

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 64
Bradford Corinth Hudson Kenduskeag Stetson

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 26, 2019

The members of the Board of Directors of RSU 64 met in the Central Community Elementary School cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 25, 2019 in response to an agenda dated November 20, 2019. The agenda was distributed to members electronically.

Members Present: Rhonda Williams, Katherine Waite, Anne Kenneson, Sherry Horn, David Nichols, Nicole Kelley, James Connolly, Jodi Brasslett, Parvanah Withee, Robert Young, Chad Crooker, Amy Bean, Curtis Chadbourne, Tonya Wozneak, Haley Emery

Student Representatives
Present: None

Members Absent: Kim Hikel, Teresa Harvey, Wanda St. Peter

Others in Attendance: Superintendent Rhonda Sperrey, CHS Principal Brett Hoogterp, CHS Assistant Principal Matthew Arsenault, CMS Principal Sandra Cookson, CCES Principal Dawn Nickerson, Curriculum Coordinator Jennifer Nickerson, Special Education Director Riley Donovan, Teachers' Association Representation Sherry Blanchard, and Attorney Eric Herlan.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rhonda Williams at 7:01 p.m. A roll call and check of attendance found a quorum of 15 members present, and 3 members absent.

Upon the motion of Jodi Brasslett and second of David Nichols, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting (October 28, 2019) and the Policy Committee Meeting (October 28, 2019) as presented, and to place the minutes on file as part of permanent Board records.

Unanimous

Petitions and Communications – Chair Williams indicated the District has received a letter of resignation from Lucienne Moore (CMS Grade 8 Math).

Chair Williams called for Public Forum items. No items were presented.

Reports

Standing Committees

Superintendent Sperrey updated members on the following administrative topics:

Telephone Expansion Project

Contractors from Nightscape, Inc. have been on site to assess the needs at Central Middle School. The goal is to place a telephone in each classroom and common gathering space. The phones and the infrastructure to support them will be designed almost identical to the system at Central High School, with the capability for expansion as an intercom and public address system in the future. This project will greatly enhance school safety and communication capacity for both Central Middle School and Central High School.

Building Committee Update

The Building Committee has tentatively scheduled a meeting on December 2 at 6:30 p.m. It is expected the engineering firm, Carpenter Associates, will have at least 50% of the design specifications prepared for consideration that evening. An agenda will go out once a quorum is reached.

Right of Way Update

Superintendent Sperrey has retained a real estate attorney from the local firm, Eaton Peabody, to research and advise the District on the request for consideration of potentially moving a right of way that currently exists through the middle/high school driveway, parking lot, and field areas with abutting neighbor, Randy Bean. Although the District has in its possession past communication of the right of way being moved to its current location, it appears this move was never recorded on the deed. Mr. Bean has provided the District with his attorney's name and contact information so the two attorneys can communicate about his initial request to move the current right of way to a new location.

CCES New Construction Project

As the District works to close the Central Community Elementary School major school construction project, it is working to provide financial information requested through the audit process to include confirmation of interest earned on the bond proceeds and the paperwork supporting the purchase of approved moveable equipment. Stephanie Clark, Fiscal Compliance Specialist with the Department of School Finance and Operations, has been assigned to facilitate the construction audit process.

State Board of Education Visit

The State Board of Education met at Central Community Elementary School on November 13, 2019. The workshop portion of the meeting began at 9:00 a.m. and included student presentations, an opening welcome by Superintendent Sperrey and a tour of the school. Board members ate lunch in the cafeteria and conducted their business meeting in the afternoon. Various members of the public attended different portions of the day. Board members expressed significant enthusiasm and support for the school and the work the District is doing for children. Members noted how impressed they are at how the communities that make up RSU 64 came together during the construction process and how they have continued to embrace and support their new school.

Legislative Update

The second session of the 129th Legislature will begin in January. This session has several new laws being introduced and others that are being carried over from the previous session. Of significance, are bills pertaining to binding arbitration, teacher transfers, and a statewide minimum support staff wage of \$16 per hour.

Vision and Mission Work

Since the last Board of Directors' meeting in October, Superintendent Sperrey has attended a Selectperson's Meeting in each of the District's five towns. During those meetings, Superintendent Sperrey summarized the Future Search process that occurred in 2011 and the significant work that came from that process by execution of the District's strategic plan. One question was asked of each Selectperson Board, "When new families, with or without young children, move into your town, what do you think they are looking for in their school district?" Superintendent Sperrey is keeping a list of all of the ideas gathered at these meetings. The goal is to broaden this data set to include answers from teachers, students, and community members through various tools such as surveys, small group gatherings, and a District-wide community forum over the course of the next several months. This information will be used to inform the Board of Directors' work as they plan and prepare for the next 5-10 years.

District Enrollment (As of November 1, 2019)

CCES – 520 (+4)

CMS – 251 (+2)

CHS – 283 (-2)

Total = 1054 (+4)

Administrator Reports

Chair Williams asked if administrators had any items to add to their previously distributed reports.

CHS Principal Brett Hoogterp – No items were added.

CMS Principal Sandra Cookson – No items were added.

CCES Principal Dawn Nickerson – No items were added.

Curriculum Coordinator Jennifer Nickerson – No items were added.

Special Education Director Riley Donovan – No items were added.

Member David Nichols noted the reduction in suspensions in the administrative reports; commending students on their behavior.

Old Business

New Business

Discussion of December Regular Monthly Meeting Date

Upon the motion of Jodi Brasslett and second by Sherry Horn, members voted to forego a December meeting. The next Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors will take place on January 27, 2020.

Unanimous

Executive Session

Upon the motion of Anne Kenneson and second by Jodi Brasslett, members voted to enter Executive Session under 1 MRSA §405(6)(E) for the purpose of an update regarding pending litigation.

Unanimous

Time: 7:11 p.m.

Upon the motion of Chad Crooker and second by James Connolly, members voted to return to Public Session.

Unanimous

Time: 8:14 p.m.

Upon the motion of James Connolly and second by Chad Crooker, members voted to readmit Student X for the 2019-2020 school year given the evidence of completion of the re-entry plan presented and in agreement with the mediated transition plan.

Yea – 13

Nay – 2 (Brasslett, Kenneson)

Abstention – 0

Personnel Confirmations for 2019-2020

Members acknowledged Superintendent Sperrey's Support Staff appointments for 2019-2020:

CCES Ed Tech I – Elizabeth Bell
CCES Ed Tech III, Title 1A – Joanne Gray
CCES Ed Tech I – Joshua Miller
CCES Ed Tech I – Nicole Harrison
CMS Ed Tech I – SontaRae Weymouth

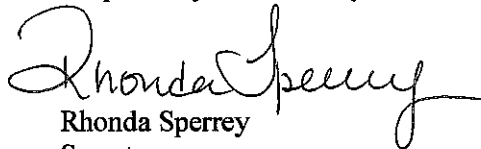
Members acknowledged Superintendent Sperrey's Schedule B appointments for 2019-2020:

CMS "B" Cheering Coach – Emily Strout
CHS Freshman Advisor – Alexandra Small

Upon the motion of Chad Crooker and second by James Connolly, and having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by,


Rhonda Sperrey
Secretary