

MARLOW SCHOOL REPORTS 2008 - 2009

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SCHOOL BOARD

Chair:	<i>Joseph Scharf</i>	Term 2011
Board Member:	<i>Kenneth R Dassau</i>	Term 2011
Vice Chair:	<i>Stephanie Tickner</i>	Term 2010
Board Member:	<i>Nancy Tomasko</i>	Term 2010
Board Member:	<i>Marcia R. Levesque</i>	Term 2009

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NH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 29 ADMINISTRATION

<i>Wayne E. Woolridge:</i>	Co-Superintendent of Schools
<i>William B. Gurney:</i>	Co-Superintendent of Schools
<i>John R. Harper:</i>	Business Administrator
<i>Timothy L. Ruehr:</i>	Business Administrator for Towns
<i>Paul R. Cooper:</i>	Director of Human Resources
<i>Catherine L. Reeves:</i>	Director of Special Education
<i>Kenneth DeVoid:</i>	SPED Director for Towns
<i>James E. Wallace:</i>	Director of IT

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SCHOOL STAFF

<i>Phyllis Peterson:</i>	Principal
<i>Alice Scharf;</i>	Secretary
<i>Leah Giles:</i>	Kindergarten
<i>Kelly Snair:</i>	Grades 1-2
<i>Emily Boyd:</i>	Grades 3-4
<i>Richard Brewer:</i>	Grades 5-6
<i>Diane Langlois:</i>	Special Education
<i>Jennifer Brown:</i>	Media Generalist
<i>Marie-Lise Reilly:</i>	Art & French
<i>Nicholas Wickles:</i>	Physical Education
<i>Deanna Zilske:</i>	Music
<i>Becky Kohler:</i>	Guidance Counselor
<i>Lois Sellers:</i>	Speech/Language
<i>Shelley Earley:</i>	Occupational Therapist
<i>Jane Kronheim:</i>	Vision Specialist
<i>Sandy Swinburne:</i>	Psychologist
<i>Denise Sargent:</i>	Academic Evaluator

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OFFICERS

Moderator:	Joseph N. Feuer
Clerk:	Beth A. LaFreniere
Treasurer:	Carol Stewart

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COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

This school district receives federal financial assistance. In order to continue receiving such federal financial assistance, this school district will not discriminate in their educational programs, activities or employment practices on the basis of race, language, sex, age, or handicapping condition, under the provisions of Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Complaints regarding compliance with Title IX regulations should be submitted in writing to the Title IX liaison for School Administrative Unit 29, the Personnel Manager, 34 West Street, Keene, New Hampshire.

Complaints regarding compliance with Rehabilitation Act of 1973 - Section 504 should be submitted in writing to the Director of Special Education, 34 West Street, Keene, New Hampshire.

Wayne E. Woolridge
Co-Superintendent of Schools

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the school district in the Town of Marlow qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in the Town of Marlow on the 11th day of March, 2008, between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to act upon the following article:

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary school district officers:

- Two members of the school board for the ensuing three years
- One member of the school board for the ensuing year
- A moderator for the ensuing year
- A clerk for the ensuing year A treasurer for the ensuing year from July 1, 2008.

Given under our hands at said Marlow, this 15th day of February, 2008.

MARLOW SCHOOL BOARD

Joseph Scharf Chair

Kenneth R. Dassau

Stephanie Tickner

Nancy L. Tomasko

MARLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES MARCH 13, 2008

Town meeting was called to order at 7:05 AM on March 13, 2008, by the Moderator, Joseph Feuer, in the JD Perkins Sr. School. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were eight (8) people in attendance.

The results of the election held Tuesday March, 11, 2008, were read by the Moderator.

