REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 64 Bradford Corinth Hudson Kenduskeag Stetson

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 23, 2021

The members of the Board of Directors of RSU 64 met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 22, 2021 in response to an agenda dated March 18, 2021. The agenda was distributed to members electronically.

Members Present:

James Connolly, Wanda St. Peter, Katherine Waite, Anne Kenneson, David Nichols, Sherry Horn, Jodi Brasslett, Kim Hikel, Terri Jane Casavant, Nicole Kelley, Tonya Wozneak, Robert Young, Parvanah Withee, Haley Emery

Student Representatives

Present:

None

Members Absent:

Rhonda Williams, Amy Bean, Curtis Chadbourne, Chad Crooker

Others in Attendance:

Superintendent Rhonda Sperrey, CHS Principal Brett Hoogterp, CHS Assistant

Principal/Athletic Director Jared Foster, CMS Principal Sandra Cookson, Curriculum Coordinator Danette Kerrigan, and members of the public.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair James Connolly at 7:04 p.m. A roll call and check of attendance found a quorum of 14 members present, and 4 members absent.

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second of Anne Kenneson the Board voted to approve the draft minutes of the Transportation Committee Meeting (March 15, 2021), Building Committee Meeting (March 8, 2021), Finance Committee Meeting (March 1, 2021), Regular Monthly Board Meeting (February 22, 2021), and Hiring Committee Meeting (February 22, 2021) and to place the minutes on file as part of permanent Board records.

Unanimous

Petitions and Communications

Vice Chair Connolly indicated the Board is in receipt of a letter of retirement from Reuben Fowlow (CMS Science Teacher), Susanne Gray (CCES Ed Tech I), and Janet Pinkham (CCES Ed Tech I).

Vice Chair Connolly indicated the Board is in receipt of a letter of resignation from Laci Daigle (CMS "A" Softball Coach) and Dawn Nickerson (CCES Principal).

Vice Chair Connolly called for Public Forum items. No items were presented.

Comprehensive Regional Technical High School Concept Presentation

This item was tabled and will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

Reports

Superintendent Sperrey updated members on the following administrative topics:

Coronavirus Relief Funds

The District is in the process of planning for the open application of additional coronavirus relief funding. Nine teachers have joined the administrative team in their efforts to draft the ESSER II

application and prepare for additional funding that is expected to be allocated. Thank you to Board member Anne Kenneson who has volunteered to work with the school team in this effort.

The focus of the planning will be on facility upgrades to enhance the air quality in our schools and student learning programs.

Vaccination Administration Update

The availability of vaccines for educators has appeared to have met the demand. In a recent poll of staff, only two employees indicated they want to get a vaccine but need to wait for personal medical reasons. No one interested in getting the vaccine has indicated they haven't been able to due to scheduling or a lack of availability.

District Enrollment (As of March 1, 2021)

CCES – 452 (+9) CMS – 271 (+0)

CHS - 304 (+0)

Total = 1027 (+9)

Total students in fully remote learning = 131(-17)

Administrator Reports

Administrators updated the Board on various items relative to their school and/or department.

CHS Principal Brett Hoogterp updated members in regards to planning details for prom, senior banquets, and graduation. Mr. Hoogterp also updated members on the process used to determine CHS will return to a Red/White schedule in the fall of 2021.

CHS Assistant Principal & Athletic Director Jared Foster updated members on the planning of spring sports at CHS. All sports will be taking place and schedules are currently being organized. Spectators will be allowed at athletic contests with masks and distancing precautions in place.

CMS Principal Sandra Cookson updated members about middle school spring sports, the Friday, March 19 in-service day, and concerns for an AED at CMS. (This item is currently in the FY22 budget draft.)

Curriculum Coordinator Danette Kerrigan had nothing to add to her previously distributed report.

New Business

Update on Planning for In-Person Learning at CMS & CHS for the Fourth Quarter

Mr. Hoogterp and Dr. Cookson updated members on the administrative planning involved in preparation for the return of all students all school days for the fourth quarter. In addition to the hybrid schedule moving to in-person every day, several students who have been fully remote learning students this year will be returning to in person learning at CMS and CHS. Buildings are being prepared with adequate spacing in all learning areas and additional staff are being sought to support daily operations. New traffic patterns for arrival and dismissal of students have been worked out to mitigate the increased traffic by parents who are assisting with transportation. Details on these traffic patterns will be provided to parents through the schools. Additional food service staff are needed so that lunches can be served in a timely manner.

