

MSAD 11
FINANCE COMMITTEE
Merle E. Peacock, Jr. Board Room
Tuesday, March 24, 2015
6:00 p.m.

Committee Members: Michael Bechard, Amber Carr, Marc Cone, Kathy Chadwick, Patricia Hopkins, Superintendent, and Andrea Disch, Business Manager

Marc Cone called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

DISCUSSION

A. Financing –Performance Contract

The Committee received copies of the bids for the financing of the Performance Contract, as submitted by Androscoggin Bank and Banc of America. The Business Manager stated that based on the Tax – Exempt Lease/Purchase (TELP) interest rates of 4.17% and 2.87% as submitted respectively, administration recommended the bid be awarded to Banc of America.

VOTED: Motion by Director Cone to recommend to the Board, based on the bids received, financing for the
4 – 0 Performance Contract be awarded to Banc of America, seconded by Director Carr.

Motion carried.

The Finance Committee discussed including \$75,000 for removal of the oil tanks in the financing of the Performance Contract. Jon Stonier, Director of Operations, stated that if the District's facilities were no longer capable of burning No. 2 Fuel, the District would have only two years by which to remove the tanks.

VOTED: Motion by Director Carr to include the cost for removal of the District's No. 2 oil tanks with the financing
4 – 0 for the Performance Contract, seconded by Director Bechard.

Motion carried.

Director of Operations stated he would continue to explore more favorable pricing options for removal of the oil tanks.

B. FY 2016 District Budget

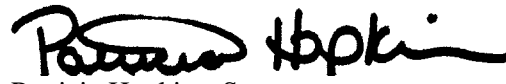
The Committee was presented an updated Requested Budget and worksheet. It was explained the updated Budget and worksheet reflect communication from the MEABT regarding the maximum health insurance rate increase. Based on a maximum rate increase of 5%, the District was able reduce the increase to assessment by approximately \$150,000. The Committee discussed additional cuts as brought forward by the Director of Operations. GAHS Principal and Athletic Director also discussed the option of sharing athletic teams with area school districts, specifically those teams that have seen a significant reduction in participation. The

Superintendent concluded stating that while additional budget cuts have been identified, the cuts would impact instruction. The Superintendent suggested rather than make additional cuts, the Finance Committee could agree to next meet on April 7th which might allow enough sufficient time for the District to receive the actual insurance rate increase. It was added that the legislature had yet to act on the Governor's; action by the legislature may result in a decrease of the Local Mill Expectation.

The Finance Committee scheduled its next meeting for 6:00 pm Tuesday, April 7th.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Attest a true record,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia Hopkins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and a distinct "Hopkins" at the end.

Patricia Hopkins, Secretary