RSU29

School Board Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2022 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 and Ellen Askren
Members absent: Timothy Youngfellow,

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 Jennifer Johnston and seconded by Stephenie Lively to accept the December 6, 2021 School Board Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Chair’s Report
   a. none

5. Student Representative Report
   a. Student Representatives presented their reports to the Board.

6. A motion was made by Christopher Cain and seconded by Jennifer Johnston to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(A)
   The motion carried unanimously.
   A motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Scott White to leave Executive Session at 6:40. The motion carried unanimously.
   A motion was made by Jennifer Johnston and seconded by Ellen Askren to give all RSU employees an extra week of pay, in recognition of their continued efforts during this pandemic.
   The motion passed with 11 yes votes and 1 abstention.

7. Superintendent’s Report
   a. RSU Registered Nurse Holly Hodgkins discussed the newest COVID 19 SOP and how it will impact RSU 29
   b. Resignations/retirements/new hires, Superintendent recognized Cliasta Bither for her 30 + years with RSU, wishing her well into retirement. Kelly Brown was hired as an educational technician for HMHS.
   c. Business Manager and Director of Operations spoke about ESSER Funds and how RSU 29 has made use of the funds, as well as plans for the funds in the future.
   d. Director of Region II presented information regarding available classes and programs offered.
   e. Superintendent shared results from the recent survey taken. VP of the Teachers Association discussed the responses and offered clarification. VP also spoke of various options the association would like considered.
   f. Superintendent provided minutes from the most recent Facilities Committee Meeting.
8. Public Participation
   a. Members of the RSU staff and faculty spoke. Members of the public spoke. Parents spoke.
   b. A motion was made by Christopher Cain and seconded by Sara Deveau to make masks optional. The vote did not carry with 3 yes votes and 9 no votes.

9. Old Business
   a. A motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Stephenie Lively to approve, as a slate, second readings of Policies:
      JLCB, Immunization of Students;
      ACAB, Harassment & Sexual Harassment of School Employees;
      JEA, Compulsory Attendance;
      The motion carried unanimously.

10. New Business
    a. A motion was made by Tammy Goetsch and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to approve, as a slate, first readings of Policies:
       GBN, Family and Medical Leave;
       GBEBB, Staff Conduct with Students;
       JHB, Truancy;
       JIC, Student Code of Conduct;
       GBGB, Workplace Bullying.
       The motion carried unanimously.
    b. A motion was made by Stephenie Lively and seconded by Jennifer Johnston to approve the first reading of the 22-23 school calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Informational Enclosures
    a. none

11. Next Meetings/Dates
    a. 2/7/22 – Finance Committee to sign warrants 5:30 p.m., HMHS Auditorium
    b. 2/7/22 – 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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