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**MERLE E. PEACOCK, JR. BOARD ROOM
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Thursday, December 2, 2021
6:30 p.m.**

DRAFT Minutes

Present: Becky Fles, Chair; Veronica Babcock, Vice Chair; Theresa Guerrette; Matthew Lillibridge; James Lothridge; Nicole Madore; Matthew Marshall; Ange Pitteroff; Diane Potter; Patrick Saucier; Elissa Tracey; Anthony Veit; and Patricia Hopkins, Superintendent of Schools

Student Reps: Peregrine Bolduc-Ignasiak, Sophia Mathieu

Face Masks Required

- I. Call to order 0:00:23 – 0:00:35
 - A. The Board Chair declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
- II. Introduction 0:00:36 – 0:51:28
 - A. Board Members
 - B. Administrative Staff
 - C. The Pledge of Allegiance
 - D. Public Comment

Numerous members of the staff and public provided comments and Patricia Hopkins, Superintendent, read emails sent to the School Board.
- III. Review and Approval of Agenda/Minutes 0:51:29 – 0:52:55
 - A. Prioritization of items and alteration of the established agenda format sequence as needed.
 - B. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Anthony Veit to approve the agenda as modified, seconded by Matthew Lillibridge.

Voted: 13,612 - 0 Student Vote: 2 - 0

Motion Carried.

- C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:
 - Regular Board Meeting – November 4, 2021

Motion by Elissa Tracey to approve the above Board Minutes, seconded by James Lothridge.

Voted: 13,612 – 0

Student Vote: 2 – 0

Motion Carried.

- IV. Recognition and Celebrations 0:52:55 – 0:59:05
- A. Ava, 3rd Grade Student at River View Community School, for having her artwork chosen to hang in the Augusta Capitol Complex from February – May 2022 to highlight Your Art Month
 - B. Gardiner Regional Middle School – End Hunger
- V. Correspondence 0:59:06 – 0:59:09
- A. Resignation letter received from Brian Schaab, Speech/Language Pathologist, District Position
- VI. New Business 0:59:10 – 1:10:25
- A. MSAD 11 Annual Audit Presentation by Hank Farrah, Runyon, Kersteen, and Ouellette
- VII. Committee Reports 1:10:26 – 1:33:58
- A. Capital Area Tech Center Advisory – No Meeting
 - B. Curriculum Committee – November 9, 2021
 - C. Dropout Prevention Committee – November 23, 2021 – Available in Board Folders
 - D. Finance Committee – November 16, 2021 – Available in Board Folders
 - Driver's Education

Motion by Elissa Tracey to support the creation of a Drivers' Education Program through the MSAD 11 Adult Education Program, seconded by Theresa Guerrette.

Voted: 13,612 – 0

Student Vote: 2 – 0

Motion Carried.

- E. Policy Committee – November 4, 2021

1st Reading

Policies:

- BED Remote Participation in School Board Meetings
- JGAA Assignment of Students to Classes – Five Year Olds
- JGAB Assignment of Students to Classes – Transfers and Home School
- JI Student Rights and Responsibilities
- JICB Care of School Property by Students
- JICC Student Conduct on School Buses
- JICC-R Student Conduct on School Buses – Rules
- KF Community Use of School Facilities and Grounds
- School Facilities Fees and Rates
- Facilities Use Application

Motion by Anthony Veit to move the above policies to a second reading, seconded by Elissa Tracey.

Voted: 13,612 – 0

Student Vote: 2 – 0

Motion Carried.

