

Minutes
Monday, October 24, 2011
Board of Education Workshop
Melissa Jones Elementary School

Board Members Present: Bill Bloss, Alan Meyers, Keith Bishop, Sue Renner, John Ireland, Mary Beeman, Ted Zuse, Barbara Dudley, Chris Moore

Administrators Present: Anne Keene, Vince Agostine, Nancy Bishop, Michael Biddle, Paula McCarthy, Anne Snurkowski, Catherine Walker, Rick Misenti, Pat Brett

Others Present: Linda Trudeau

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Bill Bloss called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Discussion with District Leadership Team: 2012-2013 Budget Priorities

Board of Education members met in small groups with members of the District Leadership Team regarding priorities for the 2012-2013 budget. The groups focused on instruction aligned with the district vision and mission. Additional budget priorities presented for consideration included the following:

- Support small class sizes
- Continue and expand the literacy coaching professional development model
- Increase and embed professional development as an ongoing opportunity to improve instruction
- Maintain world language
- Enhance transition services
- Improve security

The groups also recognized the need for the continuation of technology expansion for 21st Century learning, improving services for students with autism, and upgrading facilities.

3. Review Philosophy of Discipline and Behavior

Dr. Keene distributed a copy of the Philosophy of Discipline and Behavior approved by the Board in 2009. Principals described specific examples from each level (elementary, middle, and high) of implementation of the seven guiding principles in the document and responded to Board members' questions. Principals from different levels commented on the impact of the philosophy on student behavior as a result of these efforts. Dr. Keene explained that this work will be incorporated in the Safe School Climate Plan that is

currently being developed. Mr. Ireland suggested additional information be given to parents regarding the expectations in the philosophy.

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Bill Bloss made a motion, seconded by Mary Beeman, to go into executive session at 9:00 p.m. to discuss clerical/paraprofessional negotiations.

Upon a motion from John Ireland, seconded by Chris Moore, the Board returned from executive session at 9:28 p.m.

Alan Meyers made a motion, seconded by Sue Renner, to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Anne Keene
Interim Superintendent