

**R.S.U. No. 67 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 18, 2020**  
**Virtual Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm**

*In accordance with An Act To Implement Provisions Necessary to the Health, Welfare and Safety of the Citizens of Maine in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, as enacted to read: Sec. G-1. 1 MRSA §403-A Public Proceedings Through Remote Access During Declaration of State of Emergency Due to COVID-19, R.S.U. 67's Meeting of the Board of Directors will be conducted through a ZOOM meeting. If you wish to join the meeting remotely, please follow this link to the live video conference.*

**The Zoom Link is Below.**

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***EMPOWERING LEARNERS FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW***

**Board of Directors:** Board Chair Dianne Buck, Board Vice Chair Rebecca Hanscom, Linda Brown, William Chubbuck, Jasmine Folster, Diane Jipson, Diana Lambert, Patricia Nobel, Mary Plourde, Kelly Ryder, Brian Sweep, Jeremy Weatherbee, Student Representative Esther Susen

**Members absent:** Diane Jipson, Linda Brown

**Members late:**

**R.S.U. No. 67 Staff in attendance:** Various members of the RSU No. 67 staff.

**Guests present:** Various members of the community.

- A. Call to Order:** Board Chair D. Buck called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and announced that the meeting is being recorded.

Linda Brown\_\_Ex\_\_ Dianne Buck\_x\_\_ William Chubbuck\_x\_\_ Jasmine Folster\_x\_\_

Rebecca Hanscom\_x\_\_ Diane Jipson\_\_ Diana Lambert\_x\_\_ Patricia Nobel\_x\_\_

Mary Plourde\_\_x\_ Kelly Ryder \_x\_\_ Brian Sweep\_x\_\_ Jeremy Weatherbee\_x\_\_

- B. Pledge of Allegiance**

- C. Adjustments to the Agenda:** None

- D. 2019-2020 Audit Report – James Wadman, PA** – Mr. Wadman reviewed the audit report and shared that RSU No. 67 is currently in good standings financially.

- E. Consent Agenda Action Items marked \*\* will be voted as part of the Consent Agenda. Any Board member wishing to have an item removed from the Consent Agenda may do so.**

**Motion to approve the consent agenda item – E1, N1, N2, N3, N4 and N5.**

Motion: Director R. Hanscom

Second: Director M Plourde

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Linda Brown\_\_\_ Dianne Buck\_x\_\_ William Chubbuck\_x\_\_ Jasmine Folster\_x\_\_  
Rebecca Hanscom\_x\_\_ Diane Jipson\_\_\_ Diana Lambert\_x\_\_ Patricia Nobel\_x\_\_  
Mary Plourde\_x\_\_ Kelly Ryder \_x\_\_ Brian Sweep\_x\_\_ Jeremy Weatherbee\_x\_\_

- \*\* F. Consideration of the minutes of**
- 1. Wednesday, November 4, 2020, School Board Meeting via Zoom\***
- G. Communications**
- 1. Mattanawcook Academy Student Council (paid according to the Collective Bargaining Agreement) – Lucas Turner and Sarah Knowles. Stipend will be shared.**
  - 2. New hire, Education Technician II, Nancy Dickenson at Ella P. Burr effective November 30, 2020 (1 year only).**
  - 3. Floating/Daily Substitutes (1 year only) Cathee Pullman, Russel Phillips, Ashley Austin.**
- H. Public Participation:**
- Angel Levesque, Lincoln resident - Ms. Levesque expressed her concerns about hybrid and remote learning.
- Jacob Olsen, Lincoln resident – Mr. Olsen expressed his concerns about hybrid and remote learning.
- I. Committee Reports**
- 1. Operations Committee:** Committee Chair D. Buck mentioned the Operations Committee met tonight at 5:00 p.m. Bucked briefed the board on the completed projects and informed the board that the next Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 5:00 p.m..
- J. Student Representative’s Report:** Student Representative Esther Susen briefed the board that the moral at the high school is good. Susen shared that the hybrid model is going good and that everyone is adjusting well. Susen mentioned that the student council officers have been chosen. Susan shared that there are no sports to report on currently and 30 new stringed instruments have arrived. Susen shared that everyone is very thankful and appreciative.
- K. Board Chair Report**
- 1. Superintendent Evaluation –** Board Chair D. Buck mentioned that the Superintendent’s evaluation will be mailed out and they need to be returned by December 2, 2020 for review.
- L. Superintendent’s Report**
- 1. 2020-2021 School Year Update –** Superintendent Skorapa briefed that Board on her decision to go Hybrid. Skorapa mentioned that she is watching the number of cases very closely and her biggest concern is the safety of our students and staff.  
Skorapa shared some issue that are being worked on, such as meal pick up hours and internet access.  
Skorapa shared her thoughts on going fully remote after Thanksgiving for one week and asked the board for their input.

Board Chair D. Buck shared that she wants all students to return to in-person instruction, however with Thanksgiving approaching and numbers of COVID cases increasing she was in full agreement with Superintendent Skorapa's recommendation to go fully remote for one week after Thanksgiving.

Board member P. Nobel shared that this is a very good idea considering the viral load after Thanksgiving could be substantially increased.

Board member R. Hanscom shared that she is in favor of Superintendent Skorapa recommendation.

