RSU 29
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 3, 2021

Time: 6:00pm
Place: Houlton High School Auditorium

Members Present: Ellen Askren, Tammy Goetsch, Fred Grant, Jennifer Johnston, Rosa McNally, Erica Peabody, Scott White, Jeannie Tapley, Timothy Youngfellow, Sara Deveau, Sue McLaughlin and Christopher Cain

Members Excused:
Absent: Stephenie Lively

Student Representative Present: Tabitha Blanchard and Sidney Peabody

1) Superintendent Halliday called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2) Agenda Adjustments
   a) Adjustment was made to add 10g; First reading of Title VI Parent Advisory Bylaws.

3) Board Organizational Elections and Committee Assignments
   a) Chairperson – Fred Grant was nominated as Chairperson. A motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Ellen Askren to appoint Fred Grant as chairperson and the motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Tammy Goetsch to cease nominations and the motion carried unanimously.
   b) Vice Chairperson -Erica Peabody was nominated as Vice Chairperson. A motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Ellen Askren to appoint Erica Peabody as Vice Chairperson and the motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Tammy Goetsch to cease nominations and the motion carried unanimously.
   c) Region II Committee – the following will remain in the Region II Committee: Erica Peabody, Fred Grant, Jennifer Johnston, Scott White, Jeannie Tapley, Sue McLaughlin. Ellen Askren joined the committee.
   d) Finance Committee – the following will remain in the Finance Committee: Scott White, Jeannie Tapley, Erica Peabody and Fred Grant
   e) Facility/Transportation Committee – Jennifer Johnston, Tammy Goetsch and Sue McLaughlin.
   f) Curriculum Committee – the following will remain in the Curriculum Committee: Scott White, Erica Peabody, Tammy Goetsch, Sue McLaughlin, Ellen Askren, Timothy Youngfellow. Christopher Cain joined the committee.
   g) Sick Bank – Ellen Askren joined the committee.
   h) Bird Farm – the following will remain in the Bird Farm Committee: Jeannie Tapley and Erica Peabody.
   i) Rosa McNally joined the committee.
   j) Policy review – the following will remain in the committee: Jeannie Tapley and Timothy Youngfellow. Christopher Cain joined the committee.
   k) Student Representative Committee – the following will remain in the committee: Erica Peabody, Tammy Goetsch and Scott White.

4) Minutes
   a) A motion was made by Erica Peabody and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to approve the April school board meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

5) Chair Report
   a) The Chair reported on the first meeting with MSMA in preparation for the superintendent applications.

6) Public Participation
   a) None
7) Student Representative Report  
a) Student Representative Report was given. The Chair thanked Student Representative Sidney Peabody for her outstanding dedication and service to the Board.

8) Superintendent Report  
a) The Superintendent gave an update on the current COVID situation. Superintendent Halliday discussed the steps RSU 29 has taken to limit exposure to students, examples are the use of seating charts and masks being worn when inside the buildings.  
b) Transfers/Resignations/Hires  
   i) Resigned Jelene Ensey – Special Ed Tech  
   ii) Hired Tiffany Duchesneau – Bus Driver  
c) End of Year Activities – Board Members were provided copies of the Class of 2021 End of Year Schedule. Plans are underway for Senior Prom and Graduation.

9) Old Business  
a) None

10) New Business  
a) 2021-2022 Budget Proposal – Superintendent Halliday stated the budget proposal includes a 1.23% increase over last years budget. Board members received a copy of the proposal.  
b) A motion was made by Tammy Goetsch and seconded by Jennifer Johnston to approve the budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously.  
c) A motion was made by Jeannie Tapley and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to set the Regional School Unit budget meeting for May 17, 2021, and that the Vote entitled “Vote to Call and Approve the Warrant for the Budget Meeting” be approved in form presented to this meeting and that a copy of said Vote be included with the minutes of this meeting. The motion carried unanimously.  
   VOTED: That the warrant for the Regional School Unit No. 29 (the “Regional School Unit”) Budget Meeting presented to the meeting be approved and that a Regional School Unit budget meeting be called for May 17, 2021 for the purpose of voting on the annual budget for the Regional School Unit for the 2021-2022 fiscal year; and that the Budget Meeting Warrant shall be signed by a majority of the School Board members, and that their signatures may be made electronically, by execution of counterparts, or in person following this meeting. The warrant will be signed at the end of the meeting.

