

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 64  
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REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 22, 2022

The members of the Board of Directors of RSU 64 met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 in response to an agenda dated June 16, 2022. The agenda was distributed to members electronically.

Members Present:        Rhonda Williams, James Connolly, Amy Bean, Michael Anderson, Wanda St. Peter, Haley Emery, Steven Ingalls, Sherry Horn, Curtis Chadbourne, Nicole Kelley, Robert Young

Student Representatives  
Present:                    None

Members Absent:        Chad Crooker, Katherine Waite, Tonya Wozneak, Julie Byers, Terri Jane Casavant, Anne Kenneson, Jodi Brasslett

Others in Attendance:    Superintendent Rhonda Sperrey and administrators

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rhonda Williams at 7:05 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 Nicole Kelley, the Board voted to approve the draft minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting (May 23, 2022), and Hiring Committee Meeting (May 23, 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 Hannah Farrar (CMS/CHS Art Teacher), Ian Foran (CMS Social Studies Teacher), Andrew Speed (JV Boys Basketball Coach), and John Curry (JV Girls Basketball Coach).

Chair Williams called for Public Forum items. No items were presented.

Reports

Superintendent Sperrey updated members on the following administrative topics:

**Close of School Year**

The final student day was June 8, 2022 and the final staff day was June 9, 2022. The final week of school included traditional celebrations of achievement and fun filled activities for students and staff. The final staff day, teachers engaged in meaningful and timely professional development planned by the PDA (Professional Development Admin) team in the morning. The District provided lunch for all employees that day. Staff ended their day engaged in various tasks of their choice to complete their work year.

**Energy Savings**

Information was released last week with regard to grant opportunities for public schools and municipalities for the procurement and installation of energy saving equipment and infrastructure through Efficiency Maine partners. Mr. Cole has already met with Efficiency Maine representatives and will be exploring all possible avenues to reduce energy costs for the District.

**PreK Expansion – 2023-2024**

The Department of Education is offering grant opportunities for districts looking to expand PreK options. CCES Principal Carrie Carr and Curriculum Coordinator Danette Kerrigan are working on gathering data from parents and staff regarding expansion options. For example an additional classroom with two half day sessions, expanding half day sessions to full day sessions, and a combination of both expansion options. Recommendations will come to the Board for their consideration during the 2022-2023 school year so appropriate plans can be generated for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Dental Insurance**

Upon the collaborative decision with the Teachers' Association, the District has entered into an agreement with MSMA to provide dental insurance coverage for employees under agreements for such an option. Coverage will be fully paid by the employee and will begin on July 1 for administrators and for District Office employees covered under policy. Optional coverage will begin for teachers who choose to opt in with the implementation of the new collective bargaining agreement on September 1, 2022.

**District Enrollment (As of June 1, 2022)**

CCES – 495 (+1)

CMS – 239 (0)

CHS – 295 (-1)

Total = 1029 (0)

**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 report.

CCES Assistant Principal Kerri Wyman – Ms. Wyman thanked the Board for the opportunity to work in the District for the past 14 years.

CMS Principal Sandra Cookson – Dr. Cookson had nothing to add to her report.

CHS Principal Brett Hoogterp – Mr. Hoogterp updated members on the success of graduation exercises and activities.

CHS Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Jared Foster – Mr. Foster shared highlights from a very successful spring sports season and noted work has begun on fall and winter sports schedules.

Special Education Director Riley Donovan – Mr. Donovan had nothing to add to his report.

Curriculum Coordinator Danette Kerrigan – Mrs. Kerrigan had nothing to add to her report.

Comprehensive Regional Technical High School Update – Superintendent Sperrey and Board members on the Planning Committee updated members on the meeting held on Monday, June 13, 2022 at Tri County Technical Center in Dexter. At the Planning Committee meeting, members that had traveled down to Massachusetts for a tour of the Minuteman High School on June 9 shared impressions of the facility and programming. Superintendents on the Planning Committee updated members on the meeting held with the Commissioner of Education and her finance and school construction team regarding the

current progress of the project. The Department of Education has made it clear there is no funding available to continue with the selection of engineers and architects to complete the site selection work necessary to get the project to a referendum. The estimated cost from the Department of Education is \$750,000 - \$1,000,000. Planning Committee members discussed a lack of financial support from each local school unit given the tight budgets that exist in each district. Members discussed other funding options including private donations and the exploration of grant opportunities. It was agreed, at minimum, an RFQ should be drafted so a more precise budget can be determined. Board members expressed significant disappointment in the lack of support from the Department of Education at this juncture.

