

Middletown Springs School District
Board of School Directors Regular Meeting

Date: August 12, 2010

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Place: Middletown Springs Elementary School

Official Meeting Minutes

Present: Kimberly Mathewson (Board Chair), Steven Letendre (Vice-Chair), Clarence Haynes (Member). Also present: Joan Paustian (RSWSU Superintendent), Louis Milazzo (Business Manager), Aaron Boynton (MSES Principal), Susan Rosso (Recording Secretary).

Call to Order: Kimberly Mathewson called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

Approval of Minutes: May 27, 2010 (regular); June 17, 2010 (regular); July 15, 2010 (regular)

Clarence Haynes moved to table the minutes of the above meetings until they have been appropriately edited, Steven Letendre seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Minutes not received to date: December 1, 2010 (special); December 10, 2010 (special); March 24, 2010 (special). Kimberly Mathewson will locate the minutes of the above meetings and present them next month. Clarence Haynes moved that the Board Chair act in the Clerk's stead to edit meeting minutes if he is absent, Kimberly Mathewson seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Report of the Superintendent: Louis Milazzo has completed the statistical reports for the state. The administrators took part in the annual Leadership Conference last week. The new teacher orientation will take place on August 18 and will be led by Susan McKelvie. Susan McKelvie and Aaron Boynton will meet with the new Technology Integration Specialist—Aaron will act as his mentor. The Consolidated Federal Programs (CFP) grant application has been returned for revision in the area of strategies. All board members are invited to the SU-wide faculty/staff welcome back program to be held on August 23 at Tinmouth Elementary School.

Report of the Principal: The summer program was very successful and Mr. Boynton thanks all the teachers, staff members, and volunteers who worked with the students. All board members are invited to attend First Day Celebration will begin at 7:45 on August 25. Over the summer, Mr. Boynton attended the SDI in Castleton and the Leadership Conference in Killington as well as a workshop on Understanding Education Law and a course in Leadership Technology, focusing on what the structure might look like with the new integration specialist and how the technology committee can work with the Curriculum Coordinating Council (CCC).

Report of the Business Manager: Louis Milazzo presented a spreadsheet and explained educational spending cuts across the supervisory union, as mandated by the state of Vermont for FY2012. The Tax Commissioner and the Education Commissioner have mandated local budget cuts of 23.2 million dollars statewide. MSES will be mandated to cut \$14,536 (1%) from our educational spending budget in 2012.

Steven Letendre moved to accept the reports of the Superintendent, Principal, and Business Manager as presented, Clarence Haynes seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Approval of Warrants: Steven Letendre moved to approve Warrant #83 in the amount of \$54,656.30, dated 7/16/2010 and Warrant #84 in the amount of \$17,060.39, dated 7/30/2010, Kimberly Mathewson seconded the motion; the motion carried.

General Public Comments: None.

Old Business: Kimberly Mathewson would like to note that the RSWSU Board Negotiating Council is meeting Monday, August 30 at 5:30 p.m. at Central Office regarding an SU-wide teachers' contract. All board members are welcome to attend.

New Business:

Approve Substitute List --no new names.

Title sub-grant agreement approval: Louis Milazzo reported that as part of the Title I grant, RSWSU is sub-granting the amount of \$69,797 to MSES for the cost of our school-wide Title I program. Kimberly Mathewson moved to accept the funds, Clarence Haynes seconded the motion; the motion carried.

School Procedures: Aaron Boynton distributed three procedures to board: older discipline procedures, newer discipline procedures, and “no-nut” procedures. The Board supports the actions of the Principal in helping to ensure the health and safety of all the children. Mr. Boynton has revised the discipline procedures to align more closely with Responsive Classroom practices. The Board appreciates Mr. Boynton’s efforts to keep our practices current and effective. Kimberly Mathewson will investigate whether there is an existing SU or VSBA “no-nut” policy.

Policies: (For Adoption)

- a. F-120 Bullying
- b. F-3 Search, Seizure and Interrogation of Students by School Personnel
- c. F-4 Search, Seizure and Interrogation of Students by Law Enforcement Personnel and Non-School Personnel

Clarence Haynes asked for clarification regarding the cyber-bullying component of the policy. Supt. Paustian will check on the wording and report back at the next meeting. Steven Letendre moved to adopt Policies F-120, F-3, and F-4 as presented, Kimberly Mathewson seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Master Facilities Planning: Steven Letendre received documents from the Vt. Dept. of Public Service regarding the grant (\$50,000) for insulation of the attic and exterior repairs to the siding. The Board plans to have the work done as soon as possible during non-school hours. Mr. Letendre and Mr. Boynton will work on arranging for clean-up and relocation of items in the attic in preparation for the insulating work. Mr. Peschl and Mr. Boynton have identified areas of siding in need of repair or replacement and posted a bid invitation; they will review the two bids that were received and move forward with the project. Planning for the new sidewalk will begin in a few weeks. Mr. Letendre encourages all board members to review the completed Facilities Maintenance Plan from Ground Up; it contains many good recommendations and should prove very useful in creating a maintenance schedule and capital investment plan.

Personnel and Contracts

New Hires-

Dahm, Carolyn – Instructional Assistant. Kimberly Mathewson moved to accept the hiring of Carolyn Dahm, Steven Letendre seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Tinsley, Tracey—Sports Coordinator

Rosso, Susan—Board Recording Secretary

Rosso, Susan—After School Program Billing/Data Entry Clerk

Clarence Haynes moved to accept the hiring of Carolyn Dahm, Tracey Tinsley, and Susan Rosso, Kimberly Mathewson seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Mahoney, Cheryl—Before School Program Assistant

Dudley, Donna—Before School Program Assistant

Kimberly Mathewson moved to accept the hiring of Cheryl Mahoney and Donna Dudley, Steven Letendre seconded the motion, Clarence Haynes abstained; the motion carried.

Terminations: None

Resignations: None

Transfers: None

Leave of Absences: None

Other: None

Kimberly Mathewson moved to enter Executive Session at 8:15 PM for a legal issue, Steven Letendre seconded the motion; the motion carried. Steven Letendre moved to exit Executive Session at 8:20 PM, Kimberly Mathewson seconded the motion; the motion carried. No action was taken.

Other Lawful Business: None

Set Next Meeting: Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 16, 2010 at 6:00 PM at MSES.

Adjournment: Clarence Haynes moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM, Steven Letendre seconded the motion; the motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Rosso
Recording Secretary