

RSU29

School Board Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2021 6:00p.m.

Place: Houlton High School Auditorium

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

Members absent: Timothy Youngfellow, Ellen Askren

- I. The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited
2. Agenda Adjustments
 - a. No adjustments
3. Minutes
 - a. A motion was made by Sara Deveau and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to accept the November 1, 2021 School Board Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.
4. Chair's Report
 - a. Board Chair presented RSU 29 School Nurse Holly Hodgkins with an award from the MSBA in recognition of her dedication and hard work during this pandemic.
5. Public Participation
 - a. Members of the public, staff, and students, spoke regarding the current COVID pandemic.
6. Student Representative Report
 - a. Student Representatives presented their reports to the Board.
7. Superintendent's Report
 - a. A motion was made by Tammy Goetsch and seconded by Christopher Cain to change the current 3 foot quarantine policy to 6 feet in effort to reduce the whole classroom quarantine. The motion was withdrawn after much discussion.
 - b. Director of Curriculum, Melanie Blais, provided a presentation regarding the NWEA, Northwest Evaluation Association, testing that the students have recently taken. Taken during the Fall and again in the Spring it will provide comparative data.
 - c. Superintendent advised that the Ed Tech contract has been ratified and completed.
 - d. Superintendent advised that American Rescue Plan funds will be used to hire a Home to School Coordinator.
8. Old Business
 - a. A motion was made by Tammy Goetsch and seconded by Stephenie Lively to approve the second reading of Policy JKAA, Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. New Business

- a. A motion was made by Christopher Cain and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to approve, as a slate, first readings of Policies:
JLCB, Immunization of Students;
ACAB, Harassment & Sexual Harassment of School Employees;
JEA, Compulsory Attendance;
AC, Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity & Affirmative Action.
The motion carried unanimously.

10. Informational Enclosures

- a. November Financial Statement

11. Next Meetings/Dates

- a. January 3, 2022 – Finance Committee to sign warrants 5:30 p.m., HMHS Auditorium
- b. January 3, 2022 – School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m., HMHS Auditorium

12. Adjournment

- a. A motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Christopher Cain to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Lyons
Secretary

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