

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING APPROVED MINUTES

**BJSHS CAFETERIA**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING **5:30PM**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 SCHOOL BOARD **6:30PM**

Zoom Link for Live Viewing at:

<https://rsu10-org.zoom.us/j/84881893506?pwd=cXV3VDN3UkE2cUovSXI2ZzJTS3l1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 848 8189 3506

Passcode: 983997

School Board Members Present: Greg Buccina, Veronica “Bonnie” Child, Gail Parent, Michelle Casey, Dan Hodge, Robert “Bill” Hobson, Abbey Rice, Janet Brennick, Justeen LaPointe, Peter DeFilipp(zoom), Chad Culleton, Jerry Wiley, Jenifer Adams

School Board Members Absent: None

School Board Student Reps. Present: None

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Staff & Community Present: Deb Alden, Leanne Condon, George Reuter, Brian Carrier, Margaret Therriault, Ryan Casey, Matt Gilbert, Marianne Hutchinson, Jill Bartash(zoom), Ryan Wilkins(zoom), Kim Fuller(zoom), Teachers, Parents, Community Members via Zoom.

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

1. Welcome- George Reuter
2. Audience introductions

**II. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

If yes:

Motion: J. Wiley

Second: J. Brennick

Unanimous

**III. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES**

Approve the minutes of the August 23rd Meeting of the Western Foothills Regional School Unit No. 10 School Board meeting minutes as written.

Motion: J. Brennick

Second: C. Culleton

Unanimous

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

(This is the time for the public to comment in-person at School Board Meetings)

None

## **V. COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE**

\_Student Board Representatives Reports - None- MVHS, Vote on 9/21 for representative.

Student Board Representatives Reports - None- BJSHS, Working on.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

September 15th BAC Committee Meeting at 5:30 Virtual

D. Alden- This meeting will be for sub groups to discuss funding, grant options/opportunities for unfunded(by MDOE) expenses, etc. for new building projects.

September 23rd Equity Committee Meeting at 3:30 at Virtual

September 27th Technology Committee at 3:00 at CO

September 28th (TUESDAY) Personnel Committee Meeting at 5:30 at CO

September 28th (TUESDAY) School Board Meeting at 6:30 at MVHS Cafe

October 12th (TUESDAY) Policy Committee Meeting at 5:30 at CO

October 12th (TUESDAY) School Board Meeting at 6:30 at MVHS

October 14th Equity Committee Meeting at 3:30 Virtual

October 25th Finance Committee Meeting at 5:30 at CO

October 25th Personnel Committee Meeting at 5:30 at CO

October 25th School Board Meeting at 6:30 at MVHS

October 28th Equity Committee Meeting at 3:30 Virtual

## **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Personnel Committee- Nothing to report.
2. Policy Committee-9/13 meeting- Discussed Affirmative Action Plan, regulations/policies-revisions.
3. Finance Committee- 10/25 meeting.
4. Building & Grounds Committee- Nothing to report. Meeting date pending.
5. Negotiations Committee update- D. Alden meeting with negotiator on 9/14.
6. Region 9- 9/15 Special meeting to discuss masks protocols/procedures.
7. Region 11- 9/9 meeting- Discussed Forestry grant and Equipment grant. 600 students in the Tech program at Region 11. New Superintendent for MSAD 17, a strong advocate/supporter of Tech programs.
8. Technology Committee-9/27 meeting.

9. Building Advisory Committee- 9/15 meeting with Sub groups.
  10. Curriculum Committee- Nothing to report.
  11. Equity Committee- Action steps for 2021-2022 SY.
  12. Superintendent's Report-
- Covid-19 –
    - \*Reported out on the September 9 vaccination clinics at BJSHS=12 students and MVHS=9 students. Second doses will be administered on September 30th.
    - \*Pool Testing- coming slower than we anticipated, however, we have quite a few folks signed up. First testing will be at the end of September 20 week.
    - \* Since July 1 (Summer School) and September 1 through today: Cumulative information of the number testing positive for COVID-19, is on the RSU 10 website: Go to Explore--- “COVID 19 Updates”.
  - Initial enrollment –
    - \*September 3 was 1802 ( +~65 over last year)
    - September 13 was 1794; 1755 on this day last year, a difference of 39. 50 less Home Instruction students on August 27, than last year at the same time.
  - Toured Monmouth PreK-8 and Brewer PreK-8 on Friday, September 10. BCS is About the size RSU 10 new building will be.- I like our draft design better, but obtained ideas from both and shared what to do as well as what to watch for. S. Holmes is meeting with Efficiency ME and also Passive Energy engineers; working on narrowing in on our specific needs.
  - ESSER III –
    - \*Leah and I met with DOE to go over our first attempt at the application and we are in the process of making a few adjustments to get final approval.
  - We need a Local delegate to the MSBA Delegate Assembly-Oct. 23.
    - \*Peter did this and Charlie was the alternate and the other way around. This is an excellent way to learn more in a variety of areas – they have break-out sessions you can choose from then as a delegate you vote on resolutions. You will vote on this at the September 28 Board meeting. Let Peggy know if you are interested in attending.
  - Looking for a date, perhaps the week of October 18 for the next School Board workshop opportunity. This workshop's focus will be on Equity.
  - On September 28, you will be voting on the use of an additional subsidy(\$600,000) which we learned about after the budget vote.
  - Article: **A Path to Equity Paved by Social-Emotional Learning** –
    - \*We have added more SEL (as we call this) in our schools and are starting to experience some positive results.

