

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 64  
Bradford Corinth Hudson Kenduskeag Stetson

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 18, 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, June 17, 2019 in response to agenda dated June 12, 2019. The agenda was distributed to members electronically.

Members Present: Rhonda Williams, James Connolly, Wanda St. Peter, Kim Hikel, Teresa Harvey, Katherine Waite, Anne Kenneson, Sherry Horn, David Nichols, Tonya Wozneak, Nicole Kelley, Jodi Brasslett, Haley Emery, Chad Crooker

Student Representatives

Present: Ian Wright

Members Absent: Curtis Chadbourne, Parvanah Withee, Amy Bean, Robert Young

Others in Attendance: Superintendent Rhonda Sperrey, CHS Principal Brett Hoogterp, CHS Assistant Principal Matthew Arsenault, CMS Principal Sandra Cookson, CCES Principal Dawn Nickerson, CCES Assistant Principal Kerri Wyman, Curriculum Coordinator Jennifer Nickerson, Special Education Director Riley Donovan, and Teachers' Association Representation Sherry Blanchard and Peter Marsh, and members of the public.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rhonda Williams at 7:02 p.m. A roll call and check of attendance found a quorum of 14 members present, 4 members absent, and one student representative present.

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second of Nicole Kelley, the Board voted to approve the minutes of Special Board Meeting (June 11, 2019), Hiring Committee Meeting (June 11, 2019), Regular Monthly Board Meeting (May 21, 2019), Hiring Committee Meeting (May 21, 2019), and the Superintendent Evaluation Review Sub Committee Meeting (May 14, 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 Dennise Poulin (CMS Secretary .5 FTE), Joel Trask (District Fields & Grounds) and Denise Saucier (Special Education Secretary).

Chair Williams called for Public Forum items.

Corinth resident, Samantha Preston, presented Chair Williams with a written complaint about Superintendent Sperrey.

RSU 64 Teachers' Association leadership Sherry Blanchard and Peter Marsh introduced themselves and shared the names of the other members of their leadership team:

President - Sherry Blanchard  
Vice President - Peter Marsh

Secretary - Jennifer Soares  
Treasurer - Andria Bacon  
Membership Coordinator - Jamie Birmingham

President Blanchard shared with members the Association is excited about their upcoming work with the Board of Directors.

Reports

Standing Committees

Superintendent Sperrey updated members on the following administrative topics:

**Legislative Update**

Superintendent Sperrey updated members on legislative work, specifically the labor bills that have passed. One such bill requires school districts to provide a compensation option to hourly employees that would spread their pay out over the entire fiscal year, rather than the school year in which they are actually working. The District is anticipating further guidance on how such a process could be implemented.

**Southern Penobscot Regional Program for Children with Exceptionalities (SPRPCE)**

The SPRPCE regional collaborative is exploring the potential expansion of Adult Education within the membership. A preliminary meeting will be held this summer to initiate the discussion. Superintendent Sperrey indicated she will bring additional information back to members for their consideration.

Superintendent Sperrey shared with members that she is the representative superintendent for SPRPCE for the 2019-2020 school year.

**District Enrollment (As compared to June 1, 2019)**

CCES - 522 (+3)  
CMS - 236 (+0)  
CHS - 291 (-4)  
Total = 1049

**Administrator Reports**

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

CHS Principal Brett Hoogterp – Mr. Hoogterp reviewed information and feedback received from graduation held on Saturday, June 15 at the Cross Insurance Center. Mr. Hoogterp identified several challenges with regard to scheduling the event given other area districts are also trying to use the facility and there has been a recent turnover with event staff. Mr. Hoogterp will work to lock in a date and time for the ceremony for the Class of 2020 as soon as possible.

CHS Assistant Principal and Athletic Director Matt Arsenault – Mr. Arsenault honored the Girls and Boys Outdoor Track teams for their recent win of Northern Maine Class C Sportsmanship. Several track members were present and received acknowledgement from the Board of Directors on their recent recognition from the Maine Principals' Association.

CMS Principal Sandra Cookson – Dr. Cookson updated members on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade assembly that took place on Monday, June 17 and reminded members of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion taking place on Tuesday, June 18 at 1:00 p.m.

CCES Principal Dawn Nickerson – No items were added to Mrs. Nickerson's previously distributed report.

CCES Assistant Principal Kerri Wyman – No items were added.

Curriculum Coordinator Jennifer Nickerson – Ms. Nickerson updated members on the staff participation in professional development through PREP this past school year. She also shared with members there are 29 staff members registered for the Tech Camp being hosted in RSU 64 on Thursday, June 20. Ms. Nickerson shared information about her recent work with staff and administrators in the examination of the NWEA assessment, an online literacy and math assessment available for K-12 students and teachers.

