

**MSAD #8 School Board Monthly Meeting  
April 15, 2015 Middle School Science Rm.  
Warrant Signing 6:00 PM - Business Meeting 6:30 PM**

1. Call to order by Board Chair - @ **6:30**
2. Approval of minutes for the March 11, 2015 meeting – **Motion to approve the March minutes as presented Renee Jones, Second Annette Cash 3Y**
3. Communications – **nothing significant**
4. Approval of the agenda – **Addition of item 7-1 Discovery Wing Quote & 7-2 Angie Olsen – Therapy Dog Renee Jones, Second Bruce Philip 3Y**
5. Questions and comments from the public - **None**
6. Principal's report – **See attached report**
7. New Business
  - 1) **Discovery Wing Insulation Quote – Alan Koenig – presented the quote for insulating the discovery wing and repairing the insulation on the front porch. The total quote is 21K, the discovery wing portion is 17K. Motion to accept the quote from Quantum Insulators to repair & replace the Discovery Wing Insulation and the Front Porch Insulation Renee Jones, Second Bruce Philip 3Y**
  - 2) **Angie Olsen & Cherie Doughty – Therapy Dog – Reading Education Assistant Dogs – Angie presented the work she has been doing with Nigel as a registered therapy dog who has been certified as an AKC Good Citizen, a Love on a Leash Dog, and a READ dog. The program does not cost the school anything. At the end of the 10-12 week program the kids will get a book paw-tographed by Nigel. Cherie and Angie have worked out the details of what kids Angie & Nigel would work with and how to introduce the program to the teachers and kids so everyone is familiar with the program. The READ program has a tracking process for monitoring the kids reading levels. The Board approved Nigel coming to school and working with the kids!**

a. Discussion, second reading and possible adoption of the Graduation Requirement Policy - IKF

**Motion to adopt the Graduation Requirements policy as presented. Renee Jones, Bruce Philip 3Y**

b. Action: To act on the Superintendent's recommendation to move probationary 1 teachers to probationary 2

**Motion to approve the Supts recommendation to move Mae Applegate and Chris DiSalvatore to Priority 2 Renee Jones, Second Bruce Philip 3Y**

c. Action: To act on the Superintendent's recommendation to move probationary 2 teachers to probationary 3

**Motion to approve the Supts Recommendation to move Sarah Mason & Carolyn Augusto from Probationary 2 to Probationary 3 Renee Jones, Second Bruce Philip 3Y**

d. Action: To act on the Superintendent's recommendation to move probationary 3 teachers to continuing contract

**Motion to approve the Supts recommendation to move Emma Baker, Hilary Martin, Emily Cohn, Kayla Hunsinger & Susan Dempster from Probationary 3 to Continuing Contract Renee Jones, Second Bruce Philip 3Y**

e. Discussion and possible action to act on a request for a one year unpaid leave of absence

**Motion to approve Samantha Thompsons request for a leave of absence for the 15-16 school year. Renee Jones, Second Bruce Philip 3Y**

f. Action on personnel matters

1. Acceptance of any resignations

**Motion to accept, regretfully, the resignation of Stormy Dyer Renee Jones, Second Bruce Philip 3Y**

2. Action to approve any appointments

**Motion to approve Melissa Bennard to fill the 1<sup>st</sup> grade position vacated by Sam Thompson's leave of Absence for the 15-16 school year and Chris DiSalvatore to fill the Middle School Math position Renee Jones, Second Bruce Philip 3Y**

g. Action to approve the fuel oil bid for 2015/2016  
**Motion to approve the Fuel Bid presented by Alternative Oil for 15-16 Renee Jones, Second Bruce Philip 3Y**

h. Action to authorize amendments to MSMA Property & Casualty Insurance Declaration of Trust and Participation Agreement  
**Motion to approve the amendments to the MSMA P&C Insurance Declaration of Trust and Participation Agreement as presented. Renee Jones, Second Bruce Philip 3Y**

**KHW - SEND SIGNED DOCUMENT TO MSMA**

8. Old Business
  - a. Superintendent's Report.

**Greetings from Bruce on Tax Day!**

**We were notified last week that our application with PIE for an Island Fellow to work on Parent Involvement and After School Programming for 2015-2016 has been awarded. The fellow will be hired this spring and will begin in September.**

**Budget Meetings – Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:15 in the Middle School Science Room and Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 in the Middle School Science Room.**

**We met today with the new Town Manager Steve Eldridge. We were very pleased with his approach to budgeting and look forward to working with him in the future. It looks to be a positive working relationship.**

**The sniffing dogs were here last month. They had a hit with no findings in the music room and otherwise than that they found nothing**

9. Set date and room choice for the May meeting - **May 20<sup>th</sup> 6:00 Middle School Science Room**

10. Adjournment – **Meeting adjourned at 7:20**