

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 64
Bradford Corinth Hudson Kenduskeag Stetson

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 21, 2023

The members of the Board of Directors of RSU 64 met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 in response to an agenda dated June 15, 2023. The agenda was distributed to members electronically.

Members Present: Rhonda Williams, Wanda St. Peter, Haley Emery, Steven Ingalls, Sherry Horn, Nicole Kelley, Katherine Waite, Tonya Wozneak, Julie Byers, Anne Kenneson, Jodi Brasslett, Emily Henderson, Kelsi McHugh-Speed

Student Representatives

Present: None

Members Absent: Curtis Chadbourne, James Connolly

Members Absent

Without Excuse: Amy Bean, Michael Anderson, Robert Young

Others in Attendance: Superintendent Rhonda Sperrey, administrators, and teachers

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rhonda Williams at 7:06 p.m. A roll call and check of attendance found a quorum of 13 members present, and 5 members absent.

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second of Anne Kenneson, the Board voted to approve the draft minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting (May 22, 2023), and Hiring Committee Meeting (May 22, 2023), and to place the minutes on file as part of permanent Board records.

Yea – 12

Nay – 0

Abstention – 1 (McHugh-Speed)

Petitions and Communications

Chair Williams indicated the Board is in receipt of a letter of resignation from Riley Donovan (Special Education Director), Brady Harding (CCES Educational Technician), Danette Kerrigan (Curriculum Coordinator), Peter Speed (CHS Baseball Coach), Stephen Urli (CMS Science Teacher/AD), Brittany McAllister (CMS/CHS Health Teacher).

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 9, 2023 and the final staff day was June 12, 2023. 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. The afternoon included a comedic presentation by Randy Judkins reminding

everyone how important it is to laugh. Staff ended their day engaged in various tasks of their choice to complete their work year.

FY23 Close Out

All purchase orders and FY23 expenditures are being closed out with the fiscal year end quickly approaching. Purchase orders for general and instructional supplies for next year are currently being processed. Although the FY23 audit won't be completed until September, it is anticipated a healthy fund balance will be realized.

Summer Maintenance Projects

In addition to general summer upkeep, deep cleaning and painting, maintenance staff are working on several projects. Staff will be installing the flashing lights on Route 15 on either side of the middle/high school entrance and installing new concrete covers for septic tanks at the middle school. Staff have a growing list of general repairs to furniture, window screens, doors, etc. The tents will be set up for summer activities and stained or broken ceiling tiles will be replaced in all three schools. Maintenance staff will work alongside a vendor to install vape sensors in the middle and high school restrooms and new security cameras in various interior and exterior locations at these two schools. New stalls will be installed in the restrooms at CHS. Mr. Cole will be performing boiler maintenance this summer and will continue to work on the coordination of the HVAC project for CHS and the generators for all three schools. Mr. Cole is also soliciting quotes to restore the Morison driveway surface so as to mediate the potholes, as this driveway continues to be used frequently during the school year.

MSSA Executive Officer Election

Superintendent Sperrey shared she was nominated and elected to serve as the Executive Officer position of Secretary of the Maine School Superintendents Association for the 2023-2024 school year. This election determines future roles as Vice President and President of MSSA and includes out of state travel and national representation supported by the association once a year.

Follow Up – Recording and/or Streaming of Public Meetings

In follow up to a public comment last month, Superintendent Sperrey provided current District policy information to members regarding recording and/or streaming of public meetings.

District Enrollment (As of June 1, 2023)

CCES – 506 (-1)
CMS – 233 (+3)
CHS – 313 (0)
Total = 1052 (+2)

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.

CMS Principal Sandra Cookson – Dr. Cookson shared information about CMS being identified as a Tier II school.

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

Special Education Director Riley Donovan – Mr. Donovan expressed his gratitude for his time in RSU 64 and all of the opportunities the District has afforded him.

Curriculum Coordinator Danette Kerrigan – Mrs. Kerrigan thanked the Board of Directors for the experiences she has had in her short time in the District.

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

New Business

Recognition of Field Work by the National Honor Society

Mr. Dan Furlong shared information about the National Honor Society and their community service pledge. The Board of Directors recognized the work NHS students completed in the creation of the base pathways on the CCES field. A sign acknowledging appreciation of the donation of time and materials by BL Grant and Son will be attached to the backstop sign.