Special Education Director Riley Donovan – No items were added to Mr. Donovan’s previously distributed report.

Old Business

New Business

**CHS Athletic Facilities and Maintenance Presentation**

Athletic Director Matthew Arsenault and Principal Brett Hoogterp presented information about the status of the outdoor athletic facilities at Central High School and proposed a plan to explore future site development. Members verbally expressed support for conceptual exploration and acknowledged the need to consider all options including future land acquisition and field placement to include the consideration of potential future building projects.

**Budget for 2019-2020**

Members engaged in a brief discussion of the District Budget Meeting and referendum participation numbers and brainstormed ways the District can better communicate dates of such. Suggestions include using the school sign, school newsletters, and mailed postcards to residents. It was also suggested the One Call Now notification system be used to make announcements, not just for school cancelations, delays or early release.

Upon the motion of Jodi Brasslett and second by Wanda St. Peter, members voted to validate the result of the Annual District Budget Meeting held on June 6, 2019, to validate the results of the District Budget Referendum held on June 11, 2019, and to issue and sign the Warrants assessing member municipalities their proportionate shares of the school assessment.

Unanimous

**Discussion and Consideration of Annual Authorization for the Superintendent to file all Applications and to act as the Board’s legal representative in order to secure State and Federal grants for 2019-2020**

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Jodi Brasslett, members voted to authorize the Superintendent to file all Application and to act as the Board’s legal representative in order to secure State and Federal grants for 2019-2020.

Unanimous

**Discussion and Consideration of Transfer of Funds Between Categories**

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Chad Crooker, members voted to authorize the Superintendent’s discretion to transfer amounts not exceeding 5% of the total appropriation for any cost center to another cost center or among other cost centers pursuant to 20-A M.R.S. §1484(4) for fiscal year 2018-2019 and that the local policy of a seven-day notice period be waived.

Unanimous

**Discussion and Consideration of Governance Committee Member Appointment and Re-Appointment**

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Anne Kenneson, members approved the recommended Governance Committee Member appointments and re-appointments:

Scott Bickerstaff, Grades 9-12, 2019-2021  
Beth Cook, Grades 6-8, 2019-2021  
Lee Jack, PreK-Grade 2, 2019-2021  
Sheila Underhill, Grades 3-5, 2019-2021

Unanimous

**Discussion and Consideration of Appointments for 2019-2020**

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Jodi Brasslett, members approved the recommendation of the following appointments for 2019-2020:

School Physician – Dr. Bryan Lundquist  
School Dentist – Dr. Daniel Steinke

Unanimous

**Discussion and Consideration to Authorize the Hiring Committee to Act on Behalf of the Board during the months of July and August**

Upon the motion of Jodi Brasslett and second by Anne Kenneson, members voted to authorize the Hiring Committee to act on behalf of the Board during the months of July and August.

Unanimous

**Annual Election/Appointment of Standing Committees**

The Superintendent called for nominations of Board Chair for 2019-2020.

Member Wanda St. Peter nominated Rhonda Williams. No other nominations were offered.

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Jodi Brasslett, members elected Rhonda Williams as Board Chair.

13 - Yea  
0 - Nay  
1 Abstention (Williams – Subject of Vote)

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Jodi Brasslett, members elected James Connolly as Vice Chair.

13 - Yea  
0 - Nay  
1 Abstention (Connolly – Subject of Vote)

Members used a short recess (8:16 p.m.) to meet in their respective town groups to discuss the potential of reorganization of Sub Committees. No changes were made.

**Building Committee:** Teresa Harvey, Kim Hikel, Robert Young, Tonya Wozneak, Jodi Brasslett

**Finance Committee:** Anne Kenneson, Sherry Horn, Nicole Kelley, Tonya Wozneak, Curtis Chadbourne

**Hiring Committee:** Kim Hikel, Wanda St. Peter, Rhonda Williams, Robert Young, Parvanah Withee

**Negotiations Committee:** Nicole Kelley, James Connolly, Katherine Waite, Amy Bean, Jodi Brasslett

**Policy Committee:** James Connolly, Sherry Horn, Parvanah Withee, Amy Bean, Haley Emery

**Transportation Committee:** Katherine Waite, Chad Crooker, David Nichols, Curtis Chadbourne, Haley Emery

Members set the next Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors for Monday, July 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Central Community Elementary School.

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Chad Crooker, and having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Rhonda Sperrey  
Secretary

