats as possible. Discussed the budget process district meetings, referendums, etc. Julie Shane asked when we will put out packet for budget, Lew Collins stated by the first budget meeting scheduled in March 2012. Joe Bickford stated we might want to discuss budget by article because that's how we vote by article. Lew Collins also stated we should give summary of changes being proposed for new budget.**
- c. Budget meeting schedule **Lew Collins asked about the dates of budget schedule, changing March date to March 8 2012. Changing schedule to add more articles to first date which will move other articles up. Robb stated we would like to look at ed tech need before budget meeting in March 2012. Discussion about shortage of ed techs in school in general. Samantha Thompson ask about when budgeting discussion will be taking place in regards to Standards Based Training. Lew Collins discussed as it unfolds we will be discussing standard based needs possible next spring. Lew Collins discussed Budget increases that are already known. Knowing that and what our expected revenues are Lew stated the board should start thinking about what you want add to budget or not. Lew Collins asked that the board start the budget process with an expectation of the end result they have in mind. Discussion on board meetings for budget and regular school board meetings. Will disseminate a schedule once approved.**
8. Old Business: NONE
9. Reports
- a. Superintendent's report: **Lew Collins asked if the board has any questions regarding his report. Stated that George Joseph is coming tomorrow to discuss long range plan for building maintenance.**
10. Adjournment : **Meeting adjourned at 748 pm by Julie Shane.**