

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 64
Bradford Corinth Hudson Kenduskeag Stetson

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 28, 2023

The members of the Board of Directors of RSU 64 met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 27, 2023 in response to an agenda dated March 23, 2023. The agenda was distributed to members electronically.

Members Present: Rhonda Williams, James Connolly, Anne Kenneson, Steven Ingalls, Curtis Chadbourne, Haley Emery, Amy Bean, Sherry Horn, Robert Young, Nicole Kelley, Kelsi McHugh-Speed, Emily Henderson, Katherine Waite

Student Representative
Present: None

Student Representative
Absent: Lindsey Stevens, Lilliana Ainsworth

Members Absent: Jodi Brasslett, Wanda St. Peter

Members Absent
Without Excuse: Mike Anderson, Julie Byers, Tonya Wozneak

Others in Attendance: Superintendent Rhonda Sperrey, Tom Trenholm (District Legal Counsel), administrators, and members of the public

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chair Williams at 7:07 p.m. A roll call and check of attendance found a quorum of 13 members present, and 5 members absent, and two student representatives absent. Chair Williams welcomed newly elected members.

Chair Williams called for an agenda adjustment to add a potential Executive Session, Item G, for the purpose of discussion of an existing District contract for services.

Upon the motion of Curtis Chadbourne and second by Katherine Waite, the Board voted to add Item G. Executive Session under 1 MRSA 405(6)(D).

Unanimous

Upon the motion of Anne Kenneson and second of Katherine Waite, the Board voted to approve the draft minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting (March 8, 2023) and the minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting (February 27, 2023), 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 letters of retirement from John Cowie (.5 FTE CHS Guidance Counselor) and Josephine Hanson (CMS Ed Tech I).

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

Reports

Superintendent Sperrey updated members on the following:

District Enrollment (As of March 1, 2023)

CCES – 513 (+1)

CMS – 232 (+2)

CHS – 317 (+2)

Total = 1062 (+5)

Administrator Reports

Administrative reports were distributed via email in advance of the meeting. In addition to the reports:

CCES Principal Carrie Carr – Mrs. Carr was not able to be present.

CCES Assistant Principal – Mrs. Evans updated members with respect to the recent PTO events taking place at CCES.

CMS Principal – Dr. Cookson highlighted there have been no recent suspensions at CMS.

CHS Principal – Dr. Mayfield added commendations for students involved in the Drama Club state level competition as well as those participating and winning medals in the UTC Skills USA Competition.

CHS Assistant Principal/Athletic Director – Mr. Foster shared highlights from the start-up of spring sports at CHS.

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

Special Education Director – Mr. Donovan highlighted the upcoming DOE review of the Special Education Department and talked about the process involved.

Comprehensive Regional Technical High School Update – No report as this Committee has not met.

New Business

Executive Session Under 1 MRSA §405(6)(E)

Upon the motion of Katherine Waite and second by Sherry Horn, members voted to enter Executive Session under 1 §MRSA 405(6)(E).

Unanimous

Time Entered: 7:17 p.m.

Time Returned to Public Session: 7:36 p.m.

Executive Session Under 1 MRSA §405(6)(D)

Upon the motion of Katherine Waite and second by Anne Kenneson, members voted to enter Executive Session under 1 MRSA §405(6)(D).

Unanimous

Time Entered: 7:38 p.m.

Time Returned to Public Session: 8:44 p.m.

Upon the motion of James Connolly and second by Katherine Waite, members voted to deny the grievance filed by the RSU/Maine School Administrative District No.64 Teachers' Association and to provide written notice per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Unanimous

Budget Update

Superintendent Sperrey updated members on the recent work of the Finance Committee as budget projections are being finalized for the FY24 budget. Health insurance rate increases are expected to be received by mid-April. The current draft budget includes an 8% increase, for planning purposes only. The current budget draft includes increases in the cost of substitutes given the significant increase in the amount of leave available and being taken for both professional and support staff. The District anticipates increased costs in out of District placements for special education students, increased costs in athletic program officials, and increased costs in energy expenditures. The next meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled for Monday, April 3 at 5:00 p.m. with a subsequent meeting with municipal officials at 6:30 p.m.

Pellet Bid

Upon the motion of Katherine Waite and second by Sherry Horn, members voted to award the FY24 pellet bid for CCES to Maine Woods Pellet Co. LLC at \$225/ton delivered.

Unanimous

Discussion and Consideration of Approval of New Courses at Central High School

Superintendent Sperrey presented information about new courses being proposed for Central High School students.

Upon the motion of Katherine Waite and second by Amy Bean, members approved the addition of the following courses at Central High School:

- Introduction to Library and Information Resources
- Robotics & Biomechanics
- Red Devil Productions
- Introduction to the American Criminal Justice System

Unanimous

Executive Session Under 1 MRSA §405(6)(D)

Upon the motion of Katherine Waite and second by Anne Kenneson, members voted to enter Executive Session under 1 MRSA §405(6)(D).