School Board

School Board Members (2) - 3 Years: Joseph Scharf

Kenneth Dassau

School Board Member (1) - 1 Year: Marcia Levesque

School Officers

Moderator 1 Year: Joseph N. Feuer

Clerk 1 Year: Beth A. LaFreniere

Treasurer 1 Year: Carol Stewart

Introductions made:

School Board members: Joe Scharf, Nancy Tomasko, Stephanie Tickner, and Kenneth Dassau

Supervisors: Carol Despres and Nancy Vesco

Administrative Table: Wayne E. Woolridge, Paul R. Cooper, Tim Ruehr and Principal Phyllis Peterson

MARLOW SCHOOL WARRANT

Moderator began reading of Articles.

Article 1: Motion made and seconded that the District receive the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

Motion was passed by voice vote.

Article 2: Motion made and seconded that the District raise and appropriate the Marlow School Board's recommended amount of \$1,387,499 for the support of schools, for the salaries for district officials and agents, and for the statutory obligations of the District, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Tim Ruehr presented an overview of the budget. Discussion followed regarding changes in benefits portion, salaries, new equipment, guidance services and impact on tax rate.

Moderator restated Article 2 and it passed by a voice vote.

Article 3: Motion made and seconded that the District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Marlow School Board and the Marlow Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels:

YEAR	ESTIMATED INCREASES
2008-09	\$14,637
2009-2010	\$10,885
2010-2011	\$11,382

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,637 for the 2008-2009 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

Joe Scharf announced mistake in the town report. Dave Vesco clarified death benefit policies, sick leave and starting salaries.

Moderator restated Article 3 and it passed unanimously by voice vote.

Article 4: Motion made and seconded that the District appropriate and authorize the School Board to transfer up to \$50,000 of its unencumbered funds, if any, remaining on hand at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2008; the sum of \$50,000 to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Fund established by voters at the March 2002 District Meeting for the purpose of major renovation/reconstruction of the school buildings and grounds and related costs, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Joe Scharf discussed what Capital Reserve Fund has been applied to. Current of fund was stated as approximately \$46,000.

Moderator restated Article 4 and it passed by voice vote.

Article 5: Motion made and seconded that the District appropriate and authorize the School Board to transfer up to \$25,000 of its unencumbered funds, if any, remaining on hand at the end of fiscal year, June 30, 2008 the sum of \$25,000 to be deposited in the Tuition Trust Fund established by the voters at the 1993 District Meeting for the purpose of paying future year regular/special education tuition, or to take any other action in relation thereto. If there is an insufficient undesignated fund balance as of June 30, 2008 to fund this appropriation and the appropriation in Article 4 (Capital Reserve Fund), Article 4 will be funded first, with any additional surplus to be applied to this warrant article.

Joe Scarf explained purpose of the Tuition Trust Fund. Tax rate discussed as being down 2.3 % if this and all other articles passed. Article 5 accounts for \$.36 of the tax rate.

Moderator restated Article 5 and it passed by voice vote.

Article 6: Motion made and seconded that the District address any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Discussion followed as to payment to a dismissed superintendent. Situation was discussed and left as "coming to conclusion". Discussion followed in regards to sending Marlow sixth grade students to Keene Middle School. Committee needs to be formed to investigate possibility.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:00. Article 6 passed by voice vote.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Beth A. LaFreniere
Marlow School District Clerk*

*A true copy attest
Beth A. LaFreniere*

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**MARLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT
2008-2009 PROPOSED BUDGET
Expense Accounts**

