

Salisbury Education Committee
September 5, 2013

Roll Call: S. Miller, B. MacDuffie Sr., K. Sheldon, K. Ross-Raymond, D Merwin,
M.Murphy

Visitors: Sign in sheet attached with original summary on file.

Chairperson S. Miller called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. K. Ross-Raymond made a motion to accept the June 6th minutes, B. MacDuffie Sr. seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business – To try to save on transportation costs, the MVSB is converting a bus to propane and for a trial period refueling diesel buses on site.

New Business – K. Ross-Raymond had seen a page entitled “At Salisbury Elementary School, I’m an I.B. Kid! I’m and I.B. Kid who will become an I.B. adult because:” which then listed reasons. Ken handed out one that he wrote entitled “I Am A Merrimack Valley School District Student. I have the best teachers in the world.” It then listed the reasons and ended with “I will be an outstanding citizen because of all of my teachers. I will be ready for anything and everything that I encounter.” The following topics of discussion were held – MVSD School Board meetings allow only for public comments and no questions. With questions needing to be directed to the SAU office or School Board representatives, are repetitive questions being asked requiring extra time for responses. The make up of the Board and whether they hold an unfair position of influence. Information on charter schools and if there are any affiliations with the SAU. Regarding the recent newspaper articles and letters to the editor - letters to the editor are not the views of the Salisbury Education Committee. They are the individual’s opinions; Common Core Standards – how do they fit in with IB. If there are changes in curriculum will there be a need for teachers to be retrained. Each time curriculum changes, teachers need to have training. Do teachers spend more time training than teaching. What will be the cost of Common Core.

Upcoming meetings are MVSB September 9th, Kindergarten Task Force September 12th and Superintendent search September 23rd.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 3rd at 7:00 pm at the town office. S. Miller made a motion to adjourn, seconded by K. Sheldon. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.