Unanimous

Time Entered: 9:02 p.m.

Time Returned to Public Session: 9:30 p.m.

Upon the motion of Katherine Waite and second by Sherry Horn, members approved the recommendations of the Negotiations Committee pertaining to salary and benefit increases for administrators, the Superintendent of Schools, and District staff not falling under collective bargaining agreements, to include the extension of administrative contracts by one year.

Unanimous

Executive Session Under 1 MRSA §405(6)(D)

Upon the motion of Katherine Waite and second by Anne Kenneson, members voted to enter Executive Session under 1 MRSA §405(6)(D).

Unanimous

Time Entered: 9:32 p.m.

Time Returned to Public Session: 9:52 p.m.

Upon the motion of Amy Bean and second by Nicole Kelley, members directed the Superintendent to issue a request for bids for District transportation needs early in the fall of the 2023-2024 school year, and to ensure the request for bids includes a request for both financial and logistical data that is more responsive to the District’s needs.

Unanimous

Personnel Nominations and Confirmations

Upon the motion of Amy Bean and second by Anne Kenneson members approved Continuing Contract Teachers for 2023-2024:

SCHOOL/TEACHER	2022-2023 POSITION
<i>CCES:</i>	
Alice Allard	Kindergarten
Sally Batchelder	Grade 3
Kelley Bean	Grade 4
Jamie Birmingham	Grade 2
Janet Blodgett	Speech
Anna Bryer	Art Teacher
Lynn Chubbuck	Classroom Music
Brian Clark	Phys. Ed.
Pamela Clukey	Grade 2
Marcie Coffin	Grade 3
Carolyn Donaldson	Grade 2
Rachel Emery-Russell	Grade 2
Stephanie Fogler	Grade 3
Casee Hart	Grade 5
Bonnie Harvey	Grade 4
Joseph Howard	Special Education
Lee Jack	Kindergarten
Marcilla Jackson	Grade 5
Shirley Jordan	PreK
Natasha Mandigo	School Nurse
Ginna Marsh	Grade 1
Melissa Morissette	Grade 4
Dawn Nickerson	GT/Reading Interventionist
Jennifer Noel	Kindergarten
Adrienne Pelkey	PreK
Shannon Perkins	Grade 3
Sherri Poulin	Grade 5
Melissa Reardon	Special Education
Stephanie Reynolds	Math Interventionist
Marissa Rivard	Kindergarten

Christal Ryder	Grade 1
Monica Sabine	Reading Recovery
Kendra Sanborn	Grade 1
Lisa Swett	Kindergarten
Tabitha Trafton	Reading Recovery
Cortney Wesley	Grade 2
Marie Wheeler	Special Education

Itinerant:

Andria Bacon	Music/Band
Traci Fowler	Special Education Evaluator
Brittany McAllister	Health
Jennifer McKenzie	Technology Integrator
Jennifer Soares	Speech Therapist

CMS:

Amy Bickerstaff	Grade 7 Social Studies
Hope Buswell	Special Education
Robin Clukey	Grade 8 Science
Gary Collins	Special Education
Beth Cook	Grade 6 Science
John Curry	Phys. Ed. & Health
Tara Lewis	Grade 6 Math
Tammy McCarthy	Grade 8 Lang. Arts
Lisa Oliver	Math Interventionist
Lindsey Peterson	Grade 6 Lang. Arts
Michael Roman	Grade 8 Math
Stacey Shaw	Grade 7 Math
Michael Viani	Grade 6 Social Studies

CHS:

Scott Bickerstaff	English
Sherry Blanchard	Guidance Counselor
Anne Bowman	English
Teri Lee Brown	Social Studies
Corey Coffin	Social Studies
Michael Dennis	Physical Science
Terri-Lynn Fowler	Science
Daniel Furlong	English
Terri Jenkins-Suggs	English
Irene Lane	Special Education
Cary Libby	Social Studies
Peter Marsh	Special Education
Karen Ward	Special Education

Unanimous

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

CCES Ed Tech – Alyssa Stachowiak

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

CMS "A" Baseball – Mike Roman
CMS "A" Softball – Casey Noyes
CMS "B" Softball – Leonard Dorion
CMS Track – Peter Marsh
CMS Assist. Track – Chris Cook
Varsity Baseball – Peter Speed
JV Baseball – Gary Collins
Varsity Softball – Shawna Neal
JV Softball – Raymond Sprague
Spring Track & Field – Michael Viani
Spring Track & Field Assist. – John White

Upon the motion of Katherine Waite and second by Sherry Horn, the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rhonda Sperrey". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Rhonda Sperrey
Secretary