

**MSAD #72 Board of Directors  
Wednesday - February 11, 2026  
Meeting Minutes  
Molly Ockett School  
7:00 PM**

**Call to Order:** Beth Bosworth called the meeting to order at 7:00 and declared a quorum.

**Members Present**

Bartlett, Tanya	Owens, Sarah
Blasi, Jessica*	Pine, Chad*
Bosworth, Beth	Quinn, Allyson
Di Nucci, Mary	Sessions, Savannah
Egan, Teresa	Shorey, Kathiann
Goodwin, Eli	Stacy, Kristen*
Karwowski, Alisa*	Struven, Marie
Khiel, Rebecca	Thompson, Lisa
McElroy, Candice*	Tripp, Linn
	Williams, Jane

**Administrators**

Kirkpatrick, Emily  
Lewey, Carolyn  
Lokken, Matt  
Menzel, Pat  
Nehez, Meg  
Rajaniemi, Merri  
Robinson, Jay

**Members Absent**

Guarnaccia, Paula

\*Denotes Alternate

**Agenda:**

1. Public Discussion (15-Minute):

**General Statement for Public Comment:** Board meetings are conducted for the purpose of carrying on the official business of the school system. The first fifteen minutes of each Board meeting is designated for public participation. During this time, members of the public may express opinions and concerns related to matters regarding education or MSAD 72 schools. No complaints or allegations will be allowed at Board meetings concerning any person employed by the school system or against particular students, as these matters must be addressed using established policies and procedures. Since time is limited, the Board requests that groups or organizations be represented by individual spokespersons.

Many people from the community spoke about their thoughts regarding intellectual freedom.

2. Approval of Minutes from the January 14, 2026 Board Meeting.

\*Reminder: If you were absent from these meetings you should abstain from Voting on the approval of the minutes.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2026 Board Meeting.

Motion: Linn Tripp

Second: Lisa Thompson

Passed

All in favor

3. Communications:

- None

#### 4. Committee Reports:

- **Finance:** Tanya Bartlett reported that the committee met last Friday. The minutes and other informational pieces are below.  
[Finance Committee Meeting Minutes](#)  
[FY26 Monthly Budget Report - January](#)  
[FY27 Budget Preview](#)
- **Curriculum:** Sarah Owens reported that the committee met yesterday and discussed how things are going. We are seeing a lot of success as we continue to use the same curriculum over the past few years. Minutes from the meeting are below.  
[Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes](#)
- **Facilities/Transportation:** Savannah Sessions reported that the committee met in January. Minutes from the meeting are below.  
[Facilities/Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes](#)
- **Policy:** Linn Tripp reported that the committee met tonight prior to the Board meeting. Minutes from the meeting are below.  
[Policy Committee Meeting Minutes](#)
- **Special Education:** No report
- **Personnel:** Kathiann Shorey reported that the committee met tonight prior to the Board meeting. Kathiann Shorey was elected Chair and Lisa Thompson was elected Secretary. They reviewed the credentials of the person being recommended later in tonight's meeting for a Science Teacher.
- **ADHOC Fryeburg Academy Liaison Committee**  
Beth went to the Fryeburg Academy Board of Trustees meeting on Friday and gave an update on MSAD72. The Trustees reported that they will be working on renovating the True House.
- **ADHOC Committee to Advise on Public Communications**  
The committee is ready to make recommendations and this will be addressed later in tonight's meeting.  
[ADHOC Committee to Advise on Public Communications Notes/Recommendations - 1/12/2026](#)
- **ADHOC Committee on Instruction**  
Jay reported that the committee is getting closer to being able to make recommendations on how to achieve better engagement, especially with respect to non-traditional students.
- **ADHOC Committee on Transportation Investigation**  
Kathiann Shorey reported that the committee met to continue to brainstorm which specialty areas might be appropriate, beneficial and realistic to review the transportation incident of December 3rd. They drafted a letter specifically outlining the help we would be looking for that would be sent out by Beth. They came up with a shortlist of people to ask.

#### 5. Administrative Reports

- **Two Roses and a Thorn**  
[Brownfield Denmark School](#)  
[New Suncook School](#)  
[Molly Ockett School K-5](#)  
[Molly Ockett School 6-8](#)  
[Special Education](#)

6. Superintendent Report

- **Raider Spotlight**

Jay reported that the recipients of the Raider Spotlight this month are Ashley Pomelow and Rose Meyer, our District nurses.

