

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 64
Bradford Corinth Hudson Kenduskeag Stetson

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 29, 2022

The members of the Board of Directors of RSU 64 met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 28, 2022 in response to an agenda dated March 24, 2022. The agenda was distributed to members electronically.

Members Present: Rhonda Williams, James Connolly, Wanda St. Peter, Katherine Waite, Anne Kenneson, Julie Byers, Tonya Wozneak, Steven Ingalls, Amy Bean, Nicole Kelley, Robert Young

Student Representatives

Present: None

Members Absent: Michael Anderson, Jodi Brasslett, Terri Jane Casavant, Haley Emery, Sherry Horn, Curtis Chadbourne, Chad Crooker

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

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rhonda Williams at 7:00 p.m. A roll call and check of attendance found a quorum of 11 members present, and 7 members absent.

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second of Anne Kenneson, the Board voted to approve the draft minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting (March 14, 2022), Policy Committee Meeting (March 3, 2022), Regular Monthly Board Meeting (February 28, 2022), and the Finance Committee Meeting (February 24, 2022) and to place the minutes on file as part of permanent Board records.

Unanimous

Petitions and Communications

Chair Williams indicated the Board is in receipt of a letter of resignation from Colin Bacon (CHS Math), Erica Churchill (CCES Custodian), Park Coelho (CMS "B" Baseball Coach), Louise Noyes (CCES Custodian), Ashley Babcock (CCES Ed Tech I), and Ray Arsenault (CCES Grade 3 – effective June).

Chair Williams called for Public Forum items.

Ron Ireland of Corinth shared data pertaining to hospitalizations and deaths among children due to COVID-19 and asked the Board to consider an agenda item in the future specifically examining student achievement data and how the mitigation strategies the District put in place contributed to further educational disruption to students. Mr. Ireland cited his opinion of his cost/benefit analysis as it pertained to health and safety measures and their alleged resulting impact on student achievement.

Julie McCarthy of Bradford shared comments in support of Mr. Ireland's comments also referencing a cost/benefit analysis of the District's pandemic response.

Reports

Superintendent Sperrey updated members on the following administrative topics:

COVID-19 Update

Each Friday, the District updates the school community with the number of positive COVID-19 individuals it has been made aware of in the past seven days through the Apptegy email platform. In the past four weeks, RSU 64 has been averaging 12 new cases each week. Participation in pool testing has remained high with approximately 70% participating. Home test reporting and pool testing has provided the District with timely information with regard to student and staff wellness. Most all daily procedures have returned to pre-pandemic routines.

Current Calendar

The District has used three cancellation days, to date. Therefore, the final student day is currently scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, 2022. CHS Graduation will take place on Saturday, June 11 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cross Center in Bangor, Maine.

Utility Net Billing

After review of the District electricity invoices, Ampion Inc. has proposed a net billing agreement for RSU 64. In their estimation, the District could save up to \$23,161 annually by joining their Community Solar Farms projects located in Maine. The agreement would be a 10-year term partnered with an upcoming project on Broadway in Bangor expected to come online in the third quarter of 2022. A second company reached out last week requesting the opportunity to examine the District's costs and offer a program.

District Enrollment (As of March 1, 2022)

CCES – 488 (-1)

CMS – 234 (-5)

CHS – 300 (-1)

Total = 1022 (-7)

Administrator Reports

Administrative reports are distributed to Board members in advance of each monthly meeting.

CCES Principal Carrie Carr – Mrs. Carr had nothing to add to her previously distributed report.

CCES Assistant Principal Kerri Wyman – Ms. Wyman updated members on the first PTO event held at CCES since the onset of the pandemic citing great attendance at the movie night held.

CMS Principal Sandra Cookson – Mrs. Cookson updated members with respect to the seventh grade CMS student who traveled to Portland for the State Spelling Bee. The student placed 7th at the bee and is hopeful he will return next year as an 8th grader.

CHS Principal – Mr. Hoogterp highlighted the Drama Club's most recent successes at the State Drama Festival.

CHS Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Jared Foster – Mr. Foster shared highlights from the startup of spring sports.

Special Education Director Riley Donovan – Mr. Donovan expanded on the information in his report by adding information relative to pending draft legislation that would promote the transition of CDS (Child Development Services) administration and services to local school units. The current legislation indicates local school units would become administratively responsible for special education services for 3-5 year olds in July 2024. Local school units would become completely responsible for all services by July 1, 2026. Funding structures and support are yet to be determined.