	2006-2007 ACTUAL	2007-2008 BUDGET	2008-2009 PROPOSED	(2007-08 TO 2008-09) \$ Change	% Change
REGISTRATION (1100)					
Salaries	\$202,536	\$179,809	\$177,125	(\$2,684)	-1.49%
Benefits	\$67,465	\$71,763	\$79,344	\$7,581	10.56%
Professional Services	\$60	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$500	25.00%
Mileage	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%
Supplies	\$5,909	\$6,595	\$5,467	(\$1,128)	-17.10%
Books & Periodicals	\$5,705	\$8,888	\$7,120	(\$1,768)	-19.89%
Software	\$63	\$1,500	\$2,400	\$900	60.00%
New Equipment	\$4,804	\$1,850	\$4,400	\$2,550	137.84%
Replacement Furniture	\$380	\$500	\$1,000	\$500	100.00%
KMS & KHS Tuitions	\$347,956	\$544,400	\$291,712	(\$252,688)	-46.42%
Totals	\$634,878	\$817,805	\$571,568	(\$246,237)	-30.11%
SPECIAL EDUCATION (1200)					
Salaries	\$84,674	\$94,844	\$70,090	(\$24,754)	-26.10%
Benefits	\$20,659	\$23,472	\$25,702	\$2,230	9.50%
Professional Services	\$0	\$500	\$0	(\$500)	-100.00%
Materials(Supplies)	\$285	\$700	\$900	\$200	28.57%
Books & Periodicals	\$0	\$300	\$750	\$450	150.00%
Equip/Furniture	\$0	\$200	\$200	\$0	0.00%
Tuition Preschool	\$2,841	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$0	0.00%
KMS & KHS Tuitions	\$160,345	\$179,170	\$183,090	\$3,920	2.19%
Tuitions Out-of-Dist.	\$105,197	\$60,840	\$31,000	(\$29,840)	-49.05%
Totals	\$374,000	\$361,776	\$313,482	(\$48,294)	-13.35%
ATTENDANCE SERVICES (2110)					
Salaries	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$0	0.00%
Totals	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$0	0.00%
GUIDANCE SERVICES (2120)					
Salaries - Shared Position	\$8,651	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	0.00%
Testing- NWEA	\$0	\$875	\$625	(\$250)	NA
Guidance Materials/ Mileage	\$0	\$350	\$400	\$50	14.29%
Eval & Placement	\$0	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$0	0.00%
Totals	\$8,651	\$16,025	\$15,825	(\$200)	-1.25%

HEALTH SERVICES (2130)

Salaries	\$5,657	\$5,370	\$5,445	\$75	1.40%
Benefits	\$449	\$431	\$434	\$3	0.70%
Health Supplies	\$298	\$350	\$400	\$50	14.29%
Totals	\$6,403	\$6,151	\$6,279	\$128	2.08%

PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (2140)

Counseling/Psych Services	\$10,523	\$8,500	\$14,500	\$6,000	70.59%
Totals	\$10,523	\$8,500	\$14,500	\$6,000	70.59%

SPEECH SERVICES (2150)

Speech Services	\$21,376	\$26,500	\$8,000	(\$18,500)	-69.81%
Supplies	\$231	\$280	\$280	\$0	0.00%
Totals	\$21,607	\$26,780	\$8,280	(\$18,500)	-69.08%

STUDENT SERVICES (2160)

Physical Therapy	\$1,064	\$0	\$0	\$0	NA
Occupational Therapy	\$4,513	\$6,750	\$6,752	\$2	0.03%
Supplies	\$164	\$150	\$100	(\$50)	-33.33%
Totals	\$5,741	\$6,900	\$6,852	(\$48)	-0.70%

CURRICULUM & STAFF DEVELOPMENT (2210)

Salaries & Benefits	\$0	\$569	\$669	\$100	NA
Course Reimbursement	\$0	\$800	\$800	\$0	0.00%
Management Development	\$0	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$0	0.00%
Staff Dev.(Workshops)	\$2,032	\$4,250	\$4,250	\$0	0.00%
Mileage	\$530	\$300	\$400	\$100	33.33%
New Curriculum Materials	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Totals	\$2,562	\$7,019	\$7,219	\$200	2.85%

MEDIA SERVICES (2220)