d) A motion was made by Tammy Goetsch and seconded by Jennifer Johnston to apply for and expense NCLB funds. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

e) A motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Ellen Askren to approve each of the following three groups of teachers as a slate. The motion carried unanimously.  
   Probationary/Continuing Contract Teacher nominations and elections  
   i) Second Year Probationary Contract  
   a) Nicholas Foster – Houlton Middle/High School Music Teacher  
   b) Charles Duffield – Houlton Elementary/Southside Music Teacher  
   c) Renee Knapp – Houlton Elementary Guidance Counselor  
   d) Alyssa Austin – Houlton Southside Guidance Counselor  
   ii) Third Year Probationary Contract  
   a) Kathleen McCormick – Houlton Elementary Nurse  
   b) Heather McGuire – Houlton Middle/High School Family & Consumer Science  
   c) Lainey Tarr – Houlton Elementary Physical Education  
   d) Connor Bulley – Houlton Elementary Grade 1 Teacher  
   e) Marina Cameron – Houlton Southside Grade 5 Teacher  
   f) Korinne Brannen – Houlton Middle/High School School Based Clinician  
   g) Jane Guy – Houlton Elementary/Southside Special Ed Teacher  
   h) Mark Fichter – Houlton Middle/High School MS Science Teacher  
   i) Nason Graham – Houlton Middle/High School Alternative Ed Teacher  
   j) Kristie Spittle – Houlton Southside Grade 5 Teacher
k) Sherry Hubert  Houlton Southside  Gifted and Talented Teacher
l) Emma Kinney  Houlton Southside  Physical Ed Teacher
m) Angel King  Houlton Southside  Grade 3 Teacher
n) Dawn Matthews  Summit Academy  Lead Teacher
o) Diana Brown-Butler  Summit Academy  Teacher
p) Robert Richardson  Houlton Middle/High School  Math Teacher

iii) Continuing Contract
   a) Mark Graybill  Houlton Middle/High School  HS Science Teacher
   b) Michelle Martin  Houlton Middle/High School  MS/HS Librarian
   c) Christie Fraser  Houlton Southside  Special Ed Teacher
   d) Darielle Thibodeau  Houlton Middle/High School  HS Math Teacher
   e) Jacqueline Rogers  Houlton Southside  Grade 5 Teacher
   f) Christopher Bossie  Houlton Middle/High School  HS ELA Teacher
   g) Martha Schools  Houlton Elementary  Grade 2 Teacher

11) Informational Enclosure(s)
   a) Financial Statement – April 2021

12) Next Meetings/Dates
   a) 5/17/21 District Budget Meeting 6:00pm Houlton Middle/High School
   b) 6/7/21 School Board Meeting 6:00pm Finance Committee 5:30pm Houlton Middle/High School

13) Executive Session
   a) A motion was made by Christopher Cain and seconded by Rosa McNally to enter into executive
      session to discuss Contract negotiations pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(D). The motion
      carried unanimously. Time: 6:55pm
   b) A motion was made by Christopher Cain and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to return to open
      session. The motion carried unanimously. Time: 7:17pm
   c) A motion was made by Tammy Goetsch and seconded by Sara Deveau to ratify the Bus Driver/
      Custodian contract effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.
   d) A motion was made by Christopher Cain and seconded by Sara Deveau to adjourn. The motion
      carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Halliday
Secretary

NOTE: Minutes are not official until approved by the RSU/MSAD 29 School Board.
Motion:  I move that the Vote entitled, "Vote to Call and Approve the Warrant for the Budget Meeting," be approved in form presented to this meeting and that a copy of said Vote be included with the minutes of this meeting.

VOTE TO CALL AND APPROVE THE WARRANTS FOR THE BUDGET MEETING

VOTED:  That the warrant for the Regional School Unit No. 29 (the "Regional School Unit") Budget Meeting presented to the meeting be approved and that a Regional School Unit budget meeting be called for May 17, 2021 for the purpose of voting on the annual budget for the Regional School Unit for the 2021-2022 fiscal year; and

That the Budget Meeting Warrant shall be signed by a majority of the School Board members, and that their signatures may be made electronically, by execution of counterparts, or in person following this meeting.

A true copy as adopted by a majority of the School Board, attest:

Ellen Halliday, Secretary

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATION

I certify that the May 3, 2021 meeting of the Regional School Unit No. 29 School Board was:

[check one box]

☐ conducted as a public meeting with no Board members participating remotely; or

☐ conducted through telephonic, video, electronic, or other similar means of remote participation, and that the Board's vote on this Resolution was taken by roll call as follows:

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