Comprehensive Regional Technical High School Update – Superintendent Sperrey updated members on the planning around the comprehensive regional technical high school concept. LD 176 was voted in

Committee “ought to pass” with amendment allowing the formation of a 9-16 comprehensive regional technical high school should the local voters approve. The next meeting of the planning group is scheduled for Monday, April 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the CCES cafeteria.

New Business

Budget Update

Superintendent Sperrey reviewed current progress on the budget draft for FY23. Several items discussed during the meeting will now be reflected in the draft. The District was notified on March 25 the maximum health insurance premium increase statewide will be 8%. Individual districts will be notified of their increase on April 8, 2022. RSU 64 spends approximately 2.5 million on health insurance costs each year, so any increase is of significant concern. The Finance Committee is scheduled to meet with municipal officials on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the CCES cafeteria. A full FY23 budget presentation will take place at the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors scheduled for Monday, April 25, 2022. The District Budget Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Central Community Elementary School cafeteria.

Presentation by Staff of Revisions to ELA Standards

After a presentation by teachers Amy Clement (CMS/CHS Intervention) and Scott Bickerstaff (CHS), and upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Katherine Waite, members approved the adoption of the revised standards as presented.

Unanimous

Property Damage Acceptance of Settlement and Release of Claims

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Amy Bean, members authorized Superintendent Sperrey to sign the Property Damage Release of All Claims accepting settlement and releasing Corinth Plumbing & Heating LLC and Frankenmuth Mutual Insurance Co. of future claims concerning the well incident at CCES on or about September 30, 2021.

Unanimous

Approval of Proposed 2022-2023 School Calendar

Policy Committee Chair James Connolly described the process of establishing a proposed school calendar including the collaboration between local school units belonging to Region 4 for career and technical education and the meeting and consulting process with staff.

Upon the motion of Katherine Waite and second by Amy Bean, members approved the proposed 2022-2023 school calendar as presented.

Unanimous

Discussion and Consideration of Sanding and Plowing Bids for 2022-2023 through 2024-2025

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Anne Kenneson, members awarded the sanding and plowing contract for 2022-2023 through 2024-2025 to J.B. Libby & Sons in the amount of \$47,854.87 each year.

Unanimous

Discussion and Consideration of Printer/Photocopier Bid Proposal

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Tonya Wozneak, members approved the proposed tax-exempt lease with M.S.T. Government Leasing, LLC, for the purposes of leasing, refinancing, and funding photocopy equipment leases including consultant fees, and related costs of issuances of such leases in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand and Seven Hundred Sixty-Four

dollars and Twenty-Two Cents (\$139,764.22) and an interest rate of 3.490% per year through August 1, 2026.

Unanimous

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Tonya Wozneak, members authorized the Superintendent to execute and deliver the tax-exempt lease with M.S.T. Government Leasing, LLC on such terms and conditions discussed and provided to the Board and to execute and deliver any such documents required to execute the contract with Specialized Purchasing Consultants, Inc.

Unanimous

Possible Executive Session under 1 MRSA 405(6)(D) for the purpose of updating Board Members on Staff Negotiations

Upon the motion of Katherine Waite and second by Anne Kenneson, members approved an Executive Session.

Time In: 7:57 p.m.

Upon the motion of Katherine Waite and second by Wanda St. Peter, members returned to Public Session.

Time Return: 8:50 p.m.

As Chief Negotiator for the Negotiations Committee, Mr. Connolly expressed immense gratitude to the teachers for their dedication to the District and for their outstanding commitment to the children of RSU 64 every day and notably during the COVID-19 pandemic. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Connolly recognized the positive negotiations process that has led to the development of the Tentative Agreement the Teachers' Association has ratified.

Upon the motion of James Connolly and second by Nicole Kelley, members agreed to ratify the terms and conditions of the Tentative Agreement with the RSU 64 Teachers' Association as presented.

Unanimous

Upon the motion of James Connolly and second by Amy Bean, members approved salary increases, extended benefits, and the extension of contracts of administrators as presented.

Unanimous

Upon the motion of James Connolly and second by Amy Bean, members approved salary increases and extended benefits of staff falling under Policy GDAA and GDAB as presented.

