

**MESSALONSKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES
April 3, 2002**

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by Chair James Isgro at 7:01 p.m. in the gymnasium at Belgrade Central School. Directors present were Arthur Anicetti, Ruth Bickford, Greg Boyd, Regina Coppens, Laura Corbett, Kelly Couture, Donna Doucette, Frank Fekete, Vernal Finemore, Karen Hatch-Gagne, James Isgro, Cindy Thomas, and Laura Tracy. A quorum was declared. Also present at all or part of the meeting were Gwen Bacon, Jane Bickford, Paul Bickford, Ralph Boss, Shelley Boss, Tonia Boterf, Earlene Bowen, Carol Browne, Robert Browne, Karen Bucknam, Patricia Callioras, Jeffrey Campbell, Richard Carey, Scott Clark, Philip Downes, Lora Downing, Alan Easler, Ellen Edgerly, Louise Erskine, Kathleen Farrin, Mark Hatch, Joe Hemes, Kathryn Hill, Jon Humphrey, Michael Hyland, Lynne Kerschner, George Kohl, Elizabeth McMahon, Melinda Kopp, Karen Labbe, Scott Lambert, Linda Laughlin, John Lisa, Anders Lovendahl, Edward Manter, Caroline Mathes, Jon Moody, Roger Nadeau, Mary Paine, Jean Perkins, Heidi Pomerleau, Pam Prescott, Dennis Purington, Randall Rolfe, William Sawtelle, Kenneth Sprague, Jack Sutton, Lawrence Tibbetts, and Mary Vogel.

Tonia Boterf, parent of a high school student in the District, addressed the Board regarding the 4 x 4 schedule to be implemented at Messalonskee High School for the 2002-03 school year. She asked the Board to insure that the needs of students receiving special education services and students who require additional educational assistance will be met, specifically citing tutorial and guided practice components of the schedule.

Mary Paine, President of the Messalonskee Teachers' Association, addressed the Board regarding a proposal by the administration that the teachers of SAD #47 freeze their salaries at the current rates for the 2002-03 school year due to a budget shortfall, stating that the teachers of this District stand united in their decision to refuse to let a budget crisis, no matter what the cause, compromise their negotiated salaries and collective bargaining process.

Joe Hemes of Stephen Blatt Architects addressed the Board regarding progress on the middle school project. Mr. Hemes introduced Scott Clark of Payton Construction, the general contractor. Mr. Clark is serving as Project Manager. The project is on an aggressive schedule. They hope to have the building closed by winter and occupancy by August of 2003. Mr. Hemes also introduced Sandy Miller, Clerk of the Works for the project. The team will be working together over the next 14 months to build the new middle school.

Dr. Walter McIntyre, former professor overseeing research at the University of Maine, provided the Board with an update of the independent assessment he is conducting and the plan for evaluation of the transition to the 4 x 4 schedule to be implemented at Messalonskee High School for the 2002-03 school year.

Linda Laughlin, Principal of Messalonskee High School, provided the Board with an update regarding the 4 x 4 schedule in terms of student enrollment projections. The master schedule will be built after April vacation.

Finemore/Doucette The minutes of the March 14, 2002 meeting be approved as printed.
Motion carried unanimously.

The Superintendent's Report was updated. Dr. Morse shared with the Board unsolicited letters from the District's nutrition staff and the James H. Bean School staff stating that they would freeze their wages for the 2002-03 school year if the teachers were willing to do so. He reviewed the process that the administration and the Board go through in preparing a school budget.

Dr. Morse provided an overview of the budget workshops held on March 25, 2002, March 27, 2002, and April 1, 2002. The workshops provided the Board an opportunity to work on the various accounts in the budget.

Regina Coppens provided a report of the Property and Services Committee meeting held on April 1, 2002. The Committee reviewed the School Nutrition Program. They are trying to put together a plan for students and parents about healthy food choices. They are looking at adding different menu items to the school lunch program. A plan will be submitted to the State. If approved, the District will receive a \$500 grant to begin the program.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. James C. Morse, Sr.
Superintendent of Schools

MEETINGS

Wednesday, April 10, 2002 – Regular Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Williams Junior High School Gymnasium

Thursday, April 11, 2002 – Parent Informational Meeting Regarding 4 x 4 Schedule – 6:00 p.m. – Performing Arts Center, Messalonskee High School

Wednesday, April 24, 2002 – Curriculum Committee – 5:00 p.m. – Board Meeting Room

Tuesday, April 30, 2002 – Parent Informational Meeting Regarding 4 x 4 Schedule – 6:00 p.m. – Performing Arts Center, Messalonskee High School

Wednesday, May 1, 2002 – Regular Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Board Meeting Room

Wednesday, May 15, 2002 – Regular Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Board Meeting Room

Monday, May 20, 2002 (Tentative) – Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for 2002-03 – 7:00 p.m. – Atwood-Tapley School

Tuesday, May 21, 2002 (Tentative) – Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for 2002-03 – 7:00 p.m. – James H. Bean School

Wednesday, May 22, 2002 (Tentative) – Public Hearing on Proposed budget for 2002-03 – 7:00 p.m. – Belgrade Central School