

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 64
Bradford Corinth Hudson Kenduskeag Stetson

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 23, 2021

The members of the Board of Directors of RSU 64 met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 22, 2021 in response to an agenda dated November 18, 2021. The agenda was distributed to members electronically.

Members Present: Rhonda Williams, James Connolly, Wanda St. Peter, Katherine Waite, Anne Kenneson, Julie Byers, Haley Emery, Terri Jane Casavant, Robert Young, David Nichols, Steven Ingalls, Jodi Brasslett, Chad Crooker

Student Representatives
Present: None

Members Absent: Tonya Wozneak, Curtis Chadbourne, Amy Bean, Sherry Horn, Nicole Kelley

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

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rhonda Williams at 7:01 p.m. A roll call and check of attendance found a quorum of 13 members present, and 5 members absent.

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second of Katherine Waite, the Board voted to approve the draft minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting (November 2, 2021), and the Regular Monthly Board Meeting (October 25, 2021) and to place the minutes on file as part of permanent Board records.

Yea – 12
Nay – 0
Abstention – 1 (Ingalls)

Petitions and Communications

Chair Williams indicated the Board is in receipt of a letter of resignation from Cheryl Goldsmith (Food Service Assistant).

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 is online at CCES. The building water distribution system is still unstable as it has been losing pressure periodically due to air in the lines, not unlike what was experienced when the school opened in August 2016. Additionally, given the work maintenance staff has done with the hydrologist consultant, it appears water may be being lost somewhere in the building system. The maintenance staff are working with a plumber and the contracted controls system company to try to solve the problems. The District will disinfect the well again this week and will wait on final water test results before the boil water order will be lifted.

Winter Sports and Activities

The Penquis Region Superintendents have worked together to draft guidelines for winter sports and activities that have been unanimously approved by the membership. RSU 64 will adhere to the guidelines to begin the winter season and has committed to staying cognizant of changes in pandemic conditions that may impact the guidelines.

District Enrollment (As of November 1, 2021)

CCES – 487 (-2)

CMS – 243 (-4)

CHS – 314 (-3)

Total = 1044 (-9)

Administrator Reports

CCES Assistant Principal Kerri Wyman – Ms. Wyman shared that CCES was able to donate meals to families in need this Thanksgiving.

CMS Principal Sandra Cookson – Mrs. Cookson highlighted the pie fundraiser at CMS.

CHS Principal Brett Hoogterp – Mr. Hoogterp added results from the CHS food drive and noted the meals CHS donated to families in need this Thanksgiving.

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 and Member David Nichols shared information from the most recent meeting of stakeholders held on November 15, 2021 in LeGrange, and referenced the Bangor Daily News article published concerning the concept exploration taking place.

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

Superintendent Sperrey reviewed the updated Reopening Plan for the 2021-2022 school year. Mrs. Kerrigan spoke to the revised plan specifically as it includes language pertaining to the Remote Learning Plan in place should a school or the entire District need to close to in person learning due to COVID-19.

Member Wanda St. Peter made a motion to accept the proposed revisions as presented. Member Jodi Brasslett seconded the motion.

Unanimous

Personnel Nominations

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

CMS "B" Boys Basketball – Andrew Prescott

CMS "B" Cheering – Maddigan DeMoranville

CMS Athletic Waiting Room Co-Advisors – Robert Pomeroy and Emily Clement

Member Jodi Brasslett thanked administrators for their monthly reports and asked if there were specific

challenges they are facing with regard to COVID-19. Administrators cited challenges in supporting the social and emotional needs of both students and staff and maintaining a full program schedule given staff absences for various reasons and the lack of substitutes.

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Chad Crooker, members approved suspending the December Regular Monthly Meeting. Members acknowledged the commitment to meet should there be an urgent need.

Unanimous

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Chad Crooker, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rhonda Sperrey". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Rhonda Sperrey
Secretary

