

Middletown Springs Board of School Directors
(Regular) Meeting

Middletown Springs Elementary School
January 15, 2009

Official Minutes

Present: Kimberly Mathewson (Chair), Steve Letendre (Clerk), and Jodi Comeau (Member), Aaron Boynton (MSES Principal), and Susan Rosso (MSES Administrative Assistant).

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order

Kimberly Mathewson called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

2. Consent Agenda (Action):

a. Approval of Minutes

i. Unofficial Minutes of December 18, 2008 (Regular)

Steve Letendre moved to approve the unofficial minutes of December 18, 2008 with corrections. Jodi Comeau seconded the motion; the motion carried.

b. Report of the Superintendent (Written)

The Superintendent's Report was distributed. The report states that interviews for the position of Superintendent are set for February 2nd and 3rd (and 4th, if necessary). Steven Letendre asked about broader community involvement in the process. Kimberly Mathewson shared that all board members are invited to attend the RSWSU board meeting on January 26th where additional information regarding the Superintendent search will be shared.

c. Report of the Principal (Verbal)

Mr. Boynton discussed the first January faculty meeting, where staff members shared their reflections on the first half of the school year as well as set goals for the rest of the year. Mr. Boynton reported that teacher technology use is on the rise; especially with use of Smart Boards in the classrooms. Living History this year will focus on the 1940s. In March, students will break into groups and teachers will each cover a specific topic with the students. The goal is to increase community involvement and the use of technology within the Living History project.

d. Report of the Business Manager (Written)

There is no Business Manager's Report for the month of January.

Steve Letendre moved to accept the reports of the Superintendent (written) and Principal (verbal). Jodi Comeau seconded the motion; the motion carried.

i. Approval of Warrants:

1. Warrant #38, in the amount of \$12,295.05 dated 12/5/08
2. Warrant #39, in the amount of \$5,700.00 dated 12/8/08
3. Warrant #40, in the amount of \$65,490.94 dated 12/19/08

4. Warrant #41, in the amount of \$12,371.13 dated 1/2/09

Jodi Comeau moved to accept Warrant #38 in the amount of \$12,295.05 dated 12/5/08, Warrant #39, in the amount of \$5,700.00 dated 12/8/08, Warrant #40 in the amount of \$65,490.94 dated 12/19/08, and Warrant #41 in the amount of \$12,371.13 dated 1/2/09. Kimberly Mathewson seconded the motion; the motion carried.

ii. Financial Report (Written)

No Financial Report was presented at this meeting.

3. General Public Comments (Listen and Defer Action to Future Meeting)

No members of the public were present at this meeting.

4. Old Business (Possible Action)

Kimberly Mathewson asked about scheduling the first meeting with the support staff to begin contract negotiations.

Jodi Comeau moved the Board into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. Steve Letendre seconded the motion; the motion carried. Kimberly Mathewson moved the Board out of Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. Steve Letendre seconded the motion; the motion carried.

It was decided to table discussion on scheduling support staff contract negotiations until the Superintendent and more Board members are present. Kimberly Mathewson reiterated the Board's willingness to enter into negotiations with the support staff.

5. Policies (for 2nd reading):

- i. Policy on Policy (probable discussion, possible 2nd reading)
- ii. Residency
- iii. Driver Education
- iv. C-6 Board Commitment to Non-Discrimination
- v. F-25A Truancy

Steven Letendre asked if the new policies met the needs of Mr. Boynton and the school. Mr. Boynton stated that, in his opinion, they did and that he was pleased to have a Truancy policy.

The Policy on Policy was tabled until a future meeting when the Superintendent is present.

Steven Letendre moved to accept the policies on Residency (with correction), Driver Education, Board Commitment to Non-Discrimination, and Truancy. Kimberly Mathewson seconded the motion; motion carried. It was noted that a correction needs to be made to the residency policy to correct a typographical error.

Policies (for discussion purposes)

- Facilities Use
- Building Security
- Policy on Policy

Recording Secretary