RSU 29
School Board Special Meeting
Minutes
August 23, 2021 6:00pm
Houlton Middle/High School

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

1. Board Chair called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited

2. Agenda Adjustments
   a. Adjustment — to move public participation to 5b, after the discussion period

3. Chair's Report

4. Public Participation

5. Superintendent Richard Lyons recommended wearing of masks for students and staff, and utilization of Pooled PCR Testing. The recommendation is based on current recommendations from the CDC, the Commissioner of Education, discussions with Aroostook County superintendents and persons in the medical field.
   a. Board members spoke on the subject matter and presented questions and concerns they had and those they had received from the public.
   b. Public in attendance were given 2 minutes to present their concerns/thoughts and ask questions of the Board. Many parents, concerned citizens, members of the medical community and RSU staff spoke openly and freely.
   c. A motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Jennifer Johnston to endorse the recommendation made by Superintendent Lyons to require masks be worn by all RSU students and staff. The motion passed with 10 YES votes and 3 NO votes. Superintendent Lyons assured all that the requirement will be reviewed monthly at each Board of Directors Meeting.

6. Next Meetings/Dates
   a. 9/13/21 - Finance Committee to sign warrants 5:30pm Houlton High School
   b. 9/13/21 - School Board Meeting 6:00pm, Houlton High School

7. Adjournment – A motion was made by Jeannie Tapley and seconded by Stephanie Lively to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. Time: 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Richard Lyons
Superintendent