

RSU 29
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 5, 2021

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, Jeannie Tapley, Timothy Youngfellow, Sara Deveau, Sue McLaughlin and Christopher Cain

Members Excused:

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 Jennifer Johnston and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to approve the February school board meeting minutes. There were 2 abstentions and the motion was approved.
- 4) Chair Report
 - a) The Chair welcomed Sara Deveau and Christopher Cain to the board.
- 5) Public Participation
 - a) None
- 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 no close contacts for several weeks. Remote numbers continue to decline with more students returning to in-person instruction. Superintendent stated plans have begun for Senior activities such as graduation.
 - b) The Superintendent stated the FY 22 budget is near completion and should be to the Board in a few weeks.
 - c) Transfers/Resignations/Hires
 - i) Abigail Glidden- New Hire - Speech and Language Teacher. Motion to approve was made by Stephenie Lively and seconded by Sue McLaughlin. The motion carried unanimously
 - ii) Meghan Long – New Hire - Cafeteria
 - iii) Caleb Carmichael – New Hire - Custodian
 - iv) Aimee Flewelling – Transfer – Gr 1 to Gr 3
 - v) Phlatt McLean – Resigned - Technology Coordinator/Athletic Director
 - vi) David Jones – Resigned – Custodian
 - vii) Ellen Halliday – Resigned – Superintendent. Motion to accept was made by Scott White and seconded by Christopher Cain. The motion carried unanimously.

- d) Superintendent announced the Spring Coaches
 - MS Softball Brian Swallow
 - MS Baseball Jim Castner
 - MS Tennis Todd Willard
 - Track and Field Christopher Rines
 - Varsity Softball Travis Gentle
 - JV Softball Darcy Gentle
 - Varsity Tennis Nancy Mooers

- 8) Old Business
 - a) None

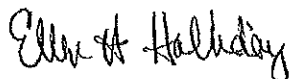
- 9) New Business
 - a) None

- 10) Informational Enclosure(s)
 - a) Financial Statement – March 2021

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

- 12) Executive Session
 - a) A motion was made by Jennifer Johnston and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to enter into executive session to discuss an employment related matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) The motion carried unanimously. Time: 6:36pm.
 - b) A motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Jeannie Tapley to leave executive session. Time: 7:24
 - c) A motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Tammy Goetsch to authorize a contract with MSMA to assist RSU 29 with the Superintendent search for a maximum cost of \$4,591.25. The motion carried unanimously.
 - d) A motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Ellen Asken to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. Time: 7:25

Respectfully submitted,



Ellen Halliday
Secretary

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