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MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2014 BOARD MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: David Johnson, Janet Connors, Jim Grant, Karin VanNostrand, Jeffrey Wolken, William Thompson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: John Morang, Brenda Clough, Jim Connors

SUPERINTENDENTS PRESENT: Brad Smith, Paul Perzanoski

PRINCIPALS PRESENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Barry Lohnes, Director; David Giroux, Automotive Technology Instructor

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by David Johnson
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Agenda Adjustments – None
4. **Motion: Jim Grant**
Second: Janet Connors
To: Accept the Minutes of the December 16, 2013 Board meeting as written
Vote: Unanimous of members present

Old Business:

None

New Business

5. Public Comment
Phil Dionne, Brunswick resident, addressed the Board noting the dire need for positive action to be taken with regards to the 14-15 budget. Mr. Dionne stated the budget has been flat for too long, putting Region Ten Tech behind in general maintenance and equipment updating.
6. FY2013 Audit Report
Christian Smith, Director in Charge of School Systems at MacDonald Page, Certified Public Accountants, presented highlights of the FY2013 Audit. Region Ten Technical High School received an unqualified, or clean, opinion.
7. Budget to Actual January 31, 2014
Director Lohnes presented the *Budget to Actual* for January 31, 2014. With the inclusion of the three assessment checks, revenues exceed expenditures.
8. 2014-15 Budget Development
Director Lohnes reported the current draft 2014-15 Budget proposal which requests a 6% increase. The Finance Committee met and is entertaining the request for a half time educational technician for the Auto Tech, Outdoor Power and Auto Collision programs as they work toward national certification, as well as an upgrade in an

important piece of maintenance equipment. Earlier in the evening Director Lohnes presented the draft 14-15 budget proposal to the MSAD75 Finance Committee. The MSAD75 committee would like to see where the increases are designated beyond the staff salary and benefits increase.

Superintendent Smith complimented Director Lohnes on the clear breakdown of program time for the proposed educational technician, and stated the Board should not anticipate a request for another ed tech position unless the school sees a titanic increase in enrollment.

Mr. Thompson asked what the timeline looked like for budget completion/presentation/vote. Director Lohnes and Ms. Connors explained the Finance Committee will do fine tuning, the proposal will be reviewed by the Finance Committees at RSU No.5 and Brunswick, two public hearings will be held. A vote by the Cooperative Board on the tentative budget is expected in March or April at which point the Tentative Budget will be voted on by the Board of each sending district. The final vote by written ballot will be taken by the Cooperative Board in June.

9. Negotiations Update

The Negotiations Committee of Jim Grant, Karin VanNostrand and Jeff Wolkens has met with the RTTA representatives and found the relationship amiable. Each group has ideas and is defending those strongly. The RTTA requests the degree requirement be dispensed with and the stipend for the staff Certification Team be increased. The Board would like MRS Title 20-A Chapter 508: Educator Effectiveness recognized as a mandate. There are other minor issues which the Committee believes will be easily reconciled.

10. Attendance Statistics

Director Lohnes gave an overview of the handout highlighting aggregate attendance for each district, by town, for the first semester. Director Lohnes stated the figures were inclusive of all absences; illness, un-notified transfer, hospitalization, etc. as Region Ten does not have excused absences. The staff has newly formed an attendance committee to begin addressing the serious issue of attendance. The committee is working closely with Superintendent Smith and seeks advice from the Board. Discussion ensued.

Ms. VanNostrand questioned the consistency between Region Ten attendance and sending school attendance. Director Lohnes stated the gathering of data is ongoing and a comparison will be ready for the Board at an upcoming meeting.

Ms. Connors stated the Board re-wrote the Attendance Policy years ago in an effort to have students treat school time at Region Ten as a job. She questioned whether the policy is not getting the desired results or if failing attendance is a trend throughout all the schools. Ms. Connors questioned the need to re-look at the policy. Superintendent Perzanoski stated Region Ten Tech attendance needs to be cross referenced with each district, and a plan needs to be developed for better communication.

11. Evaluation Committee Report

The Evaluation Committee is currently working on a teacher performance component to the evaluation instrument to comply with Title 20-A Chapter 508, Maine Statutes.

12. Director's Report

a. Complete the FAFSA and Art Show – Despite great PR and advertising, the Complete the FAFSA event hosted only 13 guests. The low attendance could be attributed to many students already having completed the FAFSA. Board members are invited to view the artwork by our Commercial Art students displayed in the foyer.

b. Remedial Math Meeting – A meeting took place on the Base Campus of SMCC regarding the necessity of preparing high school students for remedial math. Five years ago, Region Ten teachers took the Accuplacer to test themselves and plan to do so again at an upcoming in-service; secondary teachers need to understand the math requirement.

c. Rotary Luncheon – Early Childhood Development student, Nancy Colson and Auto Tech student, Chris Barter were honored at the January meeting of the Brunswick Rotary for their commitment to community service.

d. Enrollment Projections – The 2014-15 school year enrollments are projected to at 308-316 students, a 16% increase from two years ago.

e. Program of Study – A new Program of Study was created with funds from a Senter Grant. Programs of Study were distributed to students at sending schools as a part of the recruitment effort.

Janet Connors requested checking into running the R10 Tech Video on local channels.

f. Senter Grant Purchase – A projector was purchased with this year's Senter Grant providing ease for OSHA, Board, Adult Education and community presentations.

Chairperson Johnson requested Agenda Item 14, Communication, be moved before Agenda Item 13, Executive Session to no objection

14. Communication
None

13. Executive Session
Motion: Janet Connors
Second: Jim Grant
Vote: Unanimous
To: Enter into Executive Session at 7:55 PM to discuss a personnel matter, pursuant to M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(A). Session to include Superintendents' Advisory Committee and Director.

Return from Executive Session at 7:59 PM

15. **Motion: Janet Connors**
Second: Jim Grant
Vote: Unanimous
To: Adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM