

**MSAD #8 School Board Monthly Meeting
February 18, 2015
Middle School Science Rm.
Warrant Signing 6:00 PM
Business Meeting 6:30 PM**

Sharon Philbrook, Kathi Young, Annette Cash, Bruce Philip, Renee Jones, Bruce Mailloux, Kathy Warren, Tim Kane, Jennifer Gehrich, Bryan Feezor, Sarah Baird-Forner, Mark Jackson, Emily Cohn

1. Call to order by Board Chair - **at 6:37**
2. Approval of minutes for the January 21st meeting - **Motion to approve the minutes of January 21st 2015 meeting as presented Kathi Young, Second Renee Jones 4y, 1 Abs**
3. Communications - **to be discussed in the Supts Agenda**
4. Approval of the agenda - **Motion to approve the agenda as agenda as presented Renee Jones, Second Bruce Philip 5y**
5. Questions and comments from the public - **Annette asked to discuss the decision that we would not call a snow day for a tournament game. There is a sense that we should go back to February vacation so that we do not need to continue the debate around missing school days in order to attend basketball.**
6. Principal's report - **Tim presented his activities for the last couple of weeks 2 snow days, Teacher Evaluation Workshop, Priority Schools Workshop, 504 Training. The full report is available on request. The Priority team will be undertaking a lot of research, planning and implementation to develop the school-wide plan.**
7. New Business
 - a. Report - Outcome of the Skippers' Program fish study - **Mark Jackson presented the past years efforts of the Eastern Maine Skippers program. Last years project was the question of developing winter flounder as an alternative fishery. They hauled the traps through into the summer. The end result was to discover that Flounder are not a**

viable alternative fishery but much was learned though the process. The students learned about the regulatory and legislative necessary to discuss and establish a new fishery. They learned a lot about how to research the emergence of a new species and they worked with the consortium of other skippers schools to do this work.

This year the EMSP teachers are working to further develop the curriculum. They are currently using lobstering as a small business model and learning about accounting, navigation and other courses related to business operation. Currently they are also looking at the problem of green crabs in our fishery and the potential of establishing them as a fishery. This again, will allow them to develop skills around identification and resolution of a problem. They will be presenting at the Fishermans Forum again this year in a workshop sessions designated specifically for EMSP.

The program is support by two II fellows and many in kind donations from the GMRI, Sunbeam, individual businesses & lobsterman, and the Island Institute.

Last year we had 6 students involved, 4 seniors and 2 juniors. This year we have 2 seniors, 2 juniors, and 3 sophomores.

b. Report - CIPS status and what it means - **Continuous Improvement Priority School - we are a Priority School. Last year we were a Monitor school. Each year, under NCLB you are required to make Adequate Yearly Progress, when you don't make adequate yearly progress you progress through Monitor 1&2 and Priority status. We will be getting a coach, having a Priority Team, and developing a school wide plan.**

c. Report – Outcome of the meeting with auditors - **The meeting went well. We had no significant findings.**

d. Discussion and possible action to transfer up to \$50,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance to capital reserve. - **Motion to transfer 50,000 from the June 30th 2013 undesignated fund balance Bruce Philip, Second Annette Cash 5y**

e. Budget discussion – Staffing Overview - **things that are being discussed as part of next years budget process.**

1) **Special Education educational technician**

- 2) **Bus Driver - Bruce Philip suggested we consider transporting pre-k kids once we have a bus. Sharon asked if we really needed a big bus.**
- 3) **Middle School Social Studies teacher**
- 4) **Library staffing**

f. Budget discussion – Facilities Overview -

- 1) **Controls System upgrade**
- 2) **Discovery Wing Insulation**
- 3) **Painting the building**
- 4) **Softball field**
- 5) **Playground**

g. Discussion and possible first reading of the concussion policy JJIF - **Discussion, Motion to approve the first reading of JJIF as presented Bruce Philip, Second Renee Jones 5y**

h. Discussion and possible first reading of the policy on Graduation Requirements – IKF – **Discussion Only**

8. Old Business

a. Superintendent's Report - **Cold & snow ! Alan is hard at work getting snow removed and weather headaches dealt with. Congratulations to the girls and boys Varsity basketball teams. Tim is working on a model for a teacher evaluation system. Last week the proficiency based diploma team from DOE was here and provided valuable feedback to us regarding our process. Bruce is looking for a consultant to help us with streamlining our diploma requirements to more closely match what DOE is indicating that they are looking for. The staff is working very hard and doing great stuff. Getting everyone, us and the state, to be talking about all of these things with the same language and the same definitions will be a great thing.**

9. Set date and room choice for the March meeting - **March 11th, workshops on March 4th, 10th, & 12th.**

10. Adjournment - **Motion to adjourn at 8:58 Renee Jones, Second Kathi Young 5y**