

# Maine School Administrative District No. 11

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**MERLE E. PEACOCK, JR. BOARD ROOM  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Thursday, September 2, 2021  
6:30 p.m.**

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

**Present:** Becky Fles, Chair; Veronica Babcock, Vice Chair (arrived at 7:09); Nancy Fortier-Brown; Theresa Guerrette; James Lothridge; Nicole Madore; Matthew Marshall; Cullen McGough; Patrick Saucier; Elissa Tracey; Anthony Veit; and Patricia Hopkins, Superintendent

**Absent:** Matthew Lillibridge

**Student Reps:** Peregrine Bolduc-Ignasiak

## **Face Masks Required**

**I. Call to order 0:00:37**

- A. The Board Chair declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

**II. Introduction 0:00:50 – 0:02:10**

- A. Board Members  
B. Administrative Staff  
C. The Pledge of Allegiance  
D. Public Comment

**III. Review and Approval of Agenda/Minutes 0:02:11 – 0:04:05**

- A. Prioritization of items and alteration of the established agenda format sequence as needed.  
B. Approval of Agenda

***Motion by Director Veit to approve the agenda as modified, seconded by Director Guerrette.***

**VOTED: 11,314 – 0**

**Student Vote: 1 - 0**

- C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

- Regular Board Meeting – August 5, 2021
- Special School Board Meeting – August 19, 2021

***Motion by Director Fortier-Brown to approve the above Board minutes, seconded by Director McGough.***

**VOTED: 11,314 – 0**

**Student Vote: 1 - 0**

**IV. Recognition and Celebrations**

**0:04:07 – 0:04:50**

***Motion by Director McGough to celebrate the reopening of school and show appreciation for all the hard work of the staff, faculty, and administration, seconded by Director Veit***

**VOTED: 11,314 – 0**

**Student Vote: 1 - 0**

**V. Correspondence**

**0:04:53 – 0:04:58**

- A. Resignation from Victoria Chapman, Nutrition Worker, Gardiner Regional Middle School
- B. Resignation from Mary May, Bus Driver
- C. Resignation from Nicole Paré, Ed Tech I at Helen Thompson School

**VI. Committee Reports**

**0:04:59 – 0:07:29**

- A. Capital Area Tech Center Advisory – No Meeting
- B. Curriculum Committee – August 10, 2021
- C. Dropout Prevention Committee – No Meeting
- D. Finance Committee – No Meeting
- E. Policy Committee – No Meeting

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Policies:

- None

Rescind:

- None

Job Descriptions:

- None

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Policies:

- None

Rescind:

- None

Job Descriptions:

- None

- F. Student Representatives –
- G. Wellness Committee – No Meeting

**VII. Ad Hoc Committees**

**0:07:30 – 0:08:16**

**VIII. General Information**

**0:08:17 – 0:08:22**

A. Kristin Martin – Lead Nurse – 1 year position only - \$3,500

**Staff Transfers:**

A. Timothy Folsom, Ed Tech II – Spec. Ed. transfer from Gardiner Area High School to Ed Tech II – Spec. Ed. at Gardiner Regional Middle School

B. Brenda Thompson, Ed Tech I – Spec. Ed. transfer from River View Community School to Ed Tech I – Spec. Ed. at Gardiner Area High School

**New Hires:**

A. Michael Wood, Bus Driver

B. David Pottle, Bus Driver

C. Alicia Belmore, District Ed Tech I, Helen Thompson School

D. Anne Lambert, Ed Tech II – Spec. Ed., Gardiner Regional Middle School

E. Suzanne Bisson, District Ed Tech I, River View Community School

F. Ginger Soucy, Nutrition Worker (4 hours/day), Gardiner Regional Middle School

**Coaches:**

A. Nick Wallace, Varsity and JV Boys Soccer Coach, Gardiner Area High School

B. Monique Amero, Varsity and JV Boys Soccer Coach, Gardiner Regional Middle School

**IX. Nominations**

**0:08:23 – 0:09:00**

A. Javen DeHaven, Grade 5 Teacher, Helen Thompson School \$47,649 – ESSER III Funds

***Motion by Director Guerrette to approve the above nomination as recommended by the Superintendent, seconded by Director Marshall.***

**VOTED: 11,314 – 0**

**Student Vote: 1 - 0**

**X. Old Business**

**0:09:01 – 0:54:48**

A. Discussion on the Return to School Plan

- Update on the opening of School – Enrollment
- Creation of a District Health Advisory Committee

**XI. New Business**

**0:55:59 – 1 :03:34**

~~A. Consideration to Charge an Entrance Fee at Home Volleyball Games~~

B. Discussion on the use of the \$250,000 Additional State Subsidy

***Motion by Director Lothridge to rescind the action taken by this board on June 3, 2021 to allocate the sum of \$250,000 in supplemental state funding to the Capital Improvement Reserve Account; to instead authorize the 2021-2022 school budget to be increased by \$250,000; to appropriate that sum for a portion of the costs of the turf field project; and to authorize the superintendent to implement these amendments to the total school budget and the appropriate cost centers and for any monies refunded to be directed to the Capital Improvement Reserve Account, seconded by Director Veit.***

**VOTED 12,463 – 0**

**Student Vote: 1 - 0**

- C. Discussion and Consideration to Delay the State-Mandated Teacher and Principal Evaluation as allowed in LD 1172

***Motion by Director Tracey to delay the State-Mandated Teacher and Principal Evaluation as allowed in LD 1172, seconded by Director Guerrette.***

**Voted:** 12,463 – 0

**Student Vote:** 1 - 0

**XII. Reports**

**1:03:35 – 1:28:34**

A. Board Chair

- Regional School Board Meeting – September 7, 2021

B. Superintendent

- Update on the Status of the Modular Units
- Update on the ARP/ESSER III Application
- ALICE Training for School Board Members
- Legislative Update
- Student Representative Position

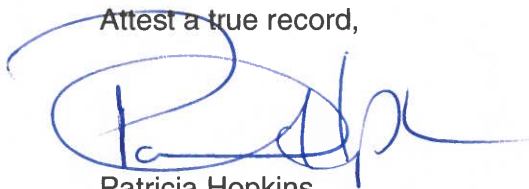
**XIII. Executive Session**

A. None

**XIV. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.**

**1:28:38**

Attest a true record,



Patricia Hopkins  
Secretary