

RSU 29
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 2021

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Houlton High School Auditorium

Members Present: Ellen Asken, Tammy Goetsch, Fred Grant, Jennifer Johnston, Sue McLaughlin, Rosa McNally, Erica Peabody, Jeannie Tapley, Scott White and Timothy Youngfellow.

Members Excused:

Absent: Stephenie Lively

Student Representative Present: 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 Jennifer Johnston and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to approve the January 11, 2021 school board meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.
- 4) Chair Report
 - a) The Chair offered all a safe and relaxing break as we approach February vacation week.
- 5) Public Participation
 - a) None
- 6) Student Representative Report
 - a) Student Representative Report was given.
- 7) Superintendent Report
 - a) The Superintendent welcomed David Alward, CPA, of Davis, Gates & Alward, Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Alward reported no issues regarding the audit completed in June 2020. Mr. Alward commended the staff cooperation and preparedness as most helpful to his task.
 - b) COVID-19 update was provided by Superintendent Halliday; remote student numbers continue to decline. RSU 29 has remained in the designated green status for 5 plus months. The portable classrooms are near completion.
 - c) Superintendent reported that while still early in the FY 22 budget process, with overall flat funding, while not ideal, it would present a challenging budget season.
 - d) Winter Sports- Superintendent stated RSU 29 is midway through the season, with HMS hoping to play basketball in March.
 - e) Superintendent recognized many local businesses for their continued support of RSU 29 staff and students. Those recognized are Katahdin Trust Company, Bangor Savings Bank, Houlton Regional Hospital, Highland Farms, Southern Aroostook Food Pantry, Louisiana Pacific, The Pierce Foundation, Machias Savings Bank, McDonalds, Houlton Methodist Church, Houlton Catholic Church, Coles, Church of the Good Shepard, and Tate & Lyle.
- 8) Old Business
 - a) A motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Tammy Goetsch to approve the second reading of job description for Director of Health Services. The motion carried unanimously.
 - b) A motion was made by Jeannie Tapley and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to approve the revised 2020-2021 school calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

9) New Business

- a) A motion was made by Tammy Goetsch and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to accept the 2021-2022 School Calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

10) Informational Enclosure(s)

- a) Financial Statement – January 2021

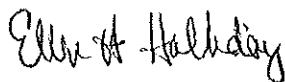
11) Next Meeting / Dates

- a) 3/1/21 - Finance Committee to sign warrants 5:30pm Houlton High School
- b) 3/1/21 - School Board Meeting 6:00pm, Houlton High School

12) Executive Session

- a) A motion was made by Tammy Goetsch and seconded by Jennifer Johnston to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) The motion carried unanimously. Time: 6:32pm.
- b) Motion was made by Erica Peabody and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to authorize the superintendent to make a one time payment for all regular employees and long term employees of one half of the individuals gross wage being paid out on Friday February 12th. This additional pay will be included as a separate check on Friday February 12th. Motion carried unanimously.
- c) A motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Tammy Goetsch to leave executive session. Time: 7:01
- d) A motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Scott White to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. Time: 7:04

Respectfully submitted,



Ellen Halliday
Secretary

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