7. New Business

- **Policies for First Read**

EBBD: Temperature Standards for Schools

JICJ: Cell Phones and Other Personal Electronic Devices in School

JKAA: Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion

A motion was made to approve the policies listed above for First Read.

Motion: Linn Tripp

Second: Savannah Sessions

There was discussion regarding why some changes were made to the JICJ policy and requesting clarification.

A motion was made to include language In JICJ that cell phones could not be used on Field Trips which would be during a school day.

Motion: Kathiann Shorey

Second: Linn Tripp

There was further discussion that the wording should include all electronic devices not only cell phones.

A motion was made to amend the previous amendment to include all electronic devices.

Motion: Kathiann Shorey

Second: Savannah Sessions

Passed

All in favor

- **Vote to Approve Recommendations from Ad Hoc Committee on Transportation Investigation**

A motion was made to approve the recommendation from the Ad Hoc committee on Transportation Investigation that we move ahead with sending out letters to people to create a group to review our transportation procedures.

Motion: Kathiann Shorey

Second: Jane Williams

Passed

All in favor

- **Vote to Approve Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations on Public Communication.**

Beth shared the final recommendations from the committee.

- Open and maintain FaceBook/ Instagram accounts
- Create a new committee for communications
- Purpose is to build community/provide accurate information
- Superintendent would screen information for accuracy
- Individual towns will post information per their own procedures
- The Selectmen of Brownfield, Denmark and Stow requested a report from one of their Board members at their Selectmen meetings.

- The Board will again extend an invitation to all selectmen to see if they would like a Board member to report to them.

A motion was made to approve the recommendations from the Ad Hoc committee on Public Communication.

Motion: Beth Bosworth                      Second: Kathiann Shorey                      Passed  
All in favor

There was discussion of various topics, including whether we should stick to one platform, whether the public will be able to respond to posts, etc.

A motion was made to designate Teresa Egan as the representative to report to the Brownfield Selectmen.

Motion: Tanya Bartlett                      Second: Linn Tripp                      Passed  
All in favor

A motion was made to designate Rebecca Khiel to be the representative to report to the Denmark Selectmen.

Motion: Tanya Bartlett                      Second: Linn Tripp                      Passed  
All in favor

A motion was made to designate Candice McElroy as the representative to report to the Stow selectmen.

Motion: Linn Tripp                      Second: Sarah Owens                      Passed  
All in favor

## 8. Unfinished Business

- **Policies for Second Read**

[IJNDD: Use of Artificial Intelligence](#)

[IJJ: Instructional and Library-Media Materials Selection](#)

A motion was made to approve Policy IJNDD for Second Read.

Motion: Kathiann Shorey                      Second: Linn Tripp                      Passed  
All in favor

A motion was made to approve Policy IJJ for Second Read.

Motion: Savannah Sessions                      Second: Sarah Owens                      Passed  
11 in favor/3 opposed

There was a lot of discussion regarding this policy, specifically in regards to intellectual property as well as how many challenges can be addressed at one time. While there were differences of opinion in both areas, no changes were made to the policy.

## 9. Personnel

- **Approval of New Teacher nominations for 2025-2026 School Year**

\*Deborah Charest - Science Teacher - Molly Ockett School

A motion was made to approve the nomination of Deborah Charest.

Motion: Savannah Sessions                      Second: Tanya Bartlett                      Passed  
All in favor

10. Agenda Planning/Adjournment:

Next Meeting: March 11, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting @ 7:00PM  
April 8, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting/FY27 Budget Workshop - @7:00  
April 29, 2026 - FY27 Budget Workshop @ 7:00  
May 6, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting - Formal vote on Budget @7:00  
May 11, 2026 - FY27 Budget Presentation @ New Suncook School @ 6:30  
May 12, 2026 - FY27 Budget Presentation @ Molly Ockett School @ 6:30  
May 13, 2026 - Special Board Meeting - Signing of FY27 Warrants @ 6:30  
May 14, 2026 - FY27 Budget Presentation @ Brownfield Denmark School @ 6:30  
May 27, 2026 - FY27 District Budget Meeting/Vote @ 7:00

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Kathiann Shorey

Second: Savannah Sessions

Passed

All in favor

The meeting adjourned at 8:27PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Sheehan  
Recording Secretary