

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 64  
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REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 29, 2022

The members of the Board of Directors of RSU 64 met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 28, 2022 in response to an agenda dated November 22, 2022. The agenda was distributed to members electronically.

Members Present:        Rhonda Williams, James Connolly, Wanda St. Peter, Nicole Kelley, Anne Kenneson, Steven Ingalls, Katherine Waite, Julie Byers, Sherry Horn, Robert Young, Terri Jane Casavant, Jodi Brasslett, Tonya Wozneak, Curtis Chadbourne, Haley Emery

Student Representatives

Present:                    Lilliana Ainsworth

Members Absent:        Michael Anderson

Members Absent

Without Excuse:        Chad Crooker, Amy Bean

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

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rhonda Williams at 7:04 p.m. A roll call and check of attendance found a quorum of 15 members present, and 5 members absent.

Superintendent Sperrey requested the draft minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting held on October 3, 2022 be amended to reflect the correct date of the meeting.

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second of Sherry Horn, the Board voted to amend the minutes as requested.

Unanimous

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second of Sherry Horn, the Board voted to approve the draft minutes of the Building Committee Meeting (November 16, 2022), the amended minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting (October 3, 2022), and the draft minutes of the Hiring Committee Meeting (October 3, 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 retirement from Grade 4 Teacher Cheryl Wood (effective June 30, 2023) and resignation from Arlen Burns (CHS Ed Tech I), Tami Call (CMS Intramurals), Whitney Eriksson (CCES Food Service Assistant), Gabrielle Poulin (JV Softball Coach), and Grant Poulin (JV Baseball Coach).

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

## Reports

Superintendent Sperrey updated members on the following administrative topics:

### **Maintenance & Facilities**

The maintenance and facilities staff have been addressing several ongoing facility issues. In addition to the coordination of our recent water testing with regard to the new requirements for lead and PFAS, maintenance staff have been extremely busy keeping the water pressure in place at CCES. Recent work on the water pumps appears to have fixed the issues.

Mr. Cole has been working diligently to draft a scope of work to be recommended regarding the renovation of the HVAC system at CHS. This work is expected to be completed during the late spring and summer months in 2023.

The District has been made aware the school zone signs designated for Route 15 are now available. It has been two years since this process began. Maintenance staff will pick up the equipment and receive training on the software system on Monday, December 12. The District will work with an outside contractor to have the signs installed.

### **Hiring**

At this time, the District continues to seek applicants for the shared technology teaching position and the shared literacy specialist position between CMS and CHS. The District is also seeking candidates for several ed tech positions. RSU 64 also has one identified multilingual learner for whom we are seeking a teacher consultant to provide support.

### **FY24 Funding Update**

The Department of Education has shared with superintendents they anticipate a return to the previous funding formula ratios in place prior to the pandemic. During the pandemic, the Department operated under a State of Emergency which provided flexibility within the funding formula. For example, in an attempt to stabilize the formula which is largely based on student counts, the teacher to student ratio was adjusted during the pandemic; it will now return to 1:17 for FY24. Multipliers for economically disadvantaged counts were increased during the pandemic as well. In addition to this multiplier reverting back, RSU 64 has seen a significant decrease in the number of enrolled students considered economically disadvantaged. On the October 1 enrollment report, RSU 64 reported a reduction of 73 students within this category which is a drop of 13.77%. RSU 64 reported an increase of 13 special education students, which is an increase of 7.65%. Overall, RSU 64 reported an increase of student enrollment of 8 students, an increase of 0.77%. Although the Legislature has not yet determined how much money will be allocated for education in the FY23 budget, RSU 64 can anticipate a reduction in subsidy related to student counts. The Department will be recommending a revision to the teacher benefits section of the formula given this area has not been adjusted since 2006, yet the cost of health benefits has increased significantly since that time.

### **Enrollment Details**

Home Instruction Students - 124  
Private Instruction - 82  
Maine Connections Academy - 4  
Maine Virtual Academy - 3  
Outgoing Superintendent Agreements - 35  
Incoming Superintendent Agreements - 18  
Tuition Paid to RSU 64 - 3  
Resident Students Tuition Paid to Other Districts - 2

### **District Enrollment (As of November 1, 2022)**

CCES – 502 (-2)

CMS – 227 (-6)  
CHS – 324 (-3)  
Total = 1053 (-11)

### **Administrator Reports**

Administrative reports were distributed via email in advance of the meeting.

