January 7, 2015

SCHOOL MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Newkirk, Maria Barth, Ed Charle, Al Howland, Kenny Rotner, Denise Day, Sarah Farwell, Not Present: Student Representative Maegan Doody

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Superintendent Morse, Sue Caswell, Dennis Harrington, Todd Allen, and Carolyn Eastman

There were two members of the public present.

I. CALL TO ORDER: At 6:30 p.m. for manifest review/approval at each school board meeting.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

III. APPROVAL of Minutes: Al Howland moved to approve the December 17th minutes, 2nd by Kenny Rotner. December 17th Meeting: Revisions: Page 2 replace “changed” with “change”. Page 2 Paragraph 8 insert “participated” after Sarah Farwell. Page 6 last paragraph insert “Superintendent’s Evaluation” before 8:35 p.m. The motion passed with the above revisions 7-0.

Al Howland moved to approve the nonpublic minutes, 2nd by Kenny Rotner. Revisions: Maria Barth moved to add in “Staff survey input was discussed and Al Howland was asked by the Board to write the draft of the Superintendent’s evaluation.” 2nd by Sarah Farwell. The Board had a discussion on how much to have in the nonpublic minutes and Maria Barth moved to postpone action on the motion until there could be further input from counsel, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion approved 7-0. The last two paragraphs in the nonpublic session should be moved to the public session.

Approval of Manifests:
Vendor Manifest #14: $767,806.02
Payroll Manifest #14: $1,153,742.11 and #15: $822,896.42
IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS:

District: Dennis Harrington of Moharimet recognized Don Martin who is the head custodian at Moharimet. He has been here for about a year and will be leaving at the end of the week. He has made a significant difference in the well-being of the school.

High School Principal Todd Allen commended Patrick O’Brien, Cross Country Runner of the year, and Maegan Doody, Runner of the Year. The Poetry Out Loud competition is next week. It’s a lot of fun to see.

Todd also mentioned that the Middle School was rated fourth for middle schools in the state by Niche.com.

Carrie Vaich of Mast Way reported the enrichment committee theme of Kindness will be used by taking part in the bobcat challenge for the last week of January to show acts of kindness and how it makes a difference in people’s worlds every day. There is a PTO meeting tomorrow.

Superintendent Morse reported that Mast Way was rated the fifth best elementary school in the state and Moharimet was rated sixth by Niche.com.

Board: Denise Day acknowledged Greg Gephart for his coaching of the Cross Country Team.

Kenny Rotner mentioned that the high school holiday concert performances were amazing. Congratulations to the students and the teachers. Tomorrow evening is a community dinner at the high school followed by the movie Fed Up will be shown in the auditorium.

V. DISTRICT REPORTS:
Carolyn Eastman updated the Board on the various committees that the staff is working on.

Superintendent’s Report: They have begun the public conversation about the budget. They had a meeting in Lee on Monday evening. There were good questions about the athletic fields. Monday is a meeting with the Town of Durham and next Wednesday is the official public meeting. On January 19th there will be a meeting in Madbury.
Business Administrator: None

Student Senate Report: None

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Assignment Presentation of Warrant Articles:
   Article Three: Kenny Rotner
   Article Four: Denise Day
   Article Five: Ed Charle
   Article Six Al Howland
   Article 7 Tom Newkirk
   Presentation of the Distinguished Service Award: Sarah Farwell

Kenny Rotner moved to approve the above assignments of Warrant Articles, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0.

Maria Barth moved to remove “surplus” in Article 6 and to also remove in the explanation, 2nd by Kenny Rotner. Motion approved 7-0.

Kenny Rotner moved to strike on article 3 “and to determine the term and rate of interest thereon”, 2nd Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0.

Sarah Farwell moved on Article 3 to remove “8 lane”, 2nd by Maria Barth. Motion approved 7-0.

Default Budget: Sue Caswell reviewed the Default Budget. The default budget is only on the Fund 10 operating budget. Fund 21 and Fund 22 are not affected.

Kenny Rotner moved to add in Warrant Article 7 Explanation: default budget only replaces Fund 10 the Operating Budget. There was no second to the motion.

Kenny Rotner moved to approve $38,858,410 as the default budget, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion passed 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARING: There will be two public hearings next week, a bond hearing and a budget hearing.
VII. ACTIONS
Motion to approve ORHS Overnight Field Trip: Denise Day moved to approve the overnight field trip, 2nd by Al Howland. Motion approved 7-0.

First Read Policy Student Computer and Internet Use Policy JICL: Al Howland moved to approve Policy JICL for a first reading, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion approved 7-0.

VIII. School Board Committee Updates:
Maria Barth mentioned that the Policy Committee met today and had a long discussion on The Search of Students policy. This will be coming to the Board at the next meeting for a first reading.

Ed Charle reported that the Sustainability Committee will have a meeting next Monday at 7:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Dean Rubine from Lee noted that the School Board elections are coming up and the filing dates are coming up.

David Taylor of Durham mentioned that the policy on computer use was not available to the public. The detail of nonpublic meetings have to record all actions and all subjects discussed.

X. CLOSING ACTIONS:
A Future Meeting Dates: 1/21 and 2/11 Regular Meetings
1/12 Town Budget Forum Durham Town Hall
1/14 Public Bond and Budget Hearing
1/19 Town Budget Forum Madbury Town Hall

Kenny Rotner moved to enter into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a), Superintendent’s Evaluation 2nd by Denise Day. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed 7-0.

Kenny Rotner made a motion to enter public session at 9:38 PM, 2nd by Denise Day. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion made to adjourn at 9:39 PM by Maria Barth, 2nd by Sarah Farwell. Motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Grasso Dobson
Recording Secretary