

**SAD #8 School Board Monthly Meeting
August 15, 2012
Middle School Science Room
DRAFT MINUTES**

5:30 Board meets to review and sign warrants
6:00 Board business meeting

Present: Renee Jones, Bruce Philip, Linda LaPointe, Angel Beckman, Annette Cash Staff: Robb Warren, Yvonne Thomas, Lew Collins, Jud Raven, Jill Oakes, Bryan Feezor, Ann Osgood, Cherie Doughty

1. Call to Order: **Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm**
2. Approval of minutes of previous meeting. (July 18 and July 25): **Renee motioned, Bruce seconded to approve minutes as presented. Passed 5-0.**
3. Communications. **Lew mentioned the MSBA Assembly Delegate- one Board member is needed to serve at the October 25 MSBA assembly.**
4. Approval of agenda: **Renee motioned, Angel seconded to approve agenda as presented. Vote passed 5-0.**
5. Questions and comments from the public. **None**
6. School Leader's report **Robb reviewed the School Leader's report that was distributed to the Board last week. He discussed dress codes and mentioned that the Student Handbook policies on student dress will be enforced this school year.**
7. New Business
 - a. Finance procedures- discussion. **Lew had provided some sample copies of finance policies including "purchasing" and "petty cash" as examples. He will ask our auditor to advise the Board on the appropriate level of detail needed for a "package" of financial policies.**
 - b. The school schedule including "Go".....discussion **Judd reviewed the upcoming school schedule including the "GO" proposal. This proposal includes about twenty minutes of activities at the beginning of the school day right after homeroom. It will reduce class time throughout the day by just a few minutes per class. Two student, Ellie Reidy and Bethany Candage, commented that not all students need this activity period and that some students arrive at school ready to learn and begin classes.**
 - c. First Reading: Policy IKE: Promotion and retention of students **Lew proposed technical changes to this policy as well as adding language that will assure in policy the idea that retention will be a mutual school/family decision.**
8. Old Business:
 - a. Class rank proposal discussion **Class rankings with respect to the Valedictorian and Salutatorian honors was discussed and ideas surrounding replacement of those with "summa cum laude" honors was discussed. There was overwhelming sentiment among the Board and public not to propose any changes to the existing policy.**
9. Reports

a. Superintendent's report: **Lew informed the Board that he has granted a one-year leave of absence to Jean Thompson and that Cherie Doughty will be transferred to that position for one year with the assurance that she may return to the Kindergarten position in the 2013-14 school year.**

10. Executive Session to discuss personnel matters per M.R.S.A 405 (6) (a) **Angel motioned, Bruce seconded to enter Executive Session. Vote was 5-0. Chair Jones declared the Board out of Executive Session at 7:12 p.m.**

11.. **Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.**