

RSU 29
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 7, 2020

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Houlton High School Auditorium

Members Present: Ellen Asken, Tammy Goetsch, Fred Grant, Jennifer Johnston, Stephenie Lively, Rosa McNally, Erica Peabody, Scott White and Timothy Youngfellow.

Members Excused: Jeannie Tapley

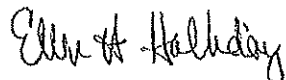
Absent:

Student Representative Present: Tabitha Blanchard and Sidney Peabody

- 1) The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 2) Agenda Adjustments
 - a) None
- 3) Minutes
 - a) A motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Tammy Goetsch to approve the November 2, 2020 school board meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.
- 4) Chair Report
 - a) The Chair welcomed Timothy Youngfellow and Rosa McNally to the board.
- 5) Public Participation
 - a) Mia Henderson spoke on the importance of school athletics.
- 6) Student Representative Report
 - a) Student Representative Report was given.
- 7) Superintendent Report
 - a) The Superintendent gave an update on the current COVID situation- RSU 29 has had 3 positive cases, contact tracing was conducted involving 200 close contacts, with no additional positive cases to date.
 - b) Enrollment- some families have had to go remote due to community or family situations, while enrollment numbers are up about 20 in the last month, enrollment remains below count from last year.
 - c) Transfers/Resignations
 - i) Stephen Hutchinson – New Hire -Bus Driver
 - ii) Jacqueline Farrar – New Hire- Cafeteria
 - iii) Marion Gartley – Resigned Spec Ed Teacher
 - d) Superintendent gave an update on CRF/ESSER Funds – 2 portable classrooms are expected within the next 2 weeks. The Ionization system is 95% complete, it will take a couple weeks for the increase in air quality to be in effect.
 - e) Winter Sports- Superintendent explained that the MPA has pushed back dates for practices to Jan 4, 2021. Sign-ups have been delayed to the week of Dec 14. Superintendent reinforced the need to keep students safe while working towards having a season of sports.
 - f) Other
- 8) Old Business
 - a) None

- 9) New Business
- a) The Superintendent recommended HHS Nurse Holly Hodgkins, as Director of Health Services. A motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Jennifer Johnston. The motion carried unanimously.
- 10) Informational Enclosure(s)
- a) Financial Statement – November 2020
- 11) Next Meeting Dates
- a) 1/11//21 - Finance Committee to sign warrants 5:30pm Houlton High School
 - b) 1/11/21 - School Board Meeting 6:00pm, Houlton High School
- 12) Executive Session
- a) A motion was made by Tammy Goetsch and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to enter into executive session to discuss an employment related matter (Superintendent evaluation) pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) The motion carried unanimously. Time: 6:32pm.
 - b) A motion was made by Tammy Goetsch and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to leave executive session. Time: 7:06
 - c) A motion was made by Tammy Goetsch and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to authorize the board chair to negotiate salary and benefits with the Superintendent. The motion passed unanimously.
 - d) A motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Tammy Goetsch to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. Time: 7:07

Respectfully submitted,



Ellen Halliday
Secretary

NOTE: Minutes are not official until approved by the RSU / MSAD 29 School Board.