Media Genealist Salary	\$0	\$7,849	\$6,629	(\$1,220)	NA
Benefits	\$0	\$629	\$528	(\$101)	NA
Repairs to Equipment	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0.00%
Library Books	\$4,903	\$1,186	\$1,650	\$464	39.12%
Library Supplies/Furniture	\$0	\$3,500	\$1,000	(\$2,500)	0.00%
Media Membership	\$300	\$294	\$300	\$6	2.04%
Totals	\$5,203	\$14,458	\$11,107	(\$3,351)	-23.18%

SCHOOL BOARD/SAU (2310/2320)

Salaries	\$4,314	\$5,025	\$5,025	\$0	0.00%
Benefits	\$330	\$350	\$350	\$0	0.00%
Legal & Audit	\$11,529	\$6,007	\$5,260	(\$747)	-12.44%
Negotiations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	NA
Board/Treasurer Expense	\$856	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0.00%
School Board Assoc.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	NA
SAU #29	\$54,696	\$55,553	\$52,642	(\$2,911)	-5.24%

	Totals	\$71,725	\$67,935	\$64,277	(\$3,658)	-5.38%
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION (2400)						
Salaries		\$58,900	\$80,488	\$83,971	\$3,483	4.33%
Benefits		\$19,629	\$26,115	\$23,323	(\$2,792)	-10.69%
Purchased Admin Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	#DIV/0!
Copier		\$3,292	\$3,109	\$3,300	\$191	6.14%
Telephone		\$6,958	\$4,000	\$7,000	\$3,000	75.00%
Postage		\$186	\$400	\$400	\$0	0.00%
Staff Mileage		\$434	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	0.00%
Office Supplies		\$1,159	\$1,350	\$1,350	\$0	0.00%
Admin Software		\$101	\$546	\$1,746	\$1,200	219.78%
Equipment		\$495	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%
	Totals	\$91,154	\$118,008	\$123,090	\$5,082	4.31%
BUILDING SERVICES (2600)						
Salaries		\$11,845	\$11,054	\$16,770	\$5,716	51.71%
Benefits		\$1,148	\$2,045	\$1,568	(\$477)	-23.33%
Maintenance Services		\$17,428	\$15,150	\$16,650	\$1,500	9.90%
Bldg Projects/Improvements		\$12,567	\$41,173	\$21,645	(\$19,528)	-47.43%
P&L Insurance		\$1,547	\$4,200	\$4,200	\$0	0.00%
Custodial Supplies		\$2,122	\$3,240	\$2,800	(\$440)	-13.58%
Electricity		\$5,264	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$0	0.00%
Heat		\$8,178	\$11,750	\$13,750	\$2,000	17.02%
Equipment		\$0	\$0	\$800	\$800	0.00%
	Totals	\$60,099	\$94,112	\$83,683	(\$10,429)	-11.08%
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION (2700)						
Services		\$107,450	\$84,540	\$93,787	\$9,247	10.94%
	Totals	\$107,450	\$84,540	\$93,787	\$9,247	10.94%
STAFF SERVICES (2800)						
Physicals/Criminal Checks		\$299	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%
Student Loan Reimbursement		\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0.00%
Information Srvcs/Technolog		\$29,309	\$0	\$0	\$0	NA
Scholarships		\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
	Totals	\$30,108	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	0.00%
OPERATING BUDGET SUB-TOTALS						
		<u>\$1,430,105</u>	<u>\$1,631,559</u>	<u>\$1,321,499</u>	<u>(\$310,060)</u>	<u>-19.00%</u>
TRANSFER FUNDS						
School Lunch		\$9,115	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$0	0.00%
Federal Programs		\$0	\$35,000	\$55,000	\$20,000	57.14%
Capital Reserve (bldg)		\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	(\$25,000)	0.00%
Expendable Trust (tuition)		\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	(\$25,000)	0.00%
	Totals	<u>\$59,115</u>	<u>\$96,000</u>	<u>\$66,000</u>	<u>(\$30,000)</u>	<u>-31.25%</u>
GRAND TOTALS						
		<u>\$1,489,220</u>	<u>\$1,727,559</u>	<u>\$1,387,499</u>	<u>(\$340,060)</u>	<u>-19.68%</u>