2nd Reading

Policies:

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| • BDD | Board-Superintendent Relationship |
| • BEDG | Minutes |
| • BHC | Board Communications with Staff |
| • BIC | Board Member Freedom of Access Law Training |
| • BIC-E | Certification of Completion of Freedom of Access Training |
| • CB-R | Superintendent of Schools Job Description |
| • CBI | Evaluation of the Superintendent |
| • CHCAA | Student/Staff Handbooks |
| • CHD | Administration in the Absence of Policy |
| • DJH | Purchasing and Contracting: Procurement Staff Code of Conduct |
| • ECAD | Security Camera System |
| • GBEBB | Staff Conduct with Students – MSMA Version - Required to be included in employee, student, and volunteer handbooks |
| • GBGB | Workplace Bullying – New Policy |
| • GBJ | Personnel Records and Files |
| • GCOC | Evaluation of Administrative Staff |
| • GCRD | Tutoring for Pay |
| • JFAA | Admission of Resident Students |
| • JFAB | Admission of Non-Resident Students |
| • JFABD | Admission of Homeless Students – MSMA Version (Replace existing JFABD) |
| • JFABD-R | Admission of Homeless Students – MSMA Version |
| • JFC | Dropout Prevention – Student Withdrawal From School |
| • JKAA | Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion – DW Version (Replace existing JKAA) Needs to be included in Student handbook |
| • JKAA-R | Procedures on Physical Restraint and Seclusion – DW Version Needs to be included in Student Handbook |
| • JLCD | Administration of Medication to Students |

Rescind:

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| • GBEB | Staff Conduct with Students/Staff-Student Relations |
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Job Description:

- School Board Video Production Specialist (Stipend)

Motion by Anthony Veit to move the above second reading policies, rescinded policy and job description, seconded by Elissa Tracey.

Voted: 13,612 – 0

Student Vote: 2 – 0

Motion Carried.

- F. Student Representatives Report 1:33:02 - 1:33:58
G. Wellness Committee – November 1, 2021
- VIII. Ad Hoc Committees 1:33:59 – 1:34:54
A. Hoch Field Committee
- IX. General Information 1:33:55 – 1:33:57
A. Mark Biggs, Health and Physical Education Department Chair, Gardiner Area High School
B. Jamie Riggins, Long-term Substitute Nurse, District Position
C. Deirdra Darcy, Ed Tech II – Special Ed, Gardiner Regional Middle School
- X. Nominations 1:34:06 – 1:35:06
A. None
- XI. Old Business 1:35:07 – 2:39:03
A. Health Advisory Committee
• Universal Mask Mandate
- Motion by Anthony Veit to continue with the universal mask mandate as recommended by the Health Advisory Committee and to begin preparing for the elimination of the masks, seconded by Elissa Tracey.***
- Voted: 11,131 – 2,481 Student Vote: 2 – 0***
(Theresa Guerrette and Patrick Saucier opposed)
- Motion Carried.***
- Pool Testing
- Motion by Veronica Babcock to begin pool testing, seconded by Matthew Marshall.***
- Voted: 11,131 – 2,481 Student Vote: 2 – 0***
(Theresa Guerrette and Patrick Saucier opposed)
- Motion Carried.***
- B. Winter Sports
• MPA Recommended Guidelines
- Motion by James Lothridge to lift the building capacity restrictions and to permit visitor spectators, seconded by Veronica Babcock.***
- Voted: 13,612 – 0 Student Vote: 2 – 0***
- XII. Reports 2:39:04 – 2:42:37
A. Board Chair
• NSBA – Board Meeting December 3 – 5, 2021
• Board Committee Assignments
- B. Superintendent
• US Department of Education – ARP Funds

XIII. Executive Session

2:42:38 – 2:43:31
(Recorded Meeting Ended)

- A. Executive Session to discuss labor issues - 1 MRSA § 405 (6)(D)

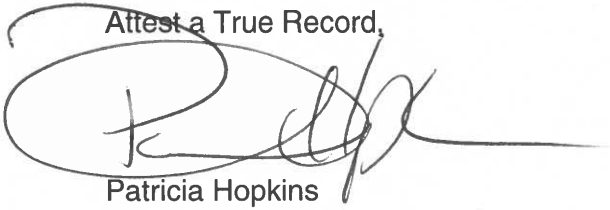
Motion by Elissa Tracey to enter executive session at 9:16 p.m. seconded by Anthony Veit.

Exited Executive Session at 9:27 p.m.

XIV. Adjournment

- A. The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Attest a True Record,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patricia Hopkins', is written over the text 'Attest a True Record,'.

Patricia Hopkins
Secretary