Transportation Committee Update

Upon the motion of Katherine Waite and second by David Nichols, members voted to enter into a transportation contract with Leighton's Bus Service for the transport of students from the town of Stetson

and a contract with Cormier's Bus Service for the transport of students from the towns of Bradford, Corinth, Hudson and Kenduskeag for the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024 school years as presented and negotiated with the bidders.

Unanimous

Building Committee Update

Upon the motion of Robert Young and second by Tonya Wozneak, members approved the Exterior Lighting Project as recommended by the Building Committee.

Unanimous

Budget Update

Superintendent Sperrey shared the FY22 budget draft is nearing completion with the exception of an adjustment to health insurance premiums which should come the first week of April. Finance Committee members are scheduled to meet with municipal officials on April 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. to review financial goals of the District.

Personnel Nominations

Upon the motion of Kim Hikel and second by Sherry Horn, members approved the recommendation of the Hiring Committee of Superintendent Sperrey's recommendation of Continuing Contract Teachers for 2021-2022:

Central Community Elementary School:

Alice Allard Kindergarten
Sally Batchelder Grade 3
Jamie Birmingham Grade 2

Sherry Blanchard Elementary Guidance Counselor

Janet BlodgettSpeechAnna BryerArt TeacherLynn ChubbuckClassroom Music

Brian Clark Phys. Ed.
Pamela Clukey Grade 2
Marcie Coffin Grade 3
Carolyn Donaldson Grade 2
Brittany Dorr Grade 5
Casee Hart Grade 5
Bonnie Harvey Grade 4

Joseph Howard Special Education Lee Jack Kindergarten

Shirley Jordan PreK

Natasha MandigoSchool NurseGinna MarshGrade 1Heather MartinGrade 1Melissa MorissetteGrade 4Jennifer NoelKindergarten

Adrienne Pelkey PreK Shannon Perkins Grade 3

Melissa Reardon Special Education
Stephanie Reynolds Math Interventionist

Marissa Rivard Kindergarten
Christal Ryder Grade 1

Monica Sabine Reading Recovery

Kendra Sanborn Grade 1

Angela Stubbs GT/Reading Interventionist

Lisa Swett Kindergarten
Tabitha Trafton Reading Recovery

Cortney Wesley Grade 2

Marie Wheeler Special Education

Cheryl Wood Grade 4

Itinerant:

Andria Bacon Music/Band Amy Clement English

Traci Fowler Special Education Evaluator

Brittany McAllister Health

Jennifer Soares Speech Therapist

Central Middle:

Amy Bickerstaff Grade 7 Social Studies
Carrie Carr Special Education
Robin Clukey Grade 8 Science
Beth Cook Grade 6 Science
John Curry Phys. Ed. & Health
Ian Foran Grade 8 Social Studies

Tara Lewis Grade 6 Math
Tammy McCarthy Grade 8 Lang. Arts
Lisa Oliver Math Interventionist
Michael Viani Grade 6 Social Studies

Central High:

Colin BaconMathScott BickerstaffEnglishAnne BowmanEnglishTeri Lee BrownSocial StudiesCorey CoffinSocial Studies

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Michael Connors Science

Heidi Conroy Library/Media Specialist
John Cowie .5 FTE Guidance Counselor

Michael Dennis Physical Science

Daniel FurlongEnglishTammy GilesScienceAlison LaneGuidance

Irene LaneSpecial EducationCary LibbySocial StudiesPeter MarshSpecial EducationKaren WardSpecial Education

Unanimous

Members acknowledged Superintendent Sperrey's recommendation of Support Staff appointment for 2020-2021:

CCES Ed Tech I - Makenzy Randall

Members acknowledged Superintendent Sperrey's recommendation of Schedule B appointments for 2020-2021:

CMS Track – Peter Marsh
CMS Assist Track – Chris Cook
CMS "A" Baseball – Mike Rowe
CMS "B" Softball – Leonard Dorion
Varsity Baseball – Peter Speed
JV Baseball – Grant Poulin
Varsity Softball – Shawna Neal
JV Softball – Rick Speed
Spring Track & Field – Michael Viani
Spring Track & Field Assist – John White

Members acknowledged Superintendent Sperrey's recommendation of Schedule B appointment for 2021-2022:

CHS Advisor/Advisee Program Coordinator - Terri Jenkins-Suggs

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Robert Young, and having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted by,

Rhonda Sperrey

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