#### New Business

##### **Handbook Language Update**

Principal Hoogterp and Principal Cookson presented information from their committee work about dress code procedures and proposed new language for the Student/Parent Handbooks for the 2023 school year.

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by James Connolly, members approved the new handbook language as presented.

Unanimous

##### **Budget for 2022-2023**

Upon the motion of James Connolly and second by Wanda St. Peter, members voted to verify the results of the Annual District Budget Meeting held on June 9, 2022 as recorded, presented, and distributed as minutes of that meeting, to validate the results of the District Budget Validation Referendum held on June 14, 2022, and to have the Board members sign the Tax Warrants prepared by the Superintendent, and to direct the Superintendent to issue the Warrants assessing the member municipalities of the District their proportionate share of the total assessments as approved by voters on June 9, 2022 and validated on June 14, 2022.

Unanimous

##### **Discussion and Consideration of Annual Authorization for the Superintendent to File all Applications and to act as the Board's Legal Representative in Order to Secure State and Federal Grants for 2022-2023.**

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by James Connolly, members voted to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to file all applications and to act as the Board's legal representative in order to secure State and Federal grants for 2022-2023.

Unanimous

##### **Discussion and Consideration of Governance Committee Member Re-Appointments**

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by James Connolly, members approved Governance Committee member re-appointments:

1. Monica Sabine, Education Specialist, 2022-2024
2. Jennifer Soares, Special Education PreK-12, 2022-2024

Unanimous

##### **Discussion and Consideration of Appointments**

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by James Connolly, members approved the following appointments:

1. School Physician – Dr. Bryan Lundquist
2. School Dentist – Dr. Daniel Steinke

Unanimous

**Discussion and Consideration to Authorize the Hiring Committee to Act on Behalf of the Board During the Months of July and August**

Upon the motion of Amy Bean and second by Nicole Kelley, members authorized the Hiring Committee to Act on Behalf of the Board during the months of July and August.

Unanimous

**Annual Election/Appointment of Standing Committees**

The Superintendent called for nominations for position of Chair for 2022-2023. The nomination of Rhonda Williams was offered by Wanda St. Peter and seconded by Curtis Chadbourne. Seeing no further nominations, the Superintendent called for a vote.

Yea – 10

Nay – 0

Abstention – 1 (Williams – subject of vote)

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Amy Bean, member James Connolly was nominated as Vice-Chair for 2022-2023.

Yea – 10

Nay – 0

Abstention – 1 (Connolly – subject of vote)

Members approved the following Standing Committee memberships for 2022-2023:

Building Committee – Robert Young, Terri Jane Casavant, Michael Anderson, Jodi Brasslett, Julie Byers

Finance Committee – Nicole Kelley, Anne Kenneson, Tonya Wozneak, Sherry Horn, Curtis Chadbourne

Hiring Committee – Robert Young, Wanda St. Peter, Rhonda Williams, Steven Ingalls, Julie Byers

Negotiations Committee – Nicole Kelley, James Connolly, Amy Bean, Katherine Waite, Jodi Brasslett

Policy Committee – Haley Emery, James Connolly, Amy Bean, Sherry Horn, Steven Ingalls

Transportation – Haley Emery, Chad Crooker, Tonya Wozneak, Katherine Waite, Curtis Chadbourne

**Personnel Nominations and Confirmations**

Members acknowledged Superintendent Sperrey's Support Staff appointments for 2022-2023:

Assistant Supervisor of Maintenance & Custodial Services – Lucien Potvin  
CCES Ed Tech – Bram Dennis

Members acknowledged Superintendent Sperrey's Schedule B appointments for 2022-2023:

Varsity Boys Basketball Coach – Quinson Lancaster

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Amy Bean, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rhonda Sperrey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Rhonda" is written with a large, looped 'R', and the last name "Sperrey" follows in a similar cursive script.

Rhonda Sperrey  
Secretary