CCES Principal Carrie Carr – Mrs. Carr shared the great successes of the Book Fair held the week before Thanksgiving. The school now has \$6,600 to spend through Scholastic on books and other resources for the library.

CCES Assistant Principal – Mrs. Evans had nothing to add to her report.

CHS Principal – Dr. Mayfield had nothing to add to his report.

Curriculum Coordinator – Ms. Kerrigan had nothing to add to her report.

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

Comprehensive Regional Technical High School Update – No meeting has taken place.

SPRPCE – RSU 64 Member Representative Curt Chadbourne updated members on the recent meeting of the SPRPCE Board of Directors held on Thursday, November 10, 2022. The Board approved the use of \$100,000 in fund balance to reduce current tuition costs of students. The Board accepted the resignation of Dr. Betsy Webb as Superintendent Representative. The Executive Officers will meet on Thursday, December 1, 2022 to discuss next steps.

### **New Business**

#### **Regional Data Update Regarding Substitute Wages**

Superintendent Sperrey distributed information regarding substitute wages within the region and the RSU 64 Support Staff Salary Schedule.

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Tonya Wozneak, members approved an increase in substitute pay and the impacted steps of the Support Staff Salary Schedule to reflect the changes to minimum wage as of January 1, 2023.

Unanimous

#### **Consideration of Recommended Student Board Members**

A selection committee met on November 16 to interview an applicant for the Junior Student Representative to the Board of Directors.

Upon the motion of Anne Kenneson and second by Sherry Horn, members approved the Junior Student Representative to the Board of Directors.

Lindsey Stevens – Junior (Class of 2024)

Unanimous

Member Nicole Kelley was appointed as the Board Member Mentor for Lilliana Ainsworth.

Member Anne Kenneson was appointed as the Board Member Mentor for Lindsey Stevens.

**Discussion and Consideration of Job Descriptions**

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Nicole Kelley, members voted to approve the job descriptions as presented.

Curriculum Coordinator  
Director of Special Education  
Assistant Director of Special Education

Unanimous

**Federal Grant Review**

Curriculum Coordinator Danette Kerrigan and Special Education Director Riley Donovan updated members on the approved federal grant applications and expenditures to date.

Upon the motion of Katherine Waite and second by Curtis Chadbourne, members approved Mr. Donovan seeking a reallocation of funds to support a Special Education Reading Specialist teaching position.

Unanimous

**Proposed HVAC Renovation at CHS**

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Katherine Waite, members directed the Superintendent to move forward in the bid process for the proposed HVAC renovation at CHS as presented.

Unanimous

**MSBA Annual Delegate Assembly Report**

Member Nicole Kelley updated the Board with respect to the outcomes of the MSBA Delegate Assembly.

**MSMA Fall Conference Update**

Members Wanda St. Peter and Anne Kenneson updated the Board with respect to their attendance at the MSMA/MSBA Fall Conference.

**Personnel Nominations and Confirmations**

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

CCES Custodian – Mary McGowan  
CHS Ed Tech I – Christine Paige

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

CMS "A" Boys Basketball Coach – Robert Pomeroy  
CMS "B" Boys Basketball Coach – Andrew Prescott  
CMS "A" Girls Basketball Coach – Beth Cook  
CMS "B" Girls Basketball Coach – Leonard Dorion  
CMS "A" Cheering Coach – Taylor McIntyre  
CMS "B" Cheering Coach – Maddigan DeMoranville  
CMS Athletic Wait Room Monitor- Amy Bickerstaff  
CHS Varsity Girls Basketball Coach – Jamie Russell  
CHS Varsity Cheering Coach – Christy Strout  
CHS JV Cheering Coach – Whitney Susee  
CHS Indoor Track Coach – Mike Viani  
CHS Assistant Indoor Track Coach – John White

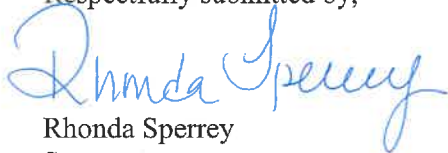
Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Katherine Waite, members approved forgoing a Regular Monthly Meeting in the month of December unless it is necessary to call one.

Unanimous

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Katherine Waite, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by,



Rhonda Sperrey  
Secretary

