

**MSAD #72 Board of Directors
Wednesday - April 8, 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	McElroy, Candice*
Blasi, Jessica*	Owens, Sarah
Bosworth, Beth	Pine, Chad*
Egan, Teresa	Quinn, Allyson
Guarnaccia, Paula	Sessions, Savannah
Karwowski, Alisa*	Struven, Marie
Khiel, Rebecca	Thompson, Lisa
Legare, Michelle*	Tripp, Linn

Administrators

Kerrigan, Danette
Kirkpatrick, Emily
Lewey, Carolyn
Lokken, Matt
Menzel, Pa
Nehez, Meg
Rajaniemi, Merri
Robinson, Jay

Members Absent

Di Nucci, Mary (Excused)	Shorey, Kathiann (Excused)
Goodwin, Eli (Excused)	Stacy, Kristen* (Excused)
Mead, Bob* (Excused)	Williams, Jane (Excused)

*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.

Erin McCarthy, Fryeburg: She explained the struggles some families have in attending School Board meetings due to time of meetings/childcare needs. She asked if it would be possible to record meetings and have them posted to the website. Beth Bosworth will follow up with Erin to answer her questions.

Emily Nalder, Brownfield: She expressed her concerns about the District's transgender policy focusing primarily on the unfair impact on biological females in sports and on issues related to bathroom use. .

Tricia Burnell, Denmark: Ms. Burnell expressed concerns about how Facilities Use policy was interpreted and also accused the Superintendent of being unresponsive to email communication without providing specifics. Due to an unwillingness to follow the public comment policy or to refrain from using vulgar language, the meeting had to be adjourned for a short time.

Beth Bosworth adjourned the meeting at 7:10.

After order was restored Beth reconvened the meeting at 7:20.

2. Approval of Minutes from the March 11, 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 March 11, 2026 Board meeting.

Motion: Linn Tripp

Second: Teresa Egan

Passed

11 in favor/2 abstentions

3. Communications:

- None

4. Committee Reports:

- **Finance:** No report
- **Curriculum** No Report
- **Facilities/Transportation:** Savannah Sessions reported that the committee had met and reviewed the site visit. Minutes are below.
[Facilities/Transportation Committee Minutes](#)
- **Policy:** Linn Tripp reported that the committee met tonight prior to the Board meeting. Minutes are below.
[Policy Committee Meeting Minutes](#)
- **Special Education:** No report
- **Personnel:** Lisa Thompson reported that the committee had met. Minutes are below.
[Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes](#)
- **ADHOC Fryeburg Academy Liaison Committee** - No meeting
- **AD HOC Committee on Instruction**
[Final Report from Committee](#)
- **ADHOC Committee on Transportation Investigation.**
Tanya reported that the committee has met and are working on the investigation. We hope to have a report ready for the next meeting.

5. Administrative Reports

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

6. Superintendent Report

- **Raider Spotlight**
Jay shared that the Raider Spotlight recipient this month is Nate Colpitts, Middle School PE/Health Teacher.

7. New Business

- **Policies for First Read**

DIA: Fund Balance

DN: School Properties Disposition

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

Motion: Linn Tripp

Second: Savannah Sessions

Passed

All in favor

- **Policy for Rescinding**

JFCK: Student Use of Cellular Phones and Other Electronic Devices

Linn Tripp noted that this policy needs to be rescinded because the Board adopted a new policy JICJ per MSMA (Maine School Management Association) at their March meeting.

A motion was made to rescind policy JFCK.

Motion: Linn Tripp

Second: Savannah Sessions

Passed

All in favor

- **Facilities Use**

There was discussion regarding policy KF: Community Use of Building Facilities.

Tanya Bartlett made recommendations for the Policy Committee regarding perceived gaps in School Board Policy KF and also suggested adding a section specifically addressing facility use for political functions. Below are several key considerations for review:

1. No Student Presence
2. Facility Use & Access Control
3. Security Requirements
4. Liability

The Policy Committee will review the suggestions and work on policy KF at their next meeting.

8. Unfinished Business

- **Policies for Second Read**

[DJ-R: Federal Procurement Manual](#)

A motion was made to approve policy DJ-R for Second Read.

Motion: Linn Tripp

Second: Savannah Sessions

Passed

All in favor

- **Discussion of Board Social Media Pages**

Beth reviewed the process that the committee went through.

They first met in August and continued to meet monthly until they gave their final recommendations to the School Board on February 11th. At that time the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendations of the Committee.

For purposes of clarification here are the recommendations that were voted on:

- 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.

Sarah Owens is responsible for updating the Facebook page.

Teresa Egan asked for clarification on the purpose of the Facebook page: is it to inform the public about Board work and/ or to share what is happening in schools? The purpose is to do both things.

Tanya Bartlett suggested that we post the monthly Raider Spotlight to the Facebook page with a picture of the staff member if possible.

- **AD HOC Committee on Instruction**

A motion was made to approve the recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee on Instruction.

Motion: Linn Tripp

Second: Lisa Thompson

Passed

All in favor

9. Personnel

- None

10. Agenda Planning/Adjournment:

Next Meeting: 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: Savannah Sessions

Second: Tanya Bartlett

Passed

All in favor

The meeting adjourned at 7:53

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Sheehan

Recording Secretary