RSU 29
School Board Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Place: Houlton High School Library 7 Bird Street Houlton

Members present: Erica Peabody, Scott White, Sue McLauglin, Tammy Goetsch, Sara Deveau, Christopher Cain, Jeannie Tapley, Margaret York, Ellen Askrin, A. John Hyman

Members absent: Fred Grant, Jennifer Johnson, Stephanie Lively

1. Vice Chair, Erica Peabody called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited

2. Agenda Adjustments
   a. Item 7 d. Drinking Water Analysis Update was added under the Superintendent’s report

3. Minutes
   a. Motion was made by Sue McLauglin and seconded by Jeannie Tapley to accept the April 4, 2022 School Board Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.

4. Chair’s Report
   a. Erica Peabody reported that it was great to see everyone in attendance and that we’re all enjoying warmer weather. She also welcomed our newest board member, A. John Hyman.

5. Student Representative Report
   a. Students gave an update on events happening at each of the schools

6. Public Participation
   a. None

7. Superintendent’s Report
   a. Mr. Lyons gave an update on Covid provisions and informed the board that RSU 29 will continue with pooled testing until September. This is a free service provided to those who opt in.
   b. New hires/transfers/resignations - Longtime RSU 29 Kindergarten teacher, Susan McMann was recognized for her many years of service to the district. She will retire at the end of this year.
   c. Assistant Principal, DeWayne Morse gave an overview of spring activities taking place at Houlton Middle High School. All events are posted on social media as well as the district website.
   d. Business Manager, Wendy Bradstreet gave an update on this year’s drinking water analysis. All water fountains tested in the normal range and any other water sources that tested below standard have been shut off until the issue is resolved. Testing will take place again in the upcoming weeks as there were irregularities discovered with the testing process.
8. Old Business
   a. A motion was made by Scott White and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to adopt the
      second reading of Policy KE; Public Concerns and Complaints. The motion carried.

9. New Business A decision was made to table the first reading of the following policies:
   a. Policy IIJ: Instructional & Library Materials Selection
   b. Policy IIJ-R: Instructional & Library Materials Selection
   c. Policy IIJ-E: Request for Consideration of Materials
   d. Policy GCQC: Resignation of School Employees
   e. Policy JICA: Student Dress
   f. A motion was made by Tammy Goetsch and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to accept the
      district budget for the FY23 school year. The motion carried.
   g. A motion was made by Scott White and seconded by Tammy Goetsch to sign a short term
      lease for MLTI Apple devices at Houlton Middle High School.
   h. A motion was made by Tammy Goetsch and seconded by Christopher Cain to authorize
      the district to apply for and expense NCLB/ESSA/Local Entitlement funds. The motion
      was unanimously approved.

10. Informal Disclosures
    a. April Financial Statement

11. Next Meeting Dates
    a. 6/6/22 Finance Committee to sign warrants 5:30 p.m. Houlton High Library
    b. 6/6/22 School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Houlton High School Library

12. Adjournment
    a. Motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Margaret York to adjourn. The
       motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Lyons
Secretary

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