

R.S.U. No. 67 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting
MINUTES
Wednesday, December 2, 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, Ester Susen

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_x__ 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. Election of Board Officers:**

Nomination for Board Chair:

1) Dianne Buck

Nominated By: Director R. Hanscom

Second: Director D. Lambert

2) Patricia Nobel

Nominated By: Director B. Sweep

Second: Director L. Brown

Motion to cease nominations:

Motion: Director D. Lambert

Second: Director B. Sweep

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Linda Brown_x__ 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__

Roll Call for Nominee's:

Linda Brown (Patricia Nobel), Dianne Buck (Dianne Buck), William Chubbuck (Patricia Nobel),
Jasmine Folster (Dianne Buck), Rebecca Hanscom (Dianne Buck), Diane Jipson (AB), Diana Lambert
(Dianne Buck), Patricia Nobel (Patricia Nobel), Mary Plourde (Dianne Buck), Kelly Ryder (Patricia
Nobel), Brian Sweep (Patricia Nobel), Jeremy Weatherbee (Patricia Nobel)

Patricia Nobel was elected as RSU No. 67 Board Chair.

Nominations for Board Vice-Chair:

1) Dianne Buck

Nominated By: Director R. Hanscom

Second: Director D. Lambert

2) Kelly Ryder

Nominated By: Director J. Weatherbee

Second: Director B. Sweep

Director K. Ryder respectfully declined the nomination.

Director J. Weatherbee retracted his nomination of Kelly Ryder.

3) Jasmine Folster

Nominated By: Director D. Lambert

Second: Director B. Sweep

4) Brian Sweep

Nominated By: Director P. Nobel

Second: Director J. Weatherbee

Motion to cease nominations:

Director W. Chubbuck

Second: Director D. Lambert

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Linda Brown_x__ 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__

Roll Call for Nominee's:

Linda Brown (Brian Sweep), Dianne Buck (Dianne Buck), William Chubbuck (Brian Sweep),

Jasmine Folster (Dianne Buck), Rebecca Hanscom (Dianne Buck), Diane Jipson (AB), Diana Lambert

(Dianne Buck), Patricia Nobel (Brian Sweep), Mary Plourde (Dianne Buck), Kelly Ryder (Brian

Sweep), Brian Sweep (Brian Sweep), Jeremy Weatherbee (Brian Sweep)

Brian Sweep was elected as RSU No. 67 Board Vice-Chair.

D. Adjustments to the Agenda

- 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

Motion: Director W. Chubbuck

Second: Director B. Sweep

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Linda Brown_x__ 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__

**** E. Consideration of the minutes of**

- 1. Wednesday, November 18, 2020, School Board Meeting via Zoom***

F. Communications

1. Resignation letter from Christopher Cowing, Principal at Mattanawcook Jr. High School, effective November 19, 2020.
2. Mentor for the 2020-2021 school year (stipend position pay is determined by the Peer Support and Mentoring Handbook) – Jessica Carmichael
3. COVID-19 Manager, Jeri Davis, stipend position \$5000.

G. Public Participation

Jacob Olsen, Lincoln Resident – Shared that he is in support of students returning to school in-person.

H. Committee Reports

I. Student Representative’s Report

J. Board Chair Report

K. Superintendent’s Report

1. November 2020 Financials* - Superintendent J. Skorapa shared the district’s savings to date are in the diesel, travel and supply lines.

2. Enrollment Update* - Superintendent J. Skorapa shared that we have 6 additional students since November and compared to last year’s enrollment we are down by 9 students.

3. MJHS Principal Search – Superintendent J. Skorapa shared that Mrs. Hainer has been acting Principal and mentioned that there will be a vote under New Business tonight. Skorapa thanked Ms. Hainer for her willingness to serve in this capacity to provide continuity for our staff, students, and families. Skorapa mentioned that she is recommending a thorough search in early spring.

4. 2020-2021 School Year Update – Superintendent J. Skorapa shared that we are working on acquiring US Cellular hotspots. Skorapa mentioned that we have positive Covid-19 cases at Ella P. Burr and at Mattanawcook Jr. High School.

Skorapa shared that we followed the following procedures:

- District receives written confirmation of a positive case
- District contacts the state
- Begin contact tracing
- District contacts every employee and/or student who is considered a direct contact of the positive. Specific information given regarding quarantining (14 days from last contact), other specific health concerns. Followed up with written information.
- Information provided to the community.
- Contact list with sent to the state.
- Contact tracers from the state contact individuals.
- Space in the building is thoroughly cleaned.
- Due to HIPAA, we are prohibited from disclosing the name of the positive case.

Superintendent Skorapa shared that she would like the Board of Directors input on the remote learning option for the week of December 7th.

Board Chair P. Nobel agreed with Superintendent Skorapa to remain in a remote learning model for an addition week.

