RSU 29
School Board Meeting Minutes
Aug 2, 2021

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Houlton High School Auditorium

Members present: Fred Grant, Erica Peabody, Scott White, Jeannie Tapley, Sue McLaughlin, Timothy Youngfellow, Tammy Goetsch, Stephanie Lively, Jennifer Johnston, Ellen Askren, Sara Deveau

Members Absent: Rosa McNally, Christopher Cain

1. The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Agenda Adjustments
   a. Added: Executive Session will be called to discuss a personnel matter

3. Minutes
   a. A motion was made by Jennifer Johnston and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to accept the July 12, 2021 school board meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Chair’s Report

5. Public Participation

6. Student Representative Report

7. Superintendent’s Report
   a. Overview -- Superintendent Lyons discussed the current COVID situation. A motion was made by Jennifer Johnston and seconded by Jeannie Tapley to make masks optional. The motion carried unanimously. Masks will be worn on all buses and RSU 29 vans. RSU 29 will follow the CDC and DOE mandates as necessary.
   b. New hires / transfers / resignations. A motion was made by Stephanie Lively and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to nominate Jon Solomon as Athletic Director. The motion carried unanimously.
   c. A motion was made by Scott White and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to approve the first reading of Policy BE, Remote Participation In School Board Meetings. The motion carried unanimously.
   d. A motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Sara Deveau to approve the first reading of Policy BGF, Suspension/Repeal of Policy. The motion carried unanimously.
   e. Subcommittees were reviewed and updated
   f. Bus Purchase – A motion was made by Jennifer Johnston and seconded by Scott White to accept the O’Connor bid for the bus purchase. ESSER funds will be used for the purchase.

8. Old Business
   a. None

9. New Business
   a. A motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Stephanie Lively to enter into executive session to discuss an employment related matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) The motion carried unanimously. Time: 6:36pm.

   b. A motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Stephanie Lively to come out of executive session. The motion carried unanimously. Time: 6:47pm

10. Next Meeting/Dates
    a. Sept. 13, 2021 – Finance Committee to sign warrants 5:30pm, Houlton High School
    b. Sept. 13, 2021 – School Board Meeting 6:00pm, Houlton High School
11. A motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Sara Deveau to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.
Time: 7:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Richard Lyons
Secretary

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