

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 64
Bradford Corinth Hudson KenduskeagP Stetson

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 26, 2021

The members of the Board of Directors of RSU 64 met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 25, 2021 in response to an agenda dated October 22, 2021. The agenda was distributed to members electronically.

Members Present: Rhonda Williams, James Connolly, Wanda St. Peter, Katherine Waite, Curtis Chadbourne, Anne Kenneson, Amy Bean, Julie Byers, Haley Emery, Terri Jane Casavant, Robert Young, Sherry Horn, Nicole Kelley, David Nichols, Parvanah Withee

Student Representatives
Present: None

Members Absent: Tonya Wozneak, Jodi Brasslett, Chad Crooker

Others in Attendance: Superintendent Rhonda Sperrey, administrators, and members of the public

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rhonda Williams at 7:00 p.m. A roll call and check of attendance found a quorum of 15 members present, and 3 members absent.

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second of Anne Kenneson, the Board voted to approve the draft minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting (September 27, 2021), Policy Committee Meeting (September 27, 2021), and the Hiring Committee Meeting (September 27, 2021) and to place the minutes on file as part of permanent Board records.

Unanimous

Petitions and Communications

Chair Williams indicated the Board is in receipt of a letter of resignation from Brittany Dorr (CCES Grade 5 Teacher).

Chair Williams called for Public Forum items. No items were presented.

Reports

Superintendent Sperrey updated members on the following administrative topics:

CCES Well Update

The new well has been drilled at CCES and the pump tests are being completed. Once disinfection and required tests are completed, the pump installation will be completed. Several tests will need to be performed before the bulk water deliveries can be halted and the boil order lifted. The District continues to work with the Maine Drinking Water Program and the Maine Rural Water Association consultants to complete the necessary steps to fully restore the water supply and system for the school. Given this project is not yet completed, it is not yet known what financial impact this water system failure will incur.

COVID Relief for Staff - LD 933

LD 933 includes an additional 15 days of retroactive sick leave for school staff that are experiencing a disruption to their work due to COVID-19. This legislation expired on October 18, 2021.

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Nicole Kelley, members approved extending the COVID leave provision for all staff.

Unanimous

District Enrollment (As of October 1, 2021)

CCES – 489 (-3)

CMS – 247 (-3)

CHS – 317 (-4)

Total = 1053 (-10)

Administrator Reports

CCES Principal Carrie Carr – Mrs. Carr highlighted the upcoming PTO meeting on Thursday, October 28, 2021. This is the first in person PTO meeting the group has been able to have since March 2020.

CMS Principal Sandra Cookson – Mrs. Cookson highlighted the fall sport season success for Central Middle School teams.

CHS Principal Brett Hoogterp – Mr. Hoogterp distributed a copy of the Central High School Newspaper: “In the Red” to each member.

CHS Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Jared Foster – Mr. Foster highlighted the fall sport season success for Central High School teams.

Curriculum Coordinator Danette Kerrigan – Nothing was added to Mrs. Kerrigan’s previously distributed report.

Special Education Director Riley Donovan – Nothing was added to Mr. Donovan’s previously distributed report.

Comprehensive Regional Technical High School Update – Superintendent Sperrey shared information from the most recent meeting of stakeholders held on September 30, 2021 via Zoom with regard to potential governance structures for the Comprehensive Regional Technical High School concept.

Member Wanda St. Peter expressed concerns around the number of suspensions at CMS and CHS this fall.

New Business**Update on Reopening of Schools Plan**

Superintendent Sperrey reviewed the updated Reopening Plan for the 2021-2022 school year. The revised plan includes language pertaining to recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics and the US CDC around the return to athletics following a student athlete’s positive case of COVID-19.

Members Wanda St. Peter made a motion to accept the proposed revisions as presented. Member James Connolly seconded the motion.

After considerable discussion, Member Wanda St. Peter made a motion to amend her previous motion. Member Julie Byers seconded the motion.

Yea – 9
Nay – 4 (Kenneson, Bean, Withee, Casavant)
Abstention – 2 (Horn, Williams)

Chair Williams called for a vote on the amended motion to approve the revisions to the Reopening Plan to include language around Student Athletes Return to Play. Implementation includes completed paperwork for student athletes to participate in sports following a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 that would require an updated medical clearance or the date of the medical appointment to obtain an updated medical clearance for the student athlete to return to play, assuming the burden of risk is on parents, should the medical clearance not be in place in time for tryouts.

Yea – 11
Nay – 4 (Kenneson, Bean, Withee, Casavant)
Abstention - 0

Superintendent Sperrey advised members on the guidelines being drafted for the Winter Sports Season.

Central High School Student Council Presentation

Members of the Central High School Student Council presented information pertaining to the Handbook policy that students are not permitted to wear hats or hoods inside the school building.

Upon the motion of Amy Bean and second by Robert Young, members voted to amend expectations about wearing hats inside Central High School to reflect the proposal as presented.

Yea – 14
Nay – 1 (Nichols)
Abstention - 0

Discussion and Consideration of Rate Change Effective January 1, 2022 to Applicable Positions in the Support Service Personnel Association Collective Bargaining Agreement and Substitutes

Upon the motion of Curtis Chadbourne and second by Katherine Waite, members approved a rate increase to the salary schedule steps impacted by the increase of minimum wage from \$12.61/hour to \$12.75/hour beginning January 1, 2022. The rate change impacts Step 0 of the Educational Technician, Driver, Custodian, and Food Service classifications in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. The rate change also impacts the substitute rate with a change from \$92.25/day to \$95.63/day, the equivalent of an increase from \$12.30/hour to \$12.75/hour.

Unanimous

Discussion and Consideration of MSBA Proposed Resolutions

Maine School Board Association Assembly Delegate Nicole Kelley updated members on the Delegate Assembly that took place on Saturday, October 23, 2021.

Executive Session 1 MRSA 405(6)(E)

Upon the motion of Anne Kenneson and second by Wanda St. Peter, members entered into Executive Session at 8:13 p.m.

Upon the motion of Curtis Chadbourne and second by Amy Bean, members voted to return to Public Session at 8:23 p.m.

Upon the motion of Katherine Waite and second by Sherry Horn, members directed Superintendent Sperrey to pursue an insurance claim pertaining to the water system failure at Central Community Elementary School.

Unanimous

Personnel Nominations

Members acknowledged Superintendent Sperrey's Support Staff appointment for 2021-2022:

CCES Ed Tech I – Jamie Bean

Members acknowledged Superintendent Sperrey's Schedule B appointments for 2021-2022:

CMS "A" Boys Basketball – Robert Pomeroy
CMS "A" Girls Basketball – Chris Cook
CMS "B" Girls Basketball – Leonard Dorion
CMS "A" Cheering – Taylor Buswell
Intramurals – John Curry
Varsity Boys Basketball – Riley Donovan
JV Boys Basketball – Andrew Speed
Varsity Girls Basketball – Jamie Russell
JV Girls Basketball – John Curry
Varsity Cheering – Cristy Strout
JV Cheering – Whitney Susee
CHS Indoor Track Head Coach – Mike Viani
CHS Indoor Track Assistant Coach – John White

Upon the motion of Anne Kenneson and second by Wanda St. Peter, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by,


Rhonda Sperrey
Secretary