Director B. Sweep asked Superintendent Skorapa if she knew how the teachers felt continuing with the remote learning model for another week.

Superintendent Skorapa shared that although our staff wants the students to return to in-person instruction, they are also nervous.

Director K. Ryder shared her concerns about the staff's mental health.

Director J. Weatherbee shared that he would like as many students back in-person as possible.

Director J. Folster shared that she is in full support for next week remaining in the remote learning model.

Director B. Sweep shared that he fully supports Superintendent Skorapa's recommendation to remain in a remote learning model for the week of December 7th.

Director L. Brown shared that she would support doing remote for the next two weeks.

Director D. Lambert mentioned that she agrees to stay remote for the next two weeks and then reassess.

Director M. Plourde shared that she agrees to be remote for two more weeks.

Dr. J. House, RSU No. 67 School Physician shared information on the incubation period, symptoms, and the rise of positive Covid-19 cases in the area.

Director D. Buck agreed on saying remote for the week of December 7th.

Superintendent Skorapa thanked the board for the input and stated that the district will remain in the remote learning model for the week of December 7th and possibly go hybrid the week of December 14th.

5. Winter Athletics – Bill McCarthy, RSU No. 67 Athletic Director briefed the board on winter sports. McCarthy shared that he met with the MPA and the MPA has very strict guidelines to follow. McCarthy mentioned that there will be no spectators and everyone must wear a face covering at all times. McCarthy mentioned that we are going to be able to livestream our athletic events. McCarthy shared that if we are remote we will not be able to participate. McCarthy mentioned that if our county is designated yellow or red there will be no practices or games.

Director R. Hanscom asked Mr. McCarthy his thoughts on the safety of having a Winter Sport's season.

Athletic Director McCarthy shared that he thought we could have a safe winter sports season and mentioned it's important for our students to have sports.

6. Student & Staff Recognition

Recognize Nutrition Director Lisa Morin for coordinating participation in the “Meals to You Program” – This was the program that shipped boxes with shelf stable meals directly to families this summer through Baylor University. We have received notification that RSU 67 had the following:

- Households: 34
- Participants: 81
- Boxes: 561
- Meals: 11,220

Recognize Kim Pelletier for all her hard work on getting the students of Ell P. Burr a Book Vending machine.

7. Donations

\$650 donation to the Athletics Boosters from the family of Michael Jarvis who passed away recently. Mr. Jarvis was an MA alumni and lifelong supporter of MA athletics.

L. Old Business

M. New Business

1. Motion to accept the Superintendent nomination of Sarah Hainer as the Interim Principal at Mattanawcook Jr. High school for the remainder of the 2020 – 2021 school year.

Motion: Director B. Sweep

Second: Director J. Weather

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Linda Brown_x__ 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__

2. Motion to approve RSU No. 67’s participation in Winter Athletics which will meet all provisions required in “The School Sports Guidance: Return to Competition for Competitive Activities in Maine for Winter Sports.”

Motion: Director J. Weatherbee

Second: Director W. Chubbuck

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Linda Brown_x__ 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__

3. Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to enter into executive session according to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) to discuss Personnel.

Motion: Director D. Buck
Second: Director J. Weatherbee
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Linda Brown_x__ 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____

Time in: 8:08 p.m. Time out: 8:19 pm

Motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to compensate Sarah Hainer as Interim Principal at Mattanawcook Jr. High School from December 2, 2020 through June 30, 2021 at a salary of \$81,500 and all accompanying benefits.

Motion: Director B. Sweep
Second: Director J. Weatherbee
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Linda Brown_x__ 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__

4. Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to enter into executive session according to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) to discuss Personnel.

Motion: Director J. Folster
Second: Director K. Ryder
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Linda Brown_x__ 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__

Time in: 8:22 p.m. Time out: 8:32 p.m.

Motion to approve the Superintendent’s nomination of Bernard McCarthy as RSU No. 67 Athletic Director and Interim Assistant Principal of Mattanawcook Jr. High School from December 2, 2020 through June 30, 2021 at a salary of \$63,500 and all accompanying benefits.

Motion: Director B. Sweep

Second: Director J. Weatherbee

Discussion: None

Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain Motion passed.

Linda Brown Abstain 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 Brian Sweep x Jeremy Weatherbee x

N. Announcements

1. Boardmanship Workshop, Wednesday December 9, 2020, 6:00 p.m. (Virtual meeting via Zoom)
2. School Board Meeting, Wednesday, December 16, 2020, 6:30 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

O. Future agenda items: none

P. Adjournment:

Motion: Director W. Chubbuck

Second: Director B. Sweep

Vote: Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Time: 8:35 p.m.

Linda Brown x 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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NOTE: Backup videos of the meeting are available for viewing on the district web site at www.rsu67.org *Denotes backup material included in Board packet

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Skorapa

12-4-2020

Jean Skorapa
Superintendent of Schools

Date