

**Moultonborough School District
Monthly School Board Meeting Agenda
Monday, March 10, 2008
Town Hall Meeting Room**

Present: Chairperson Whitley, Mark Borrin, Bill Blackadar, Kathy Garry, Fox Smith, Michael Lancor, Kay Peranelli, Scott Laliberte, Andrew Coppinger, Lou Goscinski, Laurie Caldwell

At 7:02 p.m. Chairperson Whitley called the meeting to order and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Agenda:

1. Personnel Announcements: Chairperson Whitley announced the appointment of Kathleen D'Haene as the new Assistant Principal at MCS effective July 1, 2008.

Public Input: None.

Approval of Minutes:

- A. Mark Borrin moved, and Fox Smith seconded a motion, to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2008, School Budget and SB2 Hearings, and School Board Meeting. All voted in favor.

General Items:

Annual Report/Meeting*: Board members received a copy of the Annual School District Report. This report will be available on Tuesday, March 11 at the Life Safety Building and on Saturday, March 15 at the School District and Town Annual Meetings. The notice published in the Meredith News was also included in the packet. Childcare will be provided by members of SLAM (Service Learning at Moultonborough) and lunch will be offered for sale by the Moultonborough Women's Club. School district moderator Dick Wakefield and town moderator Mel Borrin attended this School Board meeting to discuss and finalize the logistics for the two annual meetings.

- A. Student Council Report: No report.
- B. Spring 2008 Assessment Report: A copy of the Spring 2008 Assessment Report was distributed to the Board. Mr. Pugh highlighted sections of the Report and changes in format. The Assessment Report will be available on Tuesday, March 11 at the Life Safety Building and on Saturday, March 15 at the School District Meeting.
- C. Grade 11 NECAP Results*: Mr. Charlie Pugh presented the grade 11 NECAP results as printed in the Spring 2008 Assessment Report. These results were released by the Department of Education on Thursday, February 21, 2008. There was discussion with Lisa St. Amand regarding a process to plan for improvement in math scores at the elementary level. There was also discussion on Moultonborough Academy's percentage of students attending 2 year and 4 year colleges.

Chairperson's Report:

- A. Calendar: The Chairperson announced the following important calendar dates:
Tuesday, March 11, 2008: Town and School District Elections Life Safety Building
Saturday, March 15, 2008: Annual School District & Town Mtgs. 9:00 a.m. - Auditorium
Tuesday, April 8, 2008: Monthly & Organizational School Board Mtgs.- 7:00 p.m. - Town Hall
- B. Annual Report/Meeting*: Moved to General Items above.
- C. Organizational Meeting*: The Board received copies of policies BDA, BDB and BDE. It was Mr. Lancor's recommendation that the Board's organizational meeting be held as the first order of business on Tuesday, April 8, 2008. As per policy BDB, Laurie Whitley and Mark Borrin will continue to serve as chairperson and vice-chairperson respectively until the organizational meeting on April 8. Moderator Dick Wakefield will swear in Bill Blackadar and Fox Smith following the Annual Meeting.
- D. Submission Hearing*: The Board received a copy of a Submission Hearing Notice for the Board's review. The Hearing will be held on March 12, 2008 and Chairperson Whitley plans to attend.

Pupil Personnel Services Director's Report:

- A. Focused Monitoring Action Plan: The Board received a copy of the Focused Monitoring Action Plan and a list of members on the three action plan committees. Training was provided on March 6th for approximately 25 people. Peter Whelley and Carissa O'Gara provided workshops for paraprofessionals.

Central School Administrative Report:

- A. Calendar: Principal Laliberte reviewed the calendars for the months of March and April. Chairperson Whitley noted that the 2007 Town Report from the Welfare Director did a nice acknowledgment to MCS for the Food Drive.
- B. Project Home: Mr. Laliberte updated the Board on Project Home activities.

Academy Administrative Report:

- A. Calendar: Principal Coppinger highlighted the calendars for the months of March and April.

School Business Administrative Report:

- A. 2007-2008 Budget Expenditure Update: Mrs. Peranelli highlighted the end-of-February 2008 Budget Report. Custodial overtime, due to the weather, is an area of concern.
- B. MCS Water System Update: Mrs. Peranelli, Mr. Laliberte and Mr. Pendexter met with Lydia Eaton on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 to discuss Mrs. Eaton's concerns regarding the MCS water system. The District passed all tests. No further action is required.

