

RSU # 12
BOARD OF DIRECTORS (REGULAR) MEETING
Thursday, March 10, 2022 @ 6:30 PM
Chelsea Elementary School

*The meeting will be recorded and made available on our website at
<https://www.svrsu.org/page/video-recorded-school-board-meetings>.*

Face Coverings are Optional

Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order, Verbal Roll Call, and Flag Salute

Rick Cote called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. and let the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: Rick Cote, Kristina Verney, Kathryn Temple, Deborah Talacko, Russell Gates, Rick Danforth, Doug Morier, Will Sugg, Mary Coventry, Deborah Myers, Kimberly Hutchinson

Absent: Sandra Devaney (E), Suzanne Balbo (E), Ryan Carver (E), Dustin Mellor (E), Richard DeVries (E)

Administrators in Attendance: Deb Taylor, Michele Grant, Mike Flynn, Heather Wilson, Allison Hernandez, Stephanie Oliphant, Mark Deblois, Larry Dancer

2. Approval of the Agenda (5 min)

Motion to approve the agenda made by Doug Morier

Deborah Talacko - 2nd

Motion to approve 11-0-0

3. Focus on Learning: Chelsea Kindness Initiative and New Teacher Support

Allison Hernandez from Chelsea School discussed the Kindness Initiative with the board. This program began in November with Miss Kim's garden, to honor Kim Tinkham-Lavallee, with kindness displays around the school. Ms. Rosie will be putting up pictures of students caught in the acts of kindness and there will also be a garden planted outside in the spring.

Deb Taylor talked about support that the district provides to our new teachers. We have a mentoring system, which means anyone new to the district gets a mentor for at least a year. Mentors are there for new teachers to talk to and ask questions. We support our new teachers with training and instructional coaching. Allison Hernandez discussed observations and how they help teachers, whether done by administrators or other teachers, as well as meetings.

4. Public Comment: (10 min): *Public Comment at School Board meetings is to be restricted to items on the agenda. Comments regarding individuals or personnel matters are not appropriate for the public session.*

No public comment.

5. Consent Agenda (20 min)

Note: Items may be removed from the Consent Agenda on the request of any one member; items not removed may be adopted by general consent without debate. Removed items may be scheduled for consideration immediately after the Consent agenda or placed on the agenda at the discretion of the board.

[Action]

Consent Agenda items:

- a. Approve the Minutes of the previous meeting as distributed - remove
Richard Danforth commented that the minutes should be reformatted. The minutes have too much information.

Mr. Tuttle explained that several years ago there was a large group in the audience that was very angry and it was changed the way we did the minutes because some members of the public felt the board was hiding something. Will Sugg also said the meetings are recorded on Youtube which augments an abbreviated version of the meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes made by Rick Danforth

Kathryn Temple - 2nd

Motion passes 11-0-0
- b. Superintendent's Report - remove
RSU 12 is optional masking officially.
- c. Approve the Committee Minutes as distributed
- d. Accept the Personnel Report
- e. Accept the Policies as distributed - remove
 - i. GBGB - Workplace Bullying - Second Reading
Mr. Tuttle explained that we need to have it due to a law passes specifically for schools.
 - ii. JICIA - Weapons, Violence And School Safety - First Reading
There have been updates to this policy, including updates to our list of weapons. Any educational event that involves weapons will need to be approved by the board.

Motion to approve GBGB Second Reading made by Mary Coventry

Deborah Talacko - 2nd

Motion passes 11-0-0

Motion to approve JICIA with the pepper spray issue to be brought back to the Policy Committee made by Russell Gates.

Doug Morier - 2nd

Motion passes 11-0-0

Motion to accept the consent agenda items C and D made by Russell Gates

Mary Coventry - 2nd

Motion passes 11-0-0\0

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business: (90min)

a. ESEA Public Announcement - Every year, we compile an application for public title monies, so anyone that would like to offer comment can contact Deb Taylor at Central Office.

b. Draft Budget Presentation - Second iteration [Informational]

The Preliminary Budget was presented, with an overall increase of 3.09%. We are waiting for health insurance increase information. The budget will be approved at the April meeting by the School Board.

c. District Budget Meeting and Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Timeline [Possible Action]

School Board members are encouraged to attend the budget presentations in their towns.

d. Bus Purchase [Action]

Suggested Motion: To approve the financing and purchase of two buses.

Motion to approve the financing and purchase of two buses made by Rick Danforth

Kathryn Temple - 2nd

Motion passes 11-0-0

e. RSU 12 PreK Program [Possible Action]

We have a PreK program at Somerville School with three staff members. At Windsor, we have a Prek classroom with three staff members in a smaller classroom. Somerville has two classrooms and the proposal is to

move the Windsor Prek to the extra classroom at Somerville. The classrooms can collaborate with each other, share staff and share supplies with the possibility of running a prek only bus to Somerville. We would also be able to increase the number of students in the program.

This will be discussed at the April School Board Meeting.

- f. Walking Path at Chelsea Elementary School [Action]
Suggested Motion: To approve "in concept" the installation of a walking path by the Town of Chelsea on RSU 12 property as presented while understanding that more details are needed.

Motion to approve the concept of the walking trail made by Kathryn Temple

Doug Morier - 2nd

Mary Coventry asked about how to maintain the security of the school in regards to the path near the school. We will make the town manager aware of the concern.

10-0-1 (Mary Coventry abstained)

- g. Athletics Ad Hoc Committee [Possible Action]
Suggested Motion: To form an Ad Hoc Athletics Committee with at least one Board member representative to discuss membership in the current Sheepscot Valley Athletic League and recommend to the Board any changes to league membership.

There has been some discussion about the league the district is in and there are schools in the league of difference sizes and expertise. This committee will look into how to explore the issues for the teams and the schools. The committee would include principals, Athletic Directors, at least one board member and parents.

Motion to form an Ad Hoc Athletics Committee made by Kimberly Hutchinson

Deborah Myers - 2nd

Motion passes 11-0-0

- h. Windsor 8th Grade Field Trip overnight at Winthrop YMCA [Action]
Suggested Motion: To approve the Windsor 8th Grade Field Trip

Motion to approve the 8th grade field trip made by Rick Danforth

Russell Gates - 2nd

Motion passes 11-0-0

8. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m. without objection