

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 64
Bradford Corinth Hudson Kenduskeag Stetson

REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 22, 2019

The members of the Board of Directors of RSU 64 met in the Central Community Elementary School cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 in response to agenda dated May 16, 2019. The agenda was distributed to members electronically.

Members Present: Rhonda Williams, James Connolly, Wanda St. Peter, Kim Hikel, Curtis Chadbourne, Amy Bean, Teresa Harvey, Katherine Waite, Parvanah Withee, Anne Kenneson, Sherry Horn, David Nichols

Student Representatives

Present: Ian Wright

Members Absent: Tonya Wozneak, Nicole Kelley, Jodi Brasslett, Haley Emery, Robert Young, Chad Crooker

Others in Attendance: Superintendent Rhonda Sperrey, Supervisor of Maintenance and Custodial Services Daniel Roy, CHS Principal Brett Hoogterp, 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 Colin Bacon.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rhonda Williams at 6:34 p.m. A roll call and check of attendance found a quorum of 12 members present, 6 members absent, and one student representative present.

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second of Anne Kenneson, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Superintendent Evaluation Review Sub Committee Meeting (April 24, 2019), Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors (April 22, 2019), and Hiring Committee Meeting (April 22, 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 Robert Sinclair (Assistant Supervisor of Maintenance and Custodial Services), April Miller (Food Service Manager II) and a letter of retirement from Kathi Hanson (Special Education Secretary).

Chair Williams read aloud a letter received from the Maine School Superintendents Association congratulating Superintendent Sperrey on the receipt of the Association's 2019 Outstanding Leadership Award.

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

Reports

Standing Committees:

Superintendent Evaluation Review Sub Committee – Superintendent Sperrey updated members on the work of the sub committee charged with reviewing the District’s superintendent evaluation tool and process. Having met twice thus far, the Committee has spent considerable time researching model tools, policies, and practices. The Committee has engaged in extensive dialogue about the widely held leadership domains and performance indicators available nationally pertaining to the superintendency and school leadership. The Committee has selected a draft rubric to use to construct a tool to be recommended to the full Board of Directors for their consideration. The Committee will be working on establishing a timeline for the evaluation process and will make recommendations to the full Board of Directors within the next couple of months regarding both the rubric and timeline to be used. Upon approval by the Board of Directors, the Hiring Committee will then work to align the job description with the new tool and process and the Policy Committee will complete similar work with respect to policy CBI – Evaluation of the Superintendent.

Superintendent Sperrey updated members on the following administrative topics:

Transportation

The District will be participating in a national survey regarding traffic passing stopped school buses. The data collected will be used to study the impact of these violations and may be used to propose legislation.

The District’s two spare vans are in need of significant repairs. Given the costs involved, the District will be discontinuing their use and seek to purchase a used van should one become available.

Legislative Update

Superintendent Sperrey updated members on legislative work, specifically two bills still in flux. A recently proposed amendment to LD1715 regarding the transition of Child Development Services (CDS) into the local school unit includes language pertaining specifically to the phase in of implementation as well as the significant language that funding for CDS will remain separate from the current funding formula. CDS currently provides special education services to students aged 3-5 years. If approved, these services will become the local school unit’s full responsibility by 2025. Superintendent Sperrey also shared information relative to the bill pertaining to the proposed increase in the statewide minimum teacher salary. It appears the Department of Education will provide additional funding to cover the gap between current salaries below \$40,000 beginning in the fall of 2020. This additional funding will be reduced each year until local districts are solely responsible for salaries by 2024.

District Enrollment (As compared to April 1, 2019)

CCES - 519 (-5)
CMS - 236 (+1)
CHS - 295 (-5)
Total = 1050

Administrator Reports

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

CHS Principal Brett Hoogterp – Mr. Hoogterp provided an update on the status of Central High School with regard to the passing of longtime and beloved CHS English teacher, Karen Girvan. In addition to several fundraisers, students and staff participated in the Relay for Life event held in Bangor on Saturday, May 18 in support of Mrs. Girvan’s team. Mrs. Girvan was a 20-year plus supporter of this event.

CMS Principal Sandra Cookson – Dr. Cookson updated members on upcoming field trips planned for CMS students.