CCES Literacy Curriculum Presentation

Mrs. Monica Sabine, Mrs. Lee Jack, and Mrs. Lisa Swett presented timely information about the work elementary teachers have done in piloting literacy programs and resources that have impacted the data that has been collected about student achievement this year. Upon the motion of Jodi Brasslett and second by Wanda St. Peter members approved the purchase and implementation of new literacy resources for CCES.

Unanimous

Nomination and Approval of Delegate and Alternate to the MSBA Delegate Assembly

Upon the motion of Jodi Brasslett and second by Sherry Horn members appointed Anne Kenneson to the MSBA Delegate Assembly on Saturday, October 21, 2023.

Yea – 12

Nay – 0

Abstention – 1 (Kenneson – Subject of Vote)

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Sherry Horn members appointed Nicole Kelley as an alternate to the MSBA Delegate Assembly on Saturday, October 21, 2023.

Yea – 12

Nay – 0

Abstention – 1 (Kelley – Subject of Vote)

Budget for 2023-2024

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Nicole Kelley, members voted to verify the results of the Annual District Budget Meeting held on June 8, 2023 as recorded, presented, and distributed as minutes of that meeting, to validate the results of the District Budget Validation Referendum held on June 13, 2023, 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 8, 2023 and validated on June 13, 2023.

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 2023-2024.

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Anne Kenneson, 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 2023-2024.

Unanimous

Discussion and Consideration of Governance Committee Member Re-Appointments

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Sherry Horn, members approved Governance Committee Member Re-Appointments:

- Lee Jack, PreK-2, 2023-2025
- Bonnie Harvey, Grades 3-5, 2023-2025
- Beth Cook, Grades 6-8, 2023-2025
- Scott Bickerstaff, Grades 9-12, 2023-2024

Unanimous

Discussion and Consideration of Appointments

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Sherry Horn, members approved the following Appointments:

- School Physician – Dr. Bryan Lundquist
- School Dentist – Dr. Daniel Steinke

Unanimous

Executive Session under 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A) for Discussion of a Personnel Matter

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Katherine Waite, members entered Executive Session.

Unanimous

Time Entered: 8:16 p.m.

Time Returned to Public Session: 8:21 p.m.

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Anne Kenneson, members approved the request of a leave of absence for CCES Educational Technician Phillip Bennett.

Unanimous

Annual Election/Appointment of Standing Committees

The Superintendent called for nominations for position of Chair for 2023-2024. The nomination of Rhonda Williams was offered by Wanda St. Peter and seconded by Katherine Waite. Seeing no further nominations, the Superintendent called for a vote.

- Yea – 12
- Nay – 0
- Abstention – 1 (Williams – Subject of Vote)

Upon the motion of Katherine Waite and second by Wanda St. Peter, member James Connolly was approved as Vice-Chair for 2023-2024.

Unanimous

Members approved the following Standing Committee membership for 2023-2024:

Building Committee – Robert Young, Michael Anderson, Jodi Brasslett, Julie Byers, Kelsi McHugh-Speed

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, Kelsi McHugh-Speed, Amy Bean, Sherry Horn, Steven Ingalls

Transportation – Haley Emery, Tonya Wozneak, Katherine Waite, Curtis Chadbourne, Emily Henderson

Personnel Nominations and Confirmations

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Jodi Brasslett, members approved the recommendation of Superintendent Sperrey of Monica Sabine as Curriculum Coordinator for 2023-2024.

Unanimous

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Jodi Brasslett, members approved the recommendation of Superintendent Sperrey of Janelle Goff as CHS Science Teacher for 2023-2024.

Unanimous

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Jodi Brasslett, members approved the recommendation of Superintendent Sperrey of Jenna Dugal as CHS Physical Education Teacher for 2023-2024.

Unanimous

Members acknowledged Superintendent Sperrey’s Support Staff appointments for 2023-2024:

CCES Custodian – Tammy Hall
CCES Educational Technician – Taysia Maynard
CCES Educational Technician – Selina Plante
CHS Educational Technician – Edith Randall

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Anne Kenneson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by,



Rhonda Sperrey
Secretary