Superintendent's Report:

Old Business:

- A. MA Shelter Manager Training: Eight members of the MA Shelter Team are planning to attend a Shelter Team Manager training session in Concord at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26. They are Carmen Bishop, John Bishop, Sally Carver, Patti Kohut, Jerry Hopkins, Kate Lancor, Mike Lancor and Lois Reuter.
- B. June 2008 Graduation*: Board members reviewed a copy of the 2007-2008 school calendar. As of Wednesday, March 5, we have had seven snow days and the 175th day of school for seniors will be Thursday, June 19. Mr. Coppinger and Mr. Lancor have recommended graduation be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 14, 2008. The Class S baseball final will be on Saturday, June 14 and the Class S softball final will be on Sunday, June 15, 2008. This date assumes that the Saturday and Sunday of the senior class trip and the day of graduation are included in the 175 days of school for seniors. As of Wednesday, March 5, this would still leave us one day short of 175 days of school for our seniors.

Mr. Lancor reviewed with the Board a memo received from Commissioner Tracy entitled Waiver of the 180 Day Requirement.

The Board discussed the possible options:

1. Scheduling graduation for Saturday, June 14 and writing a letter to the Commissioner of Education requesting a waiver from the required 175 days.
2. Scheduling graduation for Saturday, June 14 and scheduling an additional day of school for seniors on a Saturday.
3. Scheduling graduation for Saturday, June 21.

Mr. Coppinger and Mr. Lancor recommend option 1 above.

Bill Blackadar moved and Fox Smith seconded a motion, to schedule Moultonborough Academy's 2008 Graduation for Saturday, June 14th at 10:00 a.m., and authorized Chairperson Whitley to write to the Commissioner requesting a waiver from the 175 days for Seniors. All voted in favor.

New Business:

- A. Education Funding*: Mr. Lancor reviewed with the Board an article on Senate Bill 539-FN for the Laconia Citizen, a Legislative Bulletin for NHSBA, and a Comparison of FY 2009 Adequacy to Estimated FY 2010 Adequacy with the additional \$48 million in aid to be distributed to designated towns.
- B. 2007-2008 End-of-Year*: As of Wednesday, March 5, we have had seven snow days and the 180th day of school will be Thursday, June 26 with the last teacher day on Friday, June 27. The calendar adopted for this school year had the 5th required makeup day scheduled for Tuesday, June 24.

Mr. Lancor spoke with Ed Murdough at the Dept. of Ed. on Wednesday, March 5. State statutes require 180 days of school. Waiver requests for fewer days can be made by School Boards to the Commissioner of Education. Mr. Murdough agreed with Mr. Lancor

that having students attend school beyond the week of June 27 would not be reasonable. Options available to the School Board include:

- Schedule the 180th day of school on Thursday, June 26 with the intent of applying for a waiver should it be necessary to take more snow days or other emergency days.
- Consider fewer than 180 days of school and request a waiver (e.g. last day of school on Tuesday, June 24).

The Board members decided to continue this discussion during the April 8 Board meeting.

- C. Snow Removal at MA: Mr. Lancor updated the Board on snow removal at MA which began on Thursday, March 5. It took only two days for Ambrose Bros. to remove and relocate the piles of snow outside of MA classrooms.

School Board Committee Reports:

- A. Buildings and Grounds: No Report.
- B. Personnel and Negotiations: No Report.
- C. Policies*: The Board received copies of recommended policies for Sections C, D, H and L for review. These policies cannot be adopted until April 8, 2008. 'Chele Miller has put in a great deal of work revising these policies and it is very much appreciated. Mr. Lancor noted that when these policies are adopted next month, it will be a complete handbook. The Board discussed the policy on the evaluation of the Superintendent and will put it on the agenda for the April non-public session.
- D. Transportation and Insurance: No Report.
- E. Athletic Committee: No Report.
- F. Technology Planning Committee: No Report.

Administration/Community Committee Reports:

- A. Moultonborough Taking Action (MTA): There is no date at this time for the April meeting.
- B. Wellness Advisory Committee: No Report.

Public Input:

Hollis Caswell questioned the Board on their opinion of the Meredith School Board not taking a position on SB2. The Board commented that it is the Board's prerogative to take a stand, it is on the School Board Warrant and it is the Board's practice to take a position on their warrants, and they didn't do anything they haven't done in the past.

At 9:00 p.m. Bill Blackadar moved, and Fox Smith seconded a motion, to adjourn. A roll call vote was taken with all members answering in the affirmative.