RSU 29
School Board Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2021

Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Houlton High School Auditorium

Members present: Fred Grant, Erica Peabody, Scott White, Jeannie Tapley, Sue McLaughlin, Tammy Goetsch, Stephenie Lively, Jennifer Johnston, Rosa McNally, Ellen Askren, Sara Deveau, Christopher Cain

Members Absent: Timothy Youngfellow

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

2. Agenda Adjustments
   a. Added: Additional teacher recommendation
   b. 8A will be moved up – prior to 7A

3. Minutes
   a. A motion was made by Jennifer Johnston and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to accept the Aug 2, 2021 and Aug 23, 2021 school board meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Chair’s Report

5. Public Participation- members of the public spoke regarding the current COVID pandemic. School Nurse Holly Hodgkins spoke regarding the current number of active cases in RSU 29.

6. Student Representative Report

7. Superintendent’s Report
   a. Overview –
   b. New hires / transfers / resignations.
      A motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Rosa McNally to nominate Sandy Flacke as Director of Special Services. The motion carried 11 yes votes and 1 no vote.
      A motion was made by Christopher Cain and seconded by Tammy Goetsch to nominate Sara Smith as Grade 6 Teacher. The motion carried unanimously.
      A motion was made by Stephenie Lively and seconded by Christopher Cain to nominate Wendy Bradstreet as Business Manager. The motion carried unanimously.
      A motion was made by Tammy Goetsch and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to nominate Olivia White as Grade 2 Teacher. The motion carried with 11 yes votes and 1 abstention.
      A motion was made by Stephenie Lively and seconded by Scott White to nominate Melanie Greaves as Teacher and Program Director. The motion carried unanimously.
   c. A motion was made by Stephenie Lively and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to approve the second reading of Policy BE, Remote Participation In School Board Meetings and BGF, Suspension/Repeal of Policy, The motion carried unanimously.
   d. A motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Sara Deveau to approve the first reading of Policy EEAEE-R, and EEAEEA, both Video Surveillance on School Property and Buses, also IKF, Student Assessment/Local Assessment System. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Old Business
   a. Discussion and update on the Covid 19 pandemic. Superintendent Lyons proposed RSU 29 go to Remote Learning for all schools, due to the increased numbers of staff and students impacted by positive exposure and quarantine requirements. RSU 29 is preparing to conduct pooled testing.

9. New Business
   a. Athletic Director Jon Solomon spoke to the Board in support of entering into a co-operative agreement with
GHCA regarding the winter season.

10. Informational Enclosures
   a. Enrollment

11. Next Meeting/Dates
   a. October 4, 2021 – Finance Committee to sign warrants 5:30pm, Houlton High School
   b. October, 2021 – School Board Meeting 6:00pm, Houlton High School

11. A motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Jeannie Tapley to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.
   Time: 7:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Lyons
Secretary

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