Ab. Rice, M. Casey and J. LaPointe- Asked for clarification on Quarantining protocols/procedures and numbers of teachers/staff quarantining.

D. Aden explained, the numbers change daily.

J. Brennick and C. Culleton- Asked and reminded the community that all updated information is both on the RSU 10 website and the RSU 10 App.

B. Hobson- Asked questions related to natural immunity/herd immunity.

M. Casey and J. Brennick- Asked questions relating to the Pool Testing procedure; as is very confusing to many.

D. Alden explained, RSU 10 is following the CDC SOP(standard operating procedure) guidelines.

J. LaPointe and M. Casey- Asked about the costs associated with Pool testing.

D. Alden explained, these costs are covered under the State of ME COVID funds, NOT RSU 10 COVID funds.

Board members suggested and requested one of the RSU 10 district nurses attend the next meeting on September 28, to answer questions.

## **VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S CORRESPONDENCE**

### Administrative/Department Reports:

Update on quarantining and learning- Leanne Condon, Assistant Superintendent  
September support for students in Quarantine. Provided a handout with data.

### Resignations/Retirements:.

The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Tammy-Lyn Perry, Pre-K Ed. Tech III at MES, effective 8/18/21.

The Superintendent has accepted the retirement of Pauline Jamison, Van Driver for the District, effective 9/2/21.

The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Ryan Casey, JV Football Coach at MVHS, effective 8/24/21.

The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Stacey Casvikes, Grade 6 Teacher for COVID 2021-2022 (1yr.) Position at HSES, effective 9/17/21.

The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Courtney McPherson, Special Ed., Ed Tech III, effective 9/9/21.

The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Stuart Corlett, Special Ed., Ed. Tech III at MVHS, effective 9/3/21.

The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Justin Lagassey, Alpine Ski

Coach at MVMS, effective 9/2/21.

The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Mark Anderson, Custodian/Bus Driver at BJSHS, effective 9/7/21.

Transfers:

The Superintendent has approved the transfer of Tonia DeSalle from Special Ed., Ed. Tech III at WRFP, to PreK Ed. Tech III at MES.

The Superintendent has approved the transfer of Stephanie Gammon from COVID Ed Tech I at MVMS to Special Ed., Ed Tech I at MVMS, on 9/1/21.

Appointments:

The Superintendent has appointed Patricia Rioux- Allen as the Director for Nezinscot Valley Kids(NVK) After school Program.

The Superintendent has appointed June Giambattista as Certification Secretary for the District.

The Superintendent has appointed Jessica Sirois as Head Coach for Girls Field Hockey at MVMS.

The Superintendent has appointed Chris Perks as a Stipend Position, Envirothon Coach at MVHS.

The Superintendent has appointed Jessica Casey as a Stipend Position, Building Based Coordinator (BBC) for Special Education, at MVHS.

The Superintendent has appointed Linda Andrews as a Stipend Position, National Honor Society Co-Advisor at BJSHS.

The Superintendent has appointed LeAnn Fereshetian as a Stipend Position, National Honor Society Co-Advisor at BJSHS.

The Superintendent has appointed Kaleigh Warner as 2024 Co-Class Advisor at MVHS.

The Superintendent has appointed Scot New as 2024 Co-Class Advisor at MVHS.

New Hires (don't need Board approval):

The Superintendent has hired Melanie McDiffett as Special Ed., Ed Tech I at MES, on 8/25/21.

The Superintendent has hired Candice Bradbury as Special Ed., Ed Tech I at MES, on 8/25/21.

The Superintendent has hired Carol Groleau as Library Ed Tech III at MVMS, on 8/23/21.

The Superintendent has hired Stormy Cogley as Nutrition Service Worker at MVHS, on 8/23/21.

The Superintendent has hired Mindy Bourret as PT Clerical Support at MVMS Annex, on 8/23/21.

P. DeFilipp- Suggested a Falcon, as a mascot idea, for the new school building.

B. Hobson- No American flag flying at RES? J. Bartash explained the flagpole is Unstable; working on getting this rectified.

M. Casey- Acknowledged unhappy community members' petition.

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: J. Brennick

Second: Chad Culleton

Unanimous at 7:34 p.m.