

RSU # 12
BOARD OF DIRECTORS (REGULAR) MEETING
Thursday, June 10, 2021 @ 6:30 PM
Chelsea Elementary School

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- *Do not share materials. Please bring your own pen to the meeting.*
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Agenda

In accordance with An Act To Implement Provisions Necessary to the Health, Welfare and Safety of the Citizens of Maine in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, as enacted to read: Sec. G-1 1 MRSA §403-A Public proceedings through remote access during declaration of state of emergency due to COVID-19, this meeting will be conducted remotely through online video conferencing. The meeting will be recorded and made available on our website at <http://www.svrsu.org/remote-school-board-meetings>. The meeting will also be streamed live on the [Sheepscot Valley RSU 12 Youtube Channel](#). If you wish to submit public comment, then you may do so by emailing Leslie Burgess at leburgess@svrsu.org.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Flag Salute

The meeting was called to order at 6:49 p.m.

Sandra Devaney led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Doug Morier, Monique Crummett, Frank Hample, Russell Gates, Mary Coventry, Richard Devries, Sandra Devaney

Zoom: Kristina Verney, Richard Cote, Lynette Conroy, Ryan Carver

Administrators in attendance: Deb Taylor, Michele Grant, Mike Flynn, Heather Wilson, Allison Myers, Stephanie Oliphant, Mark Deblois

Absent: Michael Lemelin (E), Will Sugg (E), Suzanne Balbo (E), Deborah Talacko (E), Doug Crochere, Kimberly Hutchinson (E)

2. Focus on Learning: None
3. Public Comment: (10 min): *Public Comment at School Board meetings is to be restricted to items on the agenda. Comments regarding individuals or personnel matters are not appropriate for the public session. Please email public comment to Leslie Burgess at leburgess@svrsu.org*

Included in the board packet and has been included under New Business on the Agenda.

4. Adjustments and Consent Agenda (20 min)

Note: Items may be removed from the Consent Agenda on the request of any one member; items not removed may be adopted by general consent without debate. Removed items may be scheduled for consideration immediately after the Consent agenda or placed on the agenda at the discretion of the board.

[Action]

Consent Agenda items:

- a. Approve the Minutes of the previous meeting as distributed
- b. Superintendent's Report - remove
- c. Approve the Committee Minutes as distributed
- d. Accept the Personnel Report -remove
- e. Accept the Policies as distributed:
 - i. GBJ - Personnel Records and Files - First Reading
 - ii. KDD - Media Relations - First Reading
 - iii. BEB - Board Use of Social Media - Second Reading

Motion to accept the consent agenda with B and D removed.

Motion passes 10-0-0

Sandra Devaney recognized board members whose terms have ended as of June 30, 2021. She thanked them for their dedication and service to the board. We are planning to do a recognition of board members as well as school staff retirements at a dinner at the August board meeting.

In the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Tuttle discussed that the governor has announced that schools will not need to do social distancing in the fall, which will help with planning the new school year. We do not know yet the ruling on the masks, but will wait for

guidance from the Governor's office and the CDC. He commended the staff in all of the schools for working together during a very challenging year.

In the Personnel Report, the district is hiring new teachers for the board to approve. Mr. Tuttle also let the board know that we just received two more resignations from Kasie Taylor at Chelsea and Wendy Simpson at Windsor and will need to fill those positions.

Russell Gates made a motion to accept the Personnel Report.

Monique Crummett - 2nd

Motion passes 10-0-0

5. Old Business: None

6. New Business: (90min)

- a. To certify the official results of the June 8, 2021, Fiscal Year 2022 Regional Budget Validation Referendum. **[Action]**

SUGGESTED MOTION: To certify the official results of the June 8, 2021, Regional Budget Validation Voting results as presented.

Monique Crummett - 1st

Frank Hample - 2nd

Mr. Tuttle commended the passing of the budget as a testament to what the district has done to educate students this year.

Motion passes 11-0-0

(Richard Devries arrived at the meeting at 7:00 p.m.)

Approval of Votes to Be Adopted

VOTED: That the Computation and Declaration of the Votes dated 06/8/21 and attached here to be and it is hereby approved.

FURTHER VOTED: That the Computation and Declaration of Votes be entered upon the records of Regional School Unit No. 12 (the "Regional School Unit").

