

R.S.U. No. 67 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, December 16, 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.

<https://zoom.us/j/99430162823?pwd=bIV4R21wYXI0WWFuY0FOWVpqa0hkdz09>

EMPOWERING LEARNERS FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

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

Members absent: Diane Jipson

Members late: Patricia Nobel

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 Vice-Chair B. Sweep 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_AB__ Diana Lambert_x__ Patricia Nobel_x__
Mary Plourde_x__ Kelly Ryder_x__ Brian Sweep_x__ Jeremy Weatherbee_x__
Board Vice-Chair B. Sweep turned the meeting over to Board Chair P. Nobel.

- B. Pledge of Allegiance**

- C. Adjustments to the Agenda**

- D. 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 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__

- * E. Consideration of the minutes of**
- 1. Wednesday, December 2, 2020, School Board Meeting via Zoom***
- F. Communications**
- 1. Retirement letter from Janice Wooley, effective January 1, 2021.**
 - 2. Mattanawcook Academy**
 - Varsity Boys Basketball Coach – Lucas Turner**
 - Junior Boys Varsity Coach – Brett Crocker**
 - Varsity Girls Coach – Pat House**
 - Junior Varsity Girls Coach – Brittany Libbey**
 - Winter Cheering Head Coach – Carley Cropley**
- Mattanawcook Jr. High School**
- Boys Basketball ‘A’ Team Coach – Ryan Libby**
 - Boys Basketball ‘B’ Team Coach – Phillip Stanley**
 - Girls Basketball ‘A’ Team Coach – Frank Welch**
 - Girls Basketball ‘B’ Team Coach – Kathryn McIntyre**
 - Girls Basketball ‘B’ Team Co-Coach – Matt Brown**
 - Winter Cheering Head Coach – Laura King**
- G. Public Participation**
- H. Committee Reports**
- 1. Region III –** Director D. Lambert reported that Region III met last week and discuss how the students will return after Christmas break.
- I. Student Representative’s Report:** Student Representative Esther Susen shared that boys’ and girls’ basketball and cheerleading started on December 14th. Susen shared that the student council members are making morning announcements to boost student morale. They are also giving out free t-shirts. Susen mentioned that this week is spirit week. Susen mentioned that student morale has improved now that sports have started.
- J. Board Chair Report**
- 1. Committee Assignments –** Board Chair P. Nobel asked the board members to email her their preference on what committee they would like to serve on.
 - 2. Meeting’s Schedule –** The meeting time will remain at 6:30 p.m.
- K. Superintendent’s Report**
- 1. 2020-2021 School Year Update**

Superintendent J. Skorapa shared that the positive Covid case at MJHS necessitated remote instruction at the school again this week. Skorapa shared that all schools will be remote the week following the holiday break and then return hybrid the following week if health markers allow.

Superintendent Skorapa mentioned that based on feedback from staff she will be assembling a COVID Task Force made up of staff from each building, union representation, nursing, and curriculum to problem solve challenges. The team will meet in January after the break.

Superintendent Skorapa mentioned in order to get our students back to in-person instruction full time, all members of our community need to work together. Skorapa reminded people to please wear masks when in public, practice social distancing and hand hygiene, and please stay home if you are sick.

- 2. MJHS Basketball Update** – Athletic Director B. McCarthy briefed the board that MJHS will run an in-house season in order to get all athletes playing basketball. This will give all kids the opportunity to participate.

Director K. Ryder asked if we could look into having a Drama club and Math team. Superintendent Skorapa shared that the requirements for the Arts have been revised.

3. Student & Staff Recognition

Superintendent J. Skorapa shared that Eastern Maine Community College partnered with the Maine Department of Education to offer a program to allow current educational technicians and those who are interested in education to earn their Ed. Tech. III certification in one year. Skorapa shared that all classes are free, and the district receives \$1000 and an OWL to be a partner. We have two employees currently enrolled in the program.

4. Donations

- Class of 1998 donated \$150 to buy books for the MJHS library in memory of their classmate, Allan Trott, fondly known as “Big Al.” They also donated a plaque to dedicate a shelf in his memory.
- Recognize Nancy Meservey, grandmother of teacher Jessica Carmichael, who donated handmade mittens to the entire 6th grade class.
- \$5000 from an anonymous donor to EPB for students in need.

L. Old Business

M. New Business

- 1. 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 P. Nobel

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__

Time In: 7:00 p.m. Time Out: 8:22 p.m.

Motion to elect Jean Skorapa as Superintendent of Schools for RSU No. 67 for the 2021-2022 school year and set the Superintendent's contract with the following changes:

- 1. Adjust the salary by an increase of 2% beginning July 1, 2021**
- 2. Extend the contract through June 30, 2024**

Motion: Director B. Sweep

Second: Director W. Chubbuck

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__

N. Announcements

1. School Board Meeting, Wednesday, January 6, 2021, 6:30 p.m., (Virtual Meeting via Zoom)
2. 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

N. Future agenda items:

Director R. Hanscom suggested that Dr. House report out at future board meetings.

P. Adjournment:

Motion: Director R Hanscom

Second: Director W. Chubbuck

Vote: None

Time: 8:32 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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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

12-17-2020

Jean Skorapa
Superintendent of Schools

Date