

**SAD #8 School Board Monthly Meeting
March 21, 2012
Middle School Science Room**

6:00 Board meets to review and sign warrants

6:30 Board business meeting

Present: Julie Shane (Chair), Joe Bickford (Vice-Chair), Linda LaPointe, Bruce Phillip, Laura Lazzaro, Lew Collins (Superintendent)

1. Call to order. **With all members present, Chair Shane called the meeting to order at 6:30**
2. Approval of minutes of previous meeting. **February minutes were not available and will be included in next month's Board package**
3. Communications. **None**
4. Approval of agenda. **Supt. Collins requested that the agenda include 7d. "Softball coach nomination". Joe motioned and Laura seconded to include this new agenda item. Passed 5-0.**
5. Questions and comments from the public. **Gigi asked whether or not the budget documents include full-time music. Supt. Collins stated that the current documents show the position at 2/3, not full-time. The position will be discussed at the April budget meeting.**
6. School Leader's report: **Joe asked if the Board members also need NIMS training as mentioned in the School Leader's report. Robb will be asked to look into that requirement.**
7. New Business
 - a. Cell Phone Policy first reading: **The Board members discussed the ramifications of cell phones in the school now that a cell tower is planned for the island. Lew will ask MSMA for guidance on whether or not the Board can or should prohibit cell phones in the school.**
 - b. School Accounts- use, approval, balances, approval process: **Supt Collins reviewed the various school accounts and their balances. He was asked about the approval process and stated that there were no written procedures about how these accounts are used. Chair Shane asked if the Superintendent could bring back to the Board a written draft of rules for each account, where they are funded and an approval process for using those funds.**
 - c. Field trip for boat builders May 11-14 **Supt. Collins mentioned that Mark Jackson was planning a trip May 11-14 with four students to launch a new boat built in the school program. Mark will be invited to present information to the Board at their next meeting.**
 - d. Softball Coaches: **Board members decided that they would need to discuss some issues in Executive Session concerning these personnel prior to accepting the nominations.**

8. Old Business:

a.. Scoreboard update- **Jake has prices on a few scoreboards but has not had luck seeking donations to cover the costs. She was not present tonight but will report back on this in April. The Sports Committee will add this to their March 29 agenda to look at scoreboard options and costs.**

b. Update on school lunch PB&J policy. **Tina was not present at this meeting but reported that the breakfast program was doing real well and lots of families have paid their lunch bills because of the \$50 limit on charging meals.**

c. Fundraising discussion: **Linda mentioned that an area merchant lost business due to school wreath sales this past Christmas. Supt. Collins sated that he now reviews all fundraising requests with Amanda to make sure the students are not in conflict with an area business.**

9. Reports

a. Superintendent's report: **Supt Collins took questions about his report.**

10. Joe motioned and Laura seconded to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter in accordance with M.R.S.A 405 (6)(a). Motion passed 5-0 and Board entered the session at 7:30. Chair Shane declared the Board out of Executive session at 7:35

11. Joe motioned and Bruce seconded motion to accept Doug Littlefield as varsity girls softball coach. Motion passed 5-0.

12. Adjournment The Board adjourned at 7:37 p.m. on a unanimous vote.

NOTE THAT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE APRIL 25TH 2012 AT A DIFFERENT TIME: 5:30 FOR WARRANT SIGNING WITH THE MEETING TO BEGIN AT 6:00 PM.