Unanimous

Personnel Nominations

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Katherine Waite, members approved Professional Staff appointments of Continuing Contract Teachers for 2022-2023:

<i>Central Community Elementary School:</i>	<i>2021-2022 Position</i>
Alice Allard	Kindergarten
Sally Batchelder	Grade 3
Jamie Birmingham	Grade 2
Janet Blodgett	Speech

Anna Bryer
 Lynn Chubbuck
 Brian Clark
 Pamela Clukey
 Marcie Coffin
 Carolyn Donaldson
 Rachel Emery-Russell
 Stephanie Fogler
 Casee Hart
 Bonnie Harvey
 Joseph Howard
 Lee Jack
 Shirley Jordan
 Natasha Mandigo
 Ginna Marsh
 Melissa Morissette
 Dawn Nickerson
 Jennifer Noel
 Adrienne Pelkey
 Shannon Perkins
 Sherri Poulin
 Melissa Reardon
 Stephanie Reynolds
 Marissa Rivard
 Christal Ryder
 Monica Sabine
 Kendra Sanborn
 Lisa Swett
 Tabitha Trafton
 Cortney Wesley
 Marie Wheeler
 Cheryl Wood

Itinerant:

Andria Bacon
 Amy Clement
 Traci Fowler
 Brittany McAllister
 Jennifer McKenzie
 Jennifer Soares

Central Middle School:

Amy Bickerstaff
 Hope Buswell
 Robin Clukey
 Beth Cook
 John Curry
 Ian Foran
 Tara Lewis
 Tammy McCarthy
 Lisa Oliver
 Lindsey Peterson
 Stacey Shaw
 Michael Viani

Art Teacher
 Classroom Music
 Phys. Ed.
 Grade 2
 Grade 3
 Grade 2
 Grade 2
 Grade 3
 Grade 5
 Grade 4
 Special Education
 Kindergarten
 PreK
 School Nurse
 Grade 1
 Grade 4
 GT/Reading Interventionist
 Kindergarten
 PreK
 Grade 3
 Grade 5
 Special Education
 Math Interventionist
 Kindergarten
 Grade 1
 Reading Recovery
 Grade 1
 Kindergarten
 Reading Recovery
 Grade 2
 Special Education
 Grade 4

2021-2022 Position

Music/Band
 English
 Special Education Evaluator
 Health
 Technology Integrator
 Speech Therapist

2021-2022 Position

Grade 7 Social Studies
 Special Education
 Grade 8 Science – *Sabbatical 21-22*
 Grade 6 Science
 Phys. Ed. & Health
 Grade 8 Social Studies
 Grade 6 Math
 Grade 8 Lang. Arts
 Math Interventionist
 Grade 6 Lang. Arts
 Grade 7 Math
 Grade 6 Social Studies

Central High School:	2021-2022 Position
Scott Bickerstaff	English
Sherry Blanchard	Guidance Counselor
Anne Bowman	English
Teri Lee Brown	Social Studies
Corey Coffin	Social Studies
Michael Connors	Science
John Cowie	.5 FTE Guidance Counselor
Michael Dennis	Physical Science
Daniel Furlong	English
Irene Lane	Special Education
Cary Libby	Social Studies
Peter Marsh	Special Education
Karen Ward	Special Education

Unanimous

Members acknowledged the recommendation of Superintendent Sperrey's Support Staff appointments for 2021-2022:

CCES Custodian – Gabriel Potter
 CCES Custodian – Gary Currier
 CHS Ed Tech I – Nicole DeMoranville

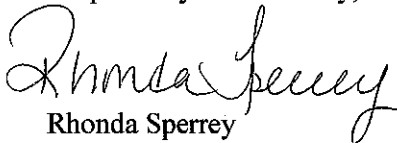
Members acknowledged the recommendation of Superintendent Sperrey's Schedule B appointments for 2021-2022:

CMS Intramurals – Tami Call and Emily Clement
 CMS Track – Peter Marsh
 CMS "A" Baseball – Mike Roman
 CMS "B" Baseball – Nicole Allen
 CMS "A" Softball – Casey Noyes
 CMS "B" Softball – Leonard Dorion
 Varsity Baseball – Peter Speed
 JV Baseball – Grant Poulin
 Varsity Softball – Shawna Neal
 JV Softball – Gabrielle Poulin
 Spring Track & Field – Mike Viani
 Spring Track & Field Assist – Hannah Farrar (one-year)

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Amy Bean, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by,


 Rhonda Sperrey
 Secretary