



RSU 3

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Minutes

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 3

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

7:00 PM, Monday, December 14, 2020

Via Zoom

RSU 3 Mission Statement

The mission of RSU 3 is to ensure personal success through personalized learning.

"Success in Learning - Success in Life"

RSU 3 Vision Statement

Every RSU 3 learner is prepared to be academically, socially, and emotionally successful in learning and life. RSU 3 is invested in what our learners know, what they are able to do, and what kind of citizens they are becoming.

A. Call to Order 7:12 PM

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

X Ashleigh Eastham

X Richard Frost

X Terri Church

X Eleanor Hess

X Michael Schaab

☐ Najean Shedyak

☐ Lisa Cooley

X Nicole Hubbard

X Heidi Paul

X John Wentworth

X Jesse Hargrove

X *Joseph Grassi

X *Emma McPherson

*Student Board Member

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D. Adjustments to the Agenda – Committee Reports – Equity and Cultural Responsive Team

E. Public Comment (Up to a maximum of 10 minutes)

F. Approval of Meeting Minutes

What action will the School Board take to approve the minutes of November 9, 2020, a regular board meeting?

Motion: TC

Second: HP

Vote: Yes – 8 Abstained - 1

G. Executive Session

1. What action will the school board take to enter into executive session for a consultation between RSU3 and its attorney pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E)?

Motion: TC

Second: HP

Vote: Yes – 8

Time in 7:20 PM

Time out 8:06 PM

H. Superintendent's Report

1. Appointments: Meredith Picard - Long-term 5th grade substitute Morse Memorial
Jeremy Von Oesen - Varsity boys basketball coach
Brandon Hurd - JV boys basketball coach
Art Farris - Freshman boys basketball coach
Mark Cooper - Varsity girls basketball coach
Emily Anderson - JV girls basketball coach
Peter Lilly - 8th grade boys basketball coach
David Page - 7th grade boys basketball coach
Raymond Sprague - 8th grade girls basketball coach
Vincent Vannah - 7th grade girls basketball coach
Carol Bryant - High school cheerleading coach
Alyss Crooker - Middle school cheerleading coach

2. COVID-19 Impacts – CB reported since the return to school, RSU3 has had 2 positive COVID-19 cases associated with our schools, 23 students and 14 staff members have had to be quarantined, and 360 students and staff had been on COVID-19 symptom tracker list. When a student or staff member reports COVID-19 like symptoms, they are put on the symptoms tracker list. The school nurses keep in contact with people on this list almost daily.

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3. Updates regarding return to school -**The Return to School Committee met on December 4, 2020. It was decided that all currently attending students return to 4 days a week, in school, starting in January. K-5 will start back 4 days a week on January 11, 2021, and 6-12 on January 25, 2021. Our ultimate goal is to get all students back as soon as possible. There are no plans to implement a double bus run at this time.**

4. Disposal Report – **The following equipment is up for disposal 3 buses, 1 van, 1 F250 truck, 1 maintenance lift, and 2 snow blowers. A more detailed description can be found on the RSU 3 website or in the local newspaper.**

5. Winter Athletics update -**ZF reported that winter sports have started for both High School and Middle School. They are currently doing skills and drills and following the social distancing guidelines of 6 feet apart set by the MPA. One-on-one drills can start on January 4, 2021, if the guidelines do not change. Wrestling is on hold until late February. The coaches and athletes are doing a wonderful job following the guidelines.**

I. Committee Reports

WCTC -JH reported that it is difficult for some WCTC programs to be remote because they are such a hands on program. Some programs need a certain amount of “field hours” in order to get some of their certifications.

Finance -JW reported that the deadline to receive and to have paid for items using the CRF funds is December 30, 2020. There has not been an extension of this deadline. There have been some difficulties finding contractors to complete the work needed before the deadline. The deadline for the ESSER funds is June 30, 2021. The budget process is in full swing with administrators compiling all the collected information from teachers and staff. The drop-in attendance will affect the budget but there still has been no final word from the State.

Curriculum -EH reported some of the proposed changes to the high school program of studies and the graduation requirements. Mathematics would go from 3 credits to graduate to 3.5 credits with the addition of Statistics/Probability class. Science and Technology would go from requiring Biology and Earth Science to also including either Chemistry or Physical Science. There is a proposal to start a program called the Freshman Academy. This program will meet the needs of 30%-50% of incoming freshman students. They would have an altered schedule and get extra help with study and organizational skills.

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Facilities -EH reported that Pete Quimby has been looking at the long-range facility plans to use the CRF funds. We have been able to purchase four addition buses with the funds. He is looking to purchase the Tylor Drive Routing Software. There are now storage units at all schools for the furniture that had to be removed from classrooms to follow the social distancing guidelines.

JH made a motion to extend this board meeting by 15 minutes, TC seconded it.

Vote: Yes – 6 No - 1

– Equity and Cultural Responsive Team -MS reports that ECR Team will be working on their mission statement and the distillation of the survey that was sent out in November. He will report on the survey at a future meeting.

J. Student Board Member Report – Joseph Grassi and Emma McPherson

-EM reported that a few students are a little stressed with their amount of homework. The NHS has a clothing drive and a giving tree for the Holidays and it is being well received.

K. Board Chair Report – Richard Frost

-RF reported most board committees are back meeting regularly and the Zoom meetings are going well. He looks forward to starting the negotiation process with the support staff and transportation department.

L. Old Business

M. New Business

N. Adjournment

Time: 9:06 PM

Motion: TC

Second: AE

Vote: Unanimous

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