Board member W. Chubbuck agreed that this recommendation is necessary.

Board member K. Ryder mentioned that she is conflicted with this decision. Ryder stated that our students and staff members are top priority however she is not sure how long remote or hybrid will be sustainable.

Board member Jasmine Folster shared her concerns on going remote or hybrid and understands the reasoning behind the decision to go remote or hybrid however is uncertain how long this is sustainable. Folster expressed that she is in favor of Superintendent Skorapa's recommendation.

Superintendent Skorapa thanked the board members for their support in her recommendation to go remote for one week after Thanksgiving and will announce this decision tomorrow.

**2. SAT Update** – Heather Rockwell, Curriculum Coordinator gave a brief update on the current SAT information provided by the state.

**3. Student & Staff Recognition** – Superintendent Skorapa shared the following recognitions. Pre-K Program earned the Bronze Award from Let's Go 5-2-1-0 for completing the 2020 Annual Survey and having implemented the five priority strategies program-wide.

This Include:

- Limiting unhealthy snacks and celebrations; providing healthy choices
- Limiting or eliminating sugary drinks; providing water
- Prohibiting the use of food as a reward
- Providing opportunities to get physical every day
- Limiting recreational screen time

Region III Pavilion is officially completed! Superintendent Skorapa thanked Director Curt Ring and the Construction Technology Teacher David Shedd.

Skorapa thanked the Region III students who do not attend R.S.U. No. 67: Joel Lyons, Katahdin Javner, Cameron Ward, Ethan Allard, Andrew Williams, Shane Borello, Matt Pike, Nick Reed, Gaven Hale, Robert Lyons, Jason York.

Skorapa thanked our MA Students: Justyn Colorado, Landon Nelson, Matthew Ouellette, Jeremy Frenette, Alex Munson, Jackson Sutherland, Cailob Sellars, Joshua Hesseltine, Dakota Wotton.

**4. Donation** – Superintendent J. Skorapa thanked Jordan Farms for their donation of pumpkins for all EPB and MJHS students.

**M. Old Business** – None

**N. New Business**

- \*\* 1. **Motion to accept the Policy Committee’s recommendation to approve the second reading of policy GBEBB - Staff– Conduct with Students.\***
- \*\* 2. **Motion to accept the Policy Committee’s recommendation to approve the second reading of policy GCFB – Recruiting and Hiring of Administrative Staff.\***
- \*\* 3. **Motion to accept the Policy Committee’s recommendation to approve the second reading of policy JIC – Student Code of Conduct.\***
- \*\* 4. **Motion to accept the Policy Committee’s recommendation to approve the second reading of policy ACAA-R Student Discrimination/Harassment and Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures.\***
- \*\* 5. **Motion to accept the Policy Committee’s recommendation to approve the second reading of policy ACAB-R Employee Discrimination /Harassment and Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures.\***

**O. Announcements**

- 1. School Board Meeting, Wednesday, December 2, 2020, 6:30 p.m. (Virtual Meeting via Zoom)
- 2. Boardmanship Workshop, Wednesday December 9, 2020, 6:00 p.m. (Virtual meeting via Zoom)
- 3. **Budget 2021-2022 Timeline (Virtual Workshops via Zoom)**
  - Wednesday, January 13, 2021, 6:00 p.m. - Overview
  - Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 6:00 p.m. – MA, MJHS, & EPB
  - Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 6:00 p.m. – Athletics, Adult Ed. Facilities, Transportation, SNP
  - Wednesday, March 24, 2021, 6:00 p.m. – Technology, Improvement of Instruction, Assessment, GT, Special Education, District Office
  - Wednesday, March 31, 2021, 6:00 p.m. – Anticipated Revenues, Expenditures by Article, Preliminary Assessments
  - Thursday, April 8, 2021, 6:00 p.m. – Public Forum
  - Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 6:30 p.m. – Finalize Budget Recommendation, Regular School Board Meeting
  - Wednesday, May 5, 2021, 6:30 p.m. – Board Vote and Signing of Warrants
  - Thursday, May 20, 2021, 6:00 p.m. – Budget Presentation and Voting by Article
  - Tuesday, June 8, 2021 – District Validation Referendum

**P. Future agenda items:**

**Q. Adjournment:**

Motion: Director J. Folster  
Second: Director M. Plourde  
Vote: Unanimously approved. Motion passed.  
Time: 7:47 p.m.

Linda Brown\_\_\_ Dianne Buck\_x\_\_ William Chubbuck\_x\_\_ Jasmine Folster\_x\_\_  
Rebecca Hanscom\_x\_\_ Diane Jipson\_\_\_ Diana Lambert\_x\_\_ Patricia Nobel\_x\_\_  
Mary Plourde\_x\_\_ Kelly Ryder\_x\_\_ Brian Sweep\_x\_\_ Jeremy Weatherbee\_x\_\_

**NOTE: Items may be added or deleted from the agenda by a unanimous vote of Board members present and voting. No new business will be undertaken after 10:00 p.m. unless the Board votes unanimously to extend the meeting beyond 10:00 p.m. by outlining remaining agenda items to be discussed or placed on the next regular board meeting agenda.**

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Respectfully submitted,

*Jean Skorapa*

11/20/2020

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Jean Skorapa  
Superintendent of Schools

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Date