

**Middletown Springs Board of School Directors
(Regular) Meeting
Date: April 27, 2015 Time: 7:30 PM*
Place: Middletown Springs Elementary School**

O F F I C I A L M I N U T E S

Present: Clarence Haynes (Chair), Meredith Morgan (Vice Chair), Sarah Haley (Clerk), Jennelle Carr and Christopher Smid (Board Members). Also present: Joan Paustian (RSWSU Supt.), Louis Milazzo (Business Mgr.). Rick Beal (Principal). Public Present: Bob Bruttomesso

1. Call to Order **(Action)**

Clarence Haynes called the meeting to order at 8:00PM.*
(*MS Board Meeting began after the RSWSU Board Meeting ended.*)

2. Changes, Deletions, Additions to the Agenda:

- a. Add under Executive Session: Administrator's Salary, Legal Issues, Personnel

3. Consent Agenda: **(Action)**

- i. Approval of Minutes: March 5, 2015

Clarence Haynes moved to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2015 Board Meeting, Jennelle Carr seconded; motion carried 5-0.

- ii. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent's Report was presented at the RSWSU Meeting earlier this evening.

- iii. Principal's Report

Programming: A consultant was brought in to review our reading program and make suggestions for changes or improvements. Five team members will attend the BEST Institute at Killington this summer. SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) exams are being taken the last two weeks of April. Act 1 training from RRMC personnel is also taking place one day per week the last two weeks of April.

Building Maintenance: Joe Castle will no longer be performing lawn care at the school; bids are being sought. Bids are also being sought for repair/replacement of the shingled roof over the MPR section of the school. The MPR floor will be resurfaced soon.

Staffing: Denise McConville is being recommended as the Summer Program Coordinator.

Community: The Grandparent/Senior Citizen luncheon was great and well attended. We also had a very successful Arts Celebration with lots of participants and visitors from all the RSWSU communities. A trio of woodwind performers from the Vermont Symphony Orchestra will be at MSES in May; this is being sponsored by FFE.

- iv. Update on Financial Statements

All purchase orders for the current year were due on April 17. Mr. Milazzo is calculating actual expenditures and any anticipated surplus. We had approximately \$30,000 in secondary tuition expenses which were not budgeted for due to students moving in during the year.

After some discussion, Meredith Morgan moved to join a consortium to look into solar bidding. Clarence Haynes seconded; motion carried 5-0.

Sarah Haley moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Christopher Smid seconded; motion carried 5-0.

4. Approve Warrants: **(Action- read into the minutes as officially approved)**

- a. Warrant #207 in the amount of \$58,882.31 dated 3/4/15
- b. Warrant #208 in the amount of \$21,055.05 dated 3/18/15
- c. Warrant #209 in the amount of \$235,504.15 dated 4/1/15

Sarah Haley moved to approve Warrant #207 in the amount of \$58,882.31 dated 3/4/15, Warrant #208 in the amount of \$21,055.05 dated 3/18/15, and Warrant #209 in the amount of \$235,504.15 dated 4/1/2015, Christopher Smid seconded; motion carried 5-0.

5. General Public Comments **(Listen & Defer Action to Future Meeting)**

Bob Bruttomesso addressed the Board regarding a letter in his file that he would like to have removed. Superintendent Paustian has denied this request. He asked why the Superintendent has the sole power to make this decision. He would like to Board to discuss the matter. The Board agreed to take the matter under advisement; to discuss it with the Superintendent and respond to the party by either accepting or denying his premise.

6. Old Business: **(Itemize Subjects for Deliberation & Possible Action)**

- a. Henderson Fund

A meeting with fund trustees is scheduled for May 15. Checks paid were for less than the usual amount and to the wrong students. This will be discussed.

7. New Business (Receive Information & Possible Action):

- a. Lawn Care: No bids have been received yet.
- b. Roof Bids: We currently have two bids; will be checking into more.
- c. RIF (Reduction in Force) Notices/Non Renewals - Support Staff: RIF notices issued to Kim Carr, Kathy Cronin, and Lina Hanson.

Clarence Haynes moved to approve the RIFs above, seconded by Christopher Smid, motion carried 4-0; Jennelle Carr abstained.

8. Policies **(Approval or Input) :**

None

9. Action on Personnel Contract: **(Action, if applicable)**

- a. Summer Program Coordinator – Denise McConville

Christopher Smid moved to approve the hiring of Denise McConville as Summer Program Coordinator, Jennelle Carr seconded; motion carried 5-0.

10. Set Next Regular Board Meeting: **(Action)** (Anticipated meeting, May 14, 2015 at 6 PM at MSES.

By consensus, the next MS Board Meeting will take place on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 6:00PM at MSES.

11. Executive Session 1 V.S.A. § 313 (1-9) (a) (b) **(Discussion & Possible Action)** (as warranted) for Legal Issues, Personnel, and the Administrator's salary.

Christopher Smid moved to have the Board enter Executive Session at 9:00 for discussion of Administrator Salary, Personnel & Legal Issues, seconded by Jennelle Carr; motion carried 5-0.

Sarah Haley moved to have the Board exit Executive Session at 9:20, Clarence Haynes seconded; motion carried 5-0.

Clarence Haynes moved to approve a 215 day contract for 2015-2016 for Principal Rick Beal at the budgeted amount, Meredith Morgan seconded; motion carried 5-0.

12. Other Lawful Business **(Information Gathering Only)**
None

13. Adjournment **(Action)**
Sarah Haley moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:21PM, seconded by Jennelle Carr; motion carried 5-0.

*Transcribed by Susan Rosso
from minutes taken by Sarah Haley*