

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING NOTES AUGUST 2, 2012 6:00-7:44 pm Administrative Conference Room

The Special School Board meeting was called to order by Chair John Mazzola. Trustees Dianne Burke, Debbie Lester, Teresa Teagle and Jami Romney FitzGerald; Supt. Randy Cline; Public members: Evan Jordan, Gypsy Ray & Lane Long; and District Clerk Cindy McMurray were also present. Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The purpose of the meeting was to review/take action on the following: Eagle Scout Project, Hiring, Resignations, Approve School & Extra-Curricular Handbooks and the 2012-2013 Frenchtown Education Association Master Contract. In addition this meeting was to provide information/discussion on the First reading of Policy Review of Board Policy 2410P-Graduation requirements.

Supt. Randy Cline noted that the final bids for the items on the approved Eagle Scout long jumps project when from \$8,300 to over \$12,000. This \$3775 in additional costs amounts to a 50% overrun. Some of the bidders did not bid on three long jumps. Discussion occurred in regards to whether the district is willing to pay for this overrun and whether the project would have been approved initially if the estimate was that amount. Discussion on the possibility of reducing the project from 3 long jumps to 2 long jumps to reduce costs occurred. Discussion on the amount the district would pay for the project occurred. A limit of \$10,000 was proposed. **Motion by Burke, seconded by Mazzola, to set a district limit of paying \$10,000 towards the Eagle Scout long jump project with the remainder coming from fundraising.** Board comment: Trustees Debbie Lester and Jami FitzGerald noted that the district should recognize the enormous value of the donated labor. Public comment: Gypsy Ray noted that her non-profit organization has never paid for these types of projects. **Mazzola, Burke, & Lester vote aye. Teagle & FitzGerald voted nay. Motion carried.** It was noted that Trustee Teagle & FitzGerald were not against the project, they were against the district's limit of \$10,000. Lane Long felt that this was a great project that would benefit the facilities. She also wanted to thank the board members for their good comments, points and respect towards each other throughout the discussion.

Supt. Randy Cline provided background on the following recommendations for hire: Michele Daniels-Kindergarten teacher, Mark McMurray-High School Athletic/Activities Director, Bill Boudreaux-Asst. High School Football coach, Tessa Zolinikov-Asst. High School Volleyball coach. **Motion by Burke, seconded by Teagle, to hire the individuals as recommended.** Board comment-Trustee FitzGerald noted she was excited by the new hires for the year. Public Comment-Lane Long wondered if a 1st grade teacher would be hired. Supt. Randy Cline noted that the district was waiting to see the final 1st grade numbers. **Unan**

Supt. Randy Cline noted that Junior High Secretary Robin Dye had tendered her resignation. Trustee Teresa Teagle jokingly noted that this request should be rejected. **Motion by Burke, seconded by FitzGerald, to approve Robin Dye's resignation.** The consensus was that she would be greatly missed. **Unan**

Supt. Randy Cline noted that the Handbooks had been emailed out to the Board members. Discussion occurred on correcting grammatical errors/typos/etc. Since the Alternative handbook was new, a lot of discussion occurred in regards to approve it pending revisions or not. Board Chair John Mazzola noted that he would prefer approving the handbooks after revisions. **Motion by Burke, seconded by Lester, to table approval of the handbooks until the 8/21/12 regular board meeting.** Board Comment: None Public Comment: None **Unan**

Supt. Randy Cline noted that this would be the First Reading of Board Policy 2410P in regards to changing graduation requirements for the FACE Academy at Frenchtown High. Board Chair John Mazzola explained the protocol of approving Board policies: There is a first reading and then approval can be made during the second reading. Discussion occurred in regards to why the FACE student would require different graduation requirements. They would still be required to meeting State requirements. It was noted that a lawyer specializing in school law reviewed the policy prior to it coming to the Board.

Supt. Randy Cline went over the initial agreed upon changes in the 2012-2013 Frenchtown Education Association bargaining union Master Contract. The items discussed were: changing the evaluation process (still pending for next year), changes in the salary schedule (still pending for next year), change in deadline for submitting transcripts for advancement on the salary schedule (changed from 9/20 to 9/30), changes in making sure contract works if block schedule at High School changes and travel time (completed), changes in amount of insurance premium that the district would pay for the employee (split increase 50/50), salary increase (1% of base), & changes in extra-curricular activities (discussion on addition of sponsors previously covered on MOU and addition of Athletic/Activities Director as a stipend under FEA contract). **Motion by Burke, seconded Lester, to approve the 2012-2013 FEA Master Contract.** Board comment: Discussion of non-renewal of non-tenured teachers and without cause occurred. Public comment: None. **Unan**

Adjourned.

Approved _____ August 21, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ John Mazzola
Chair, Board of Trustees

/s/ Cindy L. McMurray
District Clerk