



gaining lots of information. He has been working on gearing up for MEA- New state assessment for grades 3-8. There is no longer a 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> separate grade writing test as it is included in all part of the assessment. The science assessment portion is still a paper test. He commented that getting this all scheduled will be a challenge. He is very impressed by the community support for events that occur at school and felt it is great that the community outreaches to the students even if they do not have a direct relation involved in an activity. He shared that the boys basketball team will be hosting North Yarmouth Academy in the preliminary game and he is preparing for a large crowd. He handed out the schedule of games as close as he could predict at this point. He also shared that the Ski Program team members have been improving individually and they have their final state ski meet on Thursday at Shawnee Peak. There will be a PEP rally tomorrow, Feb. 11.

Students Representatives: They reported on the result from Scholastic writing awards.

## 6. Committee Reports

6.1 Policy Committee: Nancy Hilliard reported that the group has met and will present some policies later on the agenda.

6.2 Facilities Committee: Met and only thing in the budget is resurfacing more of the road way. Energy work is being coming along and on schedule. The Building Committee is still reviewing the architects plans. March 3 will be a committee meeting.

6.3 Finance Committee: Stephen Dudley reported that this committee has met and discussed the budget.

6.4 Technology: Jake Farmer reported that the group met in January and discussed policies for library usage and use of social media. Discussing possibility of laptops as part of the MLTI program.

6.5 Negotiation Committee: Jennifer Farmer reported that this group has a meeting on Friday morning at 10:00.

6.6 Evaluation Committee: Paul Reynolds shared that the group has meet and will meet with the Superintendent and go over recommendations based it on the Marzano District Leader Model. The group feels that using Marzano for all will focuses the whole school in the same direction. They are discussing a Board retreat for a day and a half sometime this summer to help develop long-term goals.

## 7. Appointments, Resignations, Nominations: None

## 8. New Business

8.1 Presentation of first draft budget FY 16: Supt Pratt shared the first draft highlights of the budget and explained major changes in the budget. This is a first draft and changes will occur as the process moves forward. The Board will get updates at each meeting as new revisions occur. The board will review section by section and after changes occur in one section have an additional time to give final review at the following meeting. When the process is done, the Board will approve the budget as a whole before it goes forward.

Pam Ellis arrived at 6:45 PM

8.2 Presentation from Mr. Brown- Elementary K-8 Data: Mr. Brown shared all available data from the elementary school age population. He had data for NWEA, DRA, and the NECAP assessment. The data from the NECAP has ended and the new MEA will provide different data, however, it is unknown if any of it can really be compared because of so many changes in both how and what is assessed. He felt that the data indicated the need for some focus on mathematics at the elementary level. He also pointed out that with our small populations, it is best to only look at data for the same subgroup of students over time.

8.3 Presentation from Mrs. Pratt- High School 9-12 Data: Mrs. Pratt shared the high school data. There has been much less standardized assessment at the high school. The 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students do take NWEA and the 11<sup>th</sup> grade students take SAT as part of the State Assessment. Looking at this data over time is difficult as you are comparing different groups of students. The trend data gives some insight but mostly for the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade. The data indicates the need to focus on reading across the content areas as a trend. Writing trends to be a relative strength and that is supported also by our content based assessments. The 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade NWEA showed some strong growth overall from last year to this.

8.4 Presentation from Michelle Laliberti- Self-regulation and Play: Mrs. Laliberti shared her final research proposal for her masters program. She explained what and how she will complete it and will report her research findings to the Board in the spring.

8.5 Update on New MEA: Supt. Pratt explained the format of the new state assessment system which is being call the new MEA. This is an electronic testing system and at this point we are still getting staff trained, getting information loaded into the system, and the testing technology components of the system. The new system for the assessment has shown some glitches but we are hoping to have those worked out before testing starts. We are also planning to delay our start a few days so we can learn from other systems what the issues might be. There is approximately 8 hours of testing for K-8 and 9 hours for high school students.

8.6 Update on Proficiency Based Diploma Extension: The initial request for an Extension 1 option for RSU 78 for the PBD was denied. Additional information was requested and Superintendent Pratt filed a 78 page response addressing the additional information. She has not heard yet from that filing. She again believes that RSU 78 is ready for option 1 and is hopeful the DOE will agree.

8.70 First reading of Policy GCSA-R1:  
Motion to approve for 1<sup>st</sup> reading: Pam Ellis   Seconded: Jennifer Farmer  
Vote: Unanimous

8.71 First reading of Policy GCSA-R2: Discussion that we should get a legal opinion on this policy and look at consequences for non-compliance. Mrs. Pratt will do this and also send the policy to the full staff prior to second

reading.

Motion to approve for 1<sup>st</sup> reading: Pam Ellis    Seconded: Jennifer Farmer  
Vote: Unanimous

8.72 First reading of Policy BBA-R:

Motion to approve for 1<sup>st</sup> reading: Pam Ellis    Seconded: Jennifer Farmer  
Vote: Unanimous

9.0 Approval of an overnight field trip to Quebec for the RLRS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade-  
Kelsey Orestis.

Motion to approve the field trip: Jennifer Farmer    Seconded: Pam Ellis  
Vote: Unanimous

9.    Old Business: Steve Dudley asked the Policy Committee to remember to review the policy that deals with school lunch bills that have not been paid.
  
10.    Adjournment at 8:50 PM.