CCES Principal Dawn Nickerson – Mrs. Nickerson updated members on the Books for Bikes event taking place on Thursday, May 23 at 9:00 a.m. at CCES.

Curriculum Coordinator Jennifer Nickerson – Ms. Nickerson updated members about recent notification of federal grant awards. Initial notification includes the following preliminary amounts:

	FY20 Preliminary Allocation	Increase/Decrease
Title IA	\$379,034	-\$6,117
Title IIA	\$63,339	+\$3,369
Title IVA	\$36,773.12	+\$3,734.46
Title VB	\$13,498.71	+\$13,498.71

Final approval of amounts will be communicated in August.

Special Education Director Riley Donovan – Mr. Donovan updated members about recent notification of Local Entitlement monies. Initial notification indicates the District will receive a total of \$285,123. This is a slight increase over last year. These monies support staffing costs and supply purchases as well as Extended School Year programming and professional development costs for special education students and staff.

Old Business

New Business

Facility Maintenance and Planning Update

Supervisor of Maintenance and Custodial Services Dan Roy presented information relative to the potential boiler replacement at Central Middle School and his recent work on the observation and evaluation of the Central High School septic system.

It is recommended the District purchase and install a new boiler system for Central Middle School that would include three separate boilers. This would allow the building to function at much greater efficiency during non-student days and provide a system with a series of backup functions should any one of the boilers go down. The estimated cost for this project is \$85,000 - \$90,000.

Mr. Roy shared recent information concerning the condition and life expectancy of the septic system for CHS that is located across Route 15. The system is more than large enough to accommodate the needs of the high school facility and is in great condition. The term of the deed indicates the District will retain possession of the land parcel until 2035.

No action was taken.

Discussion of Future Art Programming at Central Middle School and Central High School

Administrators presented information relative to staffing and schedules for art instruction at Central Middle School and Central High School for the 2019-2020 school year.

Upon the motion of Curtis Chadbourne and second by Wanda St. Peter, members approved splitting the full time shared art position that is currently shared between CMS and CHS into two part time teaching assignments and appointed Tammy Giles (CHS Science Teacher) as the half time Art Teacher/half time Science Teacher at Central High School for 2019-2020 and Karen Hendrix (CCES Ed Tech III) as the half time Art Teacher/half time Educational Technician at Central Middle School for 2019-2020.

Unanimous

Summer School Program Update

Administrators presented information about the summer session being planned for students. Principal Nickerson and Assistant Principal Wyman presented the criteria for selection for the elementary Title 1 summer school program and described the content areas that will be addressed.

Special Education Director Riley Donovan presented information on the Extended School Year (ESY) program for special education students.

Principal Cookson and Principal Hoogterp presented information on the exploration of online summer learning opportunities for middle and high school students focusing on the opportunity for students to access coursework for the reinforcement of content. This opportunity will support high school students in the recovery of credits at the high school level specifically. Each online course has a registration fee of \$40 and includes time with a teacher for periodic support.

Curriculum Coordinator Jennifer Nickerson updated members on the use of federal grant monies to support summer learning opportunities and highlighted the literacy take home bags that have been purchased for every elementary student. Each bag contains 10 grade level books and an activity pamphlet parents can use with their children.

Executive Session for the Sole Purpose of Review of Records of a Confidential Nature Under 1 MRSA §405(6)(F)

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Anne Kenneson, members voted to enter Executive Session at 7:46 p.m.

Unanimous

Upon the motion of James Connolly and second by Wanda St. Peter, members voted to return to Public Session at 8:13 p.m.

Unanimous

Personnel Nominations and Confirmations

Upon the motion of Kim Hikel and second by Wanda St. Peter, members approved the recommended Professional Staff appointments for 2019-2020:

CHS Math Teacher – Carol Quimby
CCES Grade 5 Teacher – Marcilla Jackson

Unanimous

Members acknowledged Superintendent Sperrey’s Support Staff appointments for 2018-2019:

CCES Ed Tech I – Joshua Miller
District Office Financial Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper – Christine Dixon

Members acknowledged Superintendent Sperrey’s Schedule B appointment for 2018-2019:

CHS Spanish Club – Alexandra Small


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Members set the next Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors for Monday, June 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Central Community Elementary School.

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

Respectfully submitted by,


Rhonda Sperrey
Secretary

