**Regional School Unit 19**

**Board of Directors’ Minutes**

**January 16, 2018**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Samantha Brown, Corinna Caron, Christopher Easton, Mark Hansen, Fred Hickey, Susie Hopkins, William MacDonald, Robin McNeil, Don Mendell, Ryan Parker, Winn Price, Kenneth Sands, Jason Scholten, Chad Stratton, Jennifer Watson

**MEMBERS ABSENT**: Excused: Paul Carter, Jody Mullis, Erik Stitham, Leland Youngberg

**TOTAL MEMBERS PRESENT**: **825**

**TOTAL MEMBERS ABSENT: 173**

**OTHERS PRESENT**: District staff and members of the community

1. **Opening of Meeting**
2. Flag Salute was rendered.
3. Adjustments to Agenda - Add to VII. New Business:

 B. Staff Resignations

 Fawn Condon Gr. 5 Science & Math SEB

 Edie Randall Guidance Counselor NRHS

 D. Staff Appointments

 Brenda Ripton Adult Ed Secretary, Evenings

 Morgan Mitchell Ed Tech I SOM

1. Approval of Minutes of December 19, 2017

A **motion** was made by Robin McNeil to accept the Board Meeting minutes from December 19, 2017, **seconded** by Ken Sands and **voted** unanimously.

**II. Public Comment** - Angela Brown reported that a Sebasticook Valley Middle School student wrote to Bruce Poliquin in regards to getting a new flag for the school. Last Thursday, a flag arrived and the student was involved with the ceremony of changing the flags.

**III. Reading of Communications**

1. Administrative Communications -

Ellen Surprenant - St. Albans - New teachers are taking a class with Kelly Burns. There is an increase in NWEA scores. Teachers are working on Math with ¾ Somerset Teachers.

Corinna - New teachers doing really well. The students created a Museum of History and Science during a writing project . Used Lucy Calkins curriculum to write for the museum. Working with multi-tiered behavior support.

Laura Donahue - Newport - NWEA/AIMSWEB are in progress. Thanks to the Technology for making this process go much better. Gearing up for One Book, One School. 3rd grade class working on coding. Family Circle Band performed for students around the holidays.

Mary Nadeau - Nokomis - Mid-Terms are getting into full swing. Teacher’s Life Cycle - impressed with the adults in the building supporting each other. Thursday, January 25, Nokomis will host a Lunch and Learn for Seniors. Shawna Melanson will be coming to present a workshop on Prescription Drug Disposal.

Angela Brown - SVMS - Wildcat Clubs are having very successful meetings on Fridays. One book, One School, A Fish In a Tree. IT is moving to Somerset and Art and Health are coming to Sebasticook for the second half of the school year.

Liz Mares - Special Education - Autism Leadership Team met last week. Developing a training for Ed. Techs and teachers. Last comments from the public on Special Ed rules in Augusta. No more transitional certification. DOE is raising the bar for Teachers and Ed Techs. For information on scholarships available for students who would like to become Special Education Teachers, please contact Liz.

1. Superintendent/Board Communication - Mike introduced Mark Hansen, the new Board Member from Hartland.

**IV. Reports**

1. Superintendent - Board Meeting will continue as scheduled in February, even though it will take place during vacation. The Board needs to think about the increase of minimum wage and its effect for Ed Techs and substitutes. An e-Funds online payment option for parents to pay lunch bills was introduced. The Board will consider this option and revisit e-Funds at a future meeting.
2. Board Chair - Chris asked that Board Members correct people who are spreading rumors circulating throughout the district.

**V. Report of Special Committees**

1. Budget/Finance Committee January 9, 2018 - Communication Presented.
2. Building Committee January 10, 2018 - Communication Presented.
3. Education Committee No Meeting
4. Policy Committee No Meeting
5. First Reading of Policies - None

2. Second Reading of Policies

a. JICK-E4 Bullying Reporting, Investigation and Intervention/Resolution

 Process

 A **motion** was made by Robin McNeil to accept JICK-E4 for a second reading, **seconded** by Fred Hickey and **voted** 754 for 71 against (Don Mendell). Motion passed.

 b. KCD Public Gifts/Donations to the Schools

A **motion** was made by Robin McNeil to accept policy KCD for a second reading, **seconded** by Samantha Brown and **voted** unanimously.

1. Transportation Committee No Meeting

A Joint Policy and Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

1. Tri-County Vocational Committee Communication Presented
2. Warrior Education Foundation Committee Canceled due to weather
3. Negotiations Committee No Meeting

 The Committee will begin negotiating the Educational Support Staff Contract.

**VI. Old Business** - None

**VII. New Business**

1. Adjustment to Calendar for ½ Professional Development Day

A **motion** was made by Ken Sands to adjust the current school calendar and have February 7, 2018 become an early release day, **seconded** by Jason Scholten and **voted** 643 for, 182 against (Samantha Brown, Fred Hickey, Robin McNeil). Motion passed.

B. Staff Resignations - Informational

 Resignation letters were available for Board Members to review from:

1. Sherri Gould Literacy Coach NRHS
2. Fran Macchi Ed Tech I SOM
3. Fawn Condon Gr. 5 Math & Math SEB
4. Edie Randall Guidance Counselor NRHS

 C. Staff Nominations - None

D. Staff Appointments - Informational

 The Board was informed of the following appointments:

* 1. Jay Demchak Ed Tech III NRHS
	2. Brenda Ripton Adult Ed Secretary, Evenings
	3. Morgan Mitchell Ed Tech I SOM

J. Staff Transfers -Informational - None

**VIII. Future Agenda Items**

1. SAT Scores
2. High School Education

**IX. Next Meeting Dates**

The Board will meet on February 20, 2018.

**X. Adjournment**

 The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

 Respectfully submitted,

 

 Mike Hammer

 Secretary to the Board

 Note Taker: Darcey LaPrade