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**MARLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT
2008-2009 PROPOSED BUDGET
Revenue Accounts**

Revenue Accounts	2006-2007 Actual	2007-2008 Budget	2008-2009 Proposed	(2007-08 TO 2008-09) \$ Change	% Change
LOCAL					
Local Property Tax	\$687,211	\$646,436	\$372,713	(\$273,723)	-42.34%
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$0	\$139,753	\$190,000	\$50,247	35.95%
Reserved Fund Balance	\$0	\$58,995	\$0	(\$58,995)	-100.00%
Interest Income	\$16,632	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$2,000	25.00%
Food Services Sales	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Transfer from Cap. Res.	\$0	\$35,000	\$0	(\$35,000)	0.00%
Tuition	\$14,011	\$0	\$0	\$0	#D1V/0!
Other	<u>\$1,251</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Sub-Total Local	\$719,105	\$889,184	\$573,713	(\$315,471)	-35.48%
STATE					
Catastrophic Aid	\$60,825	\$51,700	\$0	(\$51,700)	100.00%
Net Change in Cat Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Borrowing					
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$28,733	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	0.00%
Shared Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Kindergarten Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
<i>Equity Aid Grant</i>	\$561,920	\$590,016	\$590,016	\$0	0.00%
State Property Tax	\$171,469	\$151,659	\$158,770	\$7,111	4.69%
Other State	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>		
Sub-Total State	\$822,947	\$803,375	\$758,786	(\$44,589)	-5.55%
FEDERAL/SPECIAL					
Federal	\$0	\$35,000	\$55,000	\$20,000	57.14%
Child Nutrition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	NA
Sub-Total Federal	\$0	\$35,000	\$55,000	\$20,000	57.14%
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$1,542,052</u>	<u>\$1,727,559</u>	<u>\$1,387,499</u>	<u>(\$340,060)</u>	<u>-19.68%</u>

Total Budget Decrease	-19.68%
School Property Tax Percent Decrease	-33.41%
Projected Decrease in Tax Rate	(\$3.8657)
Tax Decrease on \$100,000 Home	(\$387)

Total School Property Tax	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	Projected Decrease
	\$858,680	\$798,095	\$531,483	(\$266,612)
Total School Property Tax Rate	\$12.52	\$11.61	\$7.74	(\$3.87)

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**MARLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REQUIRED PER RSA 32:11-a
 DETAIL OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURES
 AS A RESULT OF SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
REVENUE			
State Equity Aid for Special Ed.	\$102,625	\$257,260	\$257,260
IDEA Entitlement Grant	\$0	\$0	\$12,813
Medicaid Reim.	\$28,733	\$10,000	\$10,000
Catastrophic Aid	\$60,825	\$51,700	\$0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$192,183	\$318,960	\$280,073
EXPENSE			
Instruction	\$374,000	\$361,776	\$313,482
Services	\$37,872	\$46,980	\$34,432
Transportation	\$49,358	\$27,700	\$24,000
IDEA Entitlement Grant	\$0	\$0	\$12,813
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$461,230	\$436,456	\$384,727
NET EXPENSE	\$269,047	\$117,496	\$104,654

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REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
for the
Fiscal Year July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007
175061000 School District

Summary

Cash on hand July 1, <u>2006</u> (Treasurer's bank balance) ²¹	<u>150,885.40</u>
Received from: Selection (Include amounts actually received)	_____
Current Appropriation	<u>858,680.00</u>
Deficit Appropriation	_____
Balance of Previous Appropriations	_____
Advance on Next Year's Appropriations	_____
Revenue from State Sources	<u>676,952.10</u>
Revenue from Federal Sources	<u>6150.73</u>
Received from Tuitions	<u>14,011.03</u>
Received as Income from Trust Funds	_____
Received from Sales of Notes and Bonds (Principal only)	_____
Received from Capital Reserve Funds	_____
Received from all Other Sources ^{Interest} _{Refunds + cash}	<u>17,151.82</u>
Total Receipts	<u>1,567,945.65</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR (Balance and Receipts)	<u>1,718,831.05</u>
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID	<u>1,510,659.35</u>
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, <u>2007</u> (Treasurer's Bank Statement)	<u>208,171.70</u>
<u>M. A. Lewis</u>	<u><i>Patricia M. Lewis</i></u> District Treasurer

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements, and other financial records of the treasurer of the School District of _____ of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, _____ and find them correct in all respects.

