**Regional School Unit 78**

**School Board Meeting**

**February 23, 2016**

**6:00 pm**

**Minutes**

Attending: Chair Ms. Hilliard, Vice Chair Nuttall, Dr. Dutile-Koob, Mr. Burgess, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Farmer, Mr. Farmer, Mr. Reynolds,  Mr. Rideout, Mr. Dudley,

Absent:  Mrs. Eastlack

1. Call to Order: Chair Hilliard called meeting to order at 6:02pm

2. Executive Sessions

a. 1 MRSA 405(6)(E) Consultation with Counsel

 Motion: Mr. Farmer, second Mrs. Richards. Motion carries

 In: 6:02pm, Out: 6:22pm

b. 1 MRSA 405(6)(A) Hearing of a complaint

 Motion: Mr. Burgess, Mrs. Richards. Motion carries

        In: 6:23pm, Out: 7:52pm

1. Approval of Minutes of 1/26/16 meeting: Motion by Dr. Dutile-Koob, second by Mrs. Farmer Motion Carried
2. Adjustments: auditor report (9a on the agenda) will be moved up

4.1 Auditor Report -- Presentation and approval of 2014-15 audit. Mr. Smith of RHR Smith & Company reviewed his audit of the RSU 78 budget/finances. There were no major findings. He cautioned that the district has recently used undesignated fund balance to offset taxes and that the reserves have been depleted to the point that he does not recommend continuing that practice in the coming budget.

1. Public Comments: none
2. Comments:

a. Chair:  Congratulations to teams; board retreat Monday, 2/29, 5-9pm.

b. Superintendent: A letter of inquiry was submitted for a Lerner Foundation Grant. A bill in the Maine legislature would allow board members to attend meetings via technology. New Rangeley Police Chief has been a positive presence in school and community.

c. Principal: update on fundraising in support of Good Shepherd Food Bank.

1. Committee Reports:

a. Policy Committee has been meeting twice a month. Its next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 26th, 1pm.

b. Facilities Committee last met on 2/10. Next meeting is March 2 at 5pm. Chair Farmer, Superintendent McIntire, and Finance Chair Dudley are scheduled to meet with MDOE school construction team on Wednesday, February 24 in Augusta.  Recently the committee has discussed an analysis of pellet boiler vs oil burner as well as various matters pertaining to the construction project. The committee recently looked at gym floor and its problems, such as wood rot and nails showing. The administration will pursue professional advice regarding the floor.

c. Finance Committee met prior to board meeting. Chair Dudley recapped the meeting and the current budget situation. Reviewed budget process.

d. Evaluation Committee: No meeting

1. Appointments: None
2. Old Business:

a. (moved to 4.1

b. Questions from 1/26 Board Meeting:

i. When Interest Payments start? When will principle & interest payments start?

ii. Timeline of construction period. How does it coincide with issuance of bond?

iii. Any benefits of splitting the bond? Financial benefit analysis to delaying the bond?

iiii. If bond money is sitting in an account, what is the interest rate?

The superintendent reviewed the answers to each question.

A suggestion was made to consider fund raising to offset the costs of specific rooms or aspects of the renovation project.

1. New Business

a. Adoption of 2016-17 Calendar Motion by Mrs. Farmer, second by Mr. Burgess. Motion Carries.

b. Adoption of policy IJNBD.

c. Motion to accept 2nd reading by  Mrs. Farmer, second by Mr. C. Farmer, motion carries.

 Motion to waive 3rd reading by Mrs. Farmer, second by Dr. Dutile-Koob. Motion Carries.

* + 1. Motion to accept  2nd reading of IJNDB-R by Mrs. Farmer, second by Dr. Dutile-Koob. Motion Carriers

Motion to waive 3rd reading by Mrs. Farmer, second by Dr. Dutile-Koob. Motion Carries.

* 1. Consideration of Board Certified Behavior Analyst. Shared position with RSU 9. 1 Day a week position to be budgeted at $15,000. Unanimous support by board, not a voted action.
	2. Discussion of base 2016-17 Budget. Superintendent McIntire reviewed the notes related to the base budget. Request made to have a projection column added in time for town meetings.

Next Meeting: March 8th, 2016: 6pm

11. Adjournment:  8:53pm