FURTHER VOTED: That a certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes be sent to each of the Municipal Clerks within the Regional School Unit. (Computation of votes needs signing)

- b. Calendar/Announcements: 2021-2022 Board Calendar **[Action]**

SUGGESTED MOTION: To approve the 2021-2022 RSU 12 Board of Director's Calendar as presented.

Monique Crummett - 1st

Frank Hample - 2nd

Motion passes 11-0-0

- c. Request that the Board grant the Superintendent the temporary authority during June and July 2021 to issue contracts for teachers and inform the Board at the next board meeting. **[Action]**
SUGGESTED MOTION: To grant the Superintendent temporary authority during June and July 2021 to issue contracts for teachers and inform the Board at the next board meeting.

Mr. Tuttle explained that Maine Statute says that only the board can hire teachers and agreeing to this motion does not give him the power to hire someone, but gives the superintendent permission to hire someone that the board will approve at the August board meeting.

Frank Hample - 1st

Monique Crummett - 2nd

Motion passes 11-0-0

- d. Approval of Cash Flow Borrowing **[Action]**

MOTION: I move that the vote entitled, "Vote to Authorize Issuance of a \$1,500,000.00 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note," be approved in the form presented to this meeting and that the Secretary file an attested copy of said vote within the minutes of this meeting.

Mr. Tuttle explained that this is a yearly process because in July we have not received payments from the towns and we need to make payroll. We do not always have to access it, it is a safety net to make sure we can make payroll and is recommended by the Finance Committee.

Monique Crummett - 1st

Frank Hample - 2nd

Motion passes 11-0-0

- e. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2021-2022 school year.

Russell Gates motioned to nominate Sandra Devaney for Chair of the School Board

Mary Coventry - 2nd

Sandra Devaney received a unanimous vote of 11-0-0

Monique Crummett nominated Rick Cote for Vice Chair of the School Board

Frank Hample - 2nd

Rick Cote received a unanimous vote of 11-0-0

- f. **Ad Hoc Busing and Tuition Committee [Action]**
SUGGESTED MOTION: To form an Ad Hoc Busing and Tuition Committee charged with researching high school options for the future and make recommendations to the RSU 12 Board of Directors.

In the public comment, there was a parent from Whitefield whose child attends Lincoln Academy and is concerned that we have no representation on their school board and no say in their decisions. The comment raised the question of where we are headed in the future with High School Choice. Currently, Wiscasset High School must enroll our students. School choice also means that high schools can ask a student to find another high school to attend for various reasons, such as attendance and discipline. The contract with Wiscasset High School will end in two years and the district will not have a designated high school. Mr. Tuttle recommends putting an Ad Hoc Committee in place to discuss what we will need to do to partner with a high school. The parent has suggested the RSU build our own high school, which is another discussion point.

Monique Crummett - 1st

Doug Morier - 2nd

Frank Hample asked if the statute itself could be amended or describe a way in which the relationship could be standardized. He asked if the Legislature and Education Committee could be involved in whatever action the board wanted to take. He noted the comment of the parent of the communication with the other school boards and having a voice in that setting.

Mr. Tuttle said this committee has existed before and is being brought back for this purpose. Mr. Tuttle said the parent would be willing to attend the meetings or be on the committee.

Kristina Verney asked where the majority of students attend high school. Erskine Academy receives about 50% of our students and the rest are historically spread out over 26 other schools, including Wiscasset, Hall Dale, Cony, Gardiner, Lincoln Academy, etc.

Motion passes 11-0-0

We will need volunteers to serve on this committee. Board members can think about it and email Howie and let him know.

Motion to enter executive session.

Monique Crummett - 1st

Doug Morier - 2nd

Motion passes 11-0-0

7:24 p.m.

- g. Executive Session: Enter Executive Session Pursuant to Title 1
M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (D) Negotiations **[Possible Action]**

8:01 p.m. - end of executive session

Motion to re-enter regular meeting session.

Monique Crummett - 1st

Frank Hample - 2nd

Motion to approve the 2021-2024 Support Staff Contract as presented.

Monique Crummett - 1st

Frank Hample/Rick Cote - 2nd

Motion passes 11-0-0

7. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn

Sandra Devaney - 1st

Monique Crummett - 2nd

Meeting ended at 8:05 p.m.