Date: _____ Auditors: _____

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PLODZIK & SANDERSON

Professional Association/Accountants & Auditors

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the School Board
Marlow School District

Marlow, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the remaining fund information of the Marlow School District, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as of June 30, 2007 as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

The government-wide statement of net assets does not include any of the School District's capital assets nor the accumulated depreciation on those assets; and the government-wide statement of activities does not include depreciation expense related to those assets. These amounts have not been determined. Therefore, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the financial position of the governmental activities of the Marlow School District at June 30, 2007, and the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major fund and the remaining fund information of the Marlow School District, as of June 30, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The budgetary comparison information is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by accounting principles

generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

The Marlow School District has not presented a management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Marlow School District's basic financial statements. The individual fund schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. They have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

*Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association*

January 28, 2008

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

The method of funding an adequate public education has always been the obligation of state government. The State Supreme Court continues to remind the legislature that the state is responsible for providing the revenue necessary to provide an adequate education for each student in our public schools. Currently, the majority of revenue comes from local property taxes. In 2007/2008 the Marlow School District received \$590,016 from the state and raised \$798,095 from local taxpayers. Given that some districts have approximately 20 times the value of local property per student than other districts, it is not hard to understand why some communities in New Hampshire are better able to fund an adequate education than others.

An adequate public education is not only a fundamental right of every student but attending school is compulsory through age 16. Last year, legislation was passed making school attendance compulsory through age 18 beginning with the 2008/2009 school year. Hopefully, with the current session of the legislature, New Hampshire will live up to the promise made in the New Hampshire Constitution to provide an adequate education for each public school student in New Hampshire.

The John D. Perkins School continues to focus on what matters most: the documented progress of each student - personally, socially, physically, and academically. One indication that we have quality programs in those areas is that Marlow students at Keene High School continue to perform well. This past year, Marlow had 38 students enrolled at Keene High School. These students are taking advantage of a wide range of academic courses as well as co-curricular activities. In English, 67 percent of the Marlow students earned a grade of "B" or better. In mathematics, 35 percent earned a grade of "B" or better. In science, 60 percent of the students earned a grade of "B" or better. In social studies, 69 percent of the students earned a grade of "B" or better. In world language, 63 percent of the students earned a grade of "B" or better. The overall attendance rate for Marlow students at Keene High School was 97 percent compared to the overall attendance rate of Keene High School of 95.1 percent.

Sixty-six percent of Marlow seniors reported plans to attend post-secondary educational institutions last spring. These schools included: Baron Institute, Granite State College, NHCTC, UNH, working (2).

At least one Marlow student participated in each of the following KHS extra-curricula activities: Band, JV Baseball, Varsity Baseball, Bowling Club, Boys Cross Country, Boys Track, CCC Student Home Builders, Chorus, Drama Club, Family Career & Comm., Freshman Football, Ice Hockey, Key Club, Latin Club, National Art Honor Society, Peer Mediation, Skills USA, Freshman Softball, Students For a Free Tibet, Ushers Club, World Language Honor Society and Wrestling.

The strong collaboration between administration, faculty and the Marlow School Board continues and grows stronger. The annual school board/staff retreat is a significant factor

in this collaboration.

