RSU29
School Board Meeting Minutes
March 7, 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, Margaret York
Members absent: Timothy Youngfellow, Ellen Askren & Sara Deveau

1. The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited

2. Agenda Adjustments - none

3. Minutes
   a. A motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Jennifer Johnston to approve the February 7th Board meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.
   b. A motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Jennifer Johnston to approve the March 3rd Board meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Chair’s Report
   a. Chair Grant requested board members consider working on the Budget Committee. Board members Sue McLaughlin and Jeannie Tapley volunteered for the work.

5. Student Representative Report
   a. Student Representative presented a report to the Board.

6. Public Participation
   a. Union members spoke regarding the teachers in attendance of the meeting wearing red in support of education and their dissatisfaction that a contract agreement has not been reached.
   b. A staff member requested clarification regarding the state SOP with masking changing to optional.

7. Superintendent’s Report
   a. Superintendent provided an update on the current COVID SOP. RSU 29 has a supply of KN 95 masks or staff and student use upon request. RSU 29 will continue with safety measure, such as pooled testing, encouraging staff and students to stay home when ill and increased cleaning protocols. RSU 29 will encourage visitors once again in the schools. Field trips and building rentals will be reinstated.
   b. Superintendent provided the board a copy of a legislative bill #1939, an Act to Protect School Administration Officials from Harassment and Abuse.

8. Old Business
   a. A motion was made by Scott White and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to approve the revised 2022-2023 school calendar. After some discussion the motion was withdrawn to be re-visited next meeting with clarification.
   b. Director of Operations Joe Fagnant discussed the RSU facilities projects. The presentation included details on current projects, projected plans and the state of each RSU building. Mr. Fagnant discussed the need to look at long range planning and funding related to the aging facilities.
9. New Business
   a. Spring Coaches are
      Jim Castner – Varsity baseball        Shawn Graham – JV baseball
      Travis Gentle – Varsity softball      Darcy Gentle – JV softball
      Nancy Mooers- Tennis                 Chris Rines – Track & Field
      Todd Willard – Volleyball (boys)     Heather Quimby – Volleyball (girls)
      Ellen Dyer & Elliot Mooers – Unified basketball  Mark Duchesneau – HMS baseball
      Bryan Swallow – HMS softball          Todd Willard – HMS tennis
   b. A motion was made by Tammy Goetsch and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to approve the first reading of policy BDA; Board Organizational Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
   c. David Alward of Davis, Gates and Alward provided an overview of the FY 21 audit. No issues were found. The audit was strong.
   d. Food Services Director Karen Carmichael spoke of the current national after school food program at HSS and HMS. After some discussion a motion was made by Jennifer Johnston and seconded by Tammy Goetsch to opt out of the alternate After School Food Program. The motion carried unanimously. The current program is already established.

10. Informational Enclosures
    a. Business Manager Wendy Bradstreet presented the February 2022 financial statement. A member of the Board asked about the increased expenses for speech, hearing and occupational therapy. This question will be addressed at the next Board meeting.

11. Next Meetings/Dates
    a. April 4, 2022 – Finance Committee to sign warrants 5:30 p.m., HHS Auditorium
    b. April 4, 2022 – School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m., HHS Auditorium

12. Adjourn
    A motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Stephenie Lively to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Lyons
Secretary

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