Much of the success enjoyed by Marlow students can be attributed to the support shown by Marlow residents in support of their young people. Community and parental involvement remains high and sets an outstanding example for other communities to emulate. The spirit of community volunteerism is best exemplified by the dedication of the Marlow School Board to provide every child with the means to reach his/her full potential. The many hours of volunteer support serve Marlow children well as they pursue their educational journeys.

Please join us at the annual district meeting on Thursday, March 13th at 7:00 p.m. This is your opportunity to participate in the decision-making process that will shape the quality of education provided Marlow students in the years ahead.

Wayne Woolridge
Co-Superintendent of Schools

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - 2007-08

It has been an exciting year at the Perkins School with our additions of a computer lab, library, a central supply area, two classroom storage closets and an area for our personnel to meet with students. The student bathrooms in the hallway have been renovated and we now have access from the multi-purpose room to an additional bathroom.

The building changes have allowed our staff to offer a wider range of research using the computers and daily access to a library. The new storage areas have allowed a better utilization of space for storage of materials and to be more precise when placing an order. Recently, we received a very generous donation of 16 new computers from PC Connection as a result of a letter of request written by Mrs. Dawn Elliott. These computers have been placed in our new computer lab. It really is a beautiful sight especially with the students utilizing them.

This year our professional development included CPR and First Aid, and a major focus on reading. Dr. Carol Tolman has presented seminars to our staff to focus on the process of reading and related problems. Our staff has been trained to do progress monitoring using Dibels to help guide students' reading success. A curriculum for reading has been purchased for kindergarten through grade six. Our school had already purchased some excellent reading materials for the upper grades so for consistency and to lessen the economic impact, it was decided to purchase materials from the same publisher, Houghton Mifflin, for grades kindergarten, grades 1 and 2.

In mathematics, after our staff completed a study of different mathematics programs from several publishers they correlated the skills with the state standards. The staff agreed that we purchase the Houghton Mifflin Mathematics Program for all grades.

We have an active group of parents involved with our PTA who offer enrichment programs to our student body. An effort to collaborate with other schools, like Stoddard, Nelson and Harrisville allows our students to take part in more programs and our staff benefits with more opportunities for professional development.

Our dedicated individuals on the school board are actively involved with the education of our students and the progress of the Perkins School.

All of us at Perkins School thank-you for your support throughout the school year we do appreciate your support.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. Phyllis Peterson*

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CHAIR REPORT

I would like to begin by thanking Art Andreasen for his many years of service on the School Board. Art has resigned to devote his efforts to the Fire Department.

This year's recipient of the Marlow School Board Scholarship is Hillary Piispanen. She is attending the University of New Hampshire and majoring in accounting.

I would like to welcome the new members of our professional staff. Ms. Emily Boyd, Grades 3&4; Mrs. Kelly Snair, Grades 1&2; Mrs. Diane Langlois, Special Education; Ms. Deanna Zilske, Music; Mr. Nicholas Wickles, Physical Education; Mrs. Jennifer Brown, Media Generalist; Mrs. Becky Kohler, Guidance Counselor and Mrs. Karen Nickerson, School Nurse. I would also like to welcome Mr. Michael Elliott our new Custodian and Mrs. Debra Elliott-Weaver, our Food Service Aide.

The building renovations we proposed last year are complete. We now have a new library, computer lab, bathrooms, new instructional space and some much needed storage.

PC Connection has donated new computer equipment valued at over \$10,000 dollars to the school which has been used to equip the computer lab.

We are proposing a warrant article for a new three year teachers' contract.

At the time of this writing, I believe we are going to be proposing a budget that is down approximately 19%.

The Chair would like to note the passing of John D. Perkins, Jr., whose family donated the land for the school; also, the passing of Austin Carr, long-time custodian at the school.

In closing, I would like to thank my fellow Board Members, Ken Dassau, Stephanie Tickner, Nancy Tomasko, the Staff at SAU 29 and the Staff at the Perkins School. Thank you all for your continued support.

*Sincerely,
Joseph Scharf*

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