

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 64
Bradford Corinth Hudson Kenduskeag Stetson

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

July 25, 2023

The members of the Board of Directors of RSU 64 met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 24, 2023 in response to an agenda dated July 20, 2023. The agenda was distributed to members electronically.

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

Student Representatives

Present: None

Members Absent: Wanda St. Peter, Jodi Brasslett, Haley Emery, Tonya Wozneak

Members Absent

Without Excuse: None

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

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rhonda Williams at 7:01p.m. A roll call and check of attendance found a quorum of 14 members present, and 4 members absent.

Upon the motion of Anne Kenneson and second of Nicole Kelley, the Board voted to approve the draft minutes of the Hiring Committee Meeting (July 5, 2023), Regular Monthly Board Meeting (June 20, 2023), and Hiring Committee Meeting (June 20, 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 a letter of resignation from Christina Bean (CMS/CHS Food Service Assistant), Josh Campbell (CHS JV Girls Soccer Coach), Sarah McCorrison (CMS/CHS Food Service Assistant), and Shelby McGowan (CHS Custodian).

Chair Williams called for Public Forum items.

Stetson residents Kimberly Patterson and Jay Cochran requested the Board of Directors approve their request for a Superintendents Agreement for their child to attend school in another school district.

Chair Williams indicated the Superintendent would be in touch with them regarding this matter.

Reports

Superintendent Sperrey updated members on the following administrative topics:

Administrative Update

The administrative team typically meets formally for two full days during the summer; one in July and one in August. The team met on July 10 for a full day of reflection on the 2022-2023 school year and

planning for the 2023-2024 school year. The July 10th meeting was also the first opportunity the team had to welcome new Special Education Director David Nason and new Curriculum Coordinator Monica Sabine. Topics on the meeting agenda included hiring, recruiting, retention, budget implementation, professional development for staff and leadership, PEPG calibration, School & Department Improvement Plans, ESSER projects, summer learning for students and staff, New Teacher Induction Program, student handbooks, substitute/volunteer training and upcoming student assessment dates. In addition, the team set meeting dates for staff meetings, vertical team meetings, and administrative team meetings for the 2023-2024 school year. The administrative team will meet again on August 9.

Maintenance & Facilities

The District has contracted with Harriman Associates for a redesign of water distribution system at CCES. If this work cannot be completed before school resumes at the end of August, the intent is that the enhancement to the water distribution system would occur over a long weekend and not impact the established school calendar.

Johnson Controls is nearing completion on the renovation of the fire alarm system at Central Middle School.

The planning and preparation of a bid for the HVAC project at Central High School and the procurement for generators for all three schools is ongoing.

The interior lighting system at CCES has been randomly turning lights on and off. There are times when staff are unable to turn the lights off. Maintenance staff is working with the vendor to address this issue.

Summer maintenance and cleaning tasks are being completed and the District is on schedule to reopen August 28 to staff and welcome students on August 31, 2023.

District Enrollment (As of July 1, 2023)

CCES – 506
CMS – 223
CHS – 313
Total = 1052

Administrator Reports

No Administrative reports were presented for the month of July with the exception of Curriculum Coordinator Monica Sabine's report on extended school year services which was delivered to members electronically.

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

New Business

Review and Approval of Student Handbooks

Upon the motion of James Connolly and second by Anne Kenneson, members voted to approve the student handbooks as presented.

Unanimous

Discussion and Consideration of Transfer of Funds Between Categories

Upon the motion of James Connolly and second by Sherry Horn, members voted to transfer \$1.00 from Facilities & Maintenance to Debt Service to balance the fund categories and that the local policy of a seven-day notice period be waived.

Unanimous

Discussion and Consideration of Transfers to Reserve Accounts

Upon the motion of James Connolly and second by Sherry Horn, members voted to transfer \$500,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund; \$50,000 to the Technology Reserve Fund; \$100,000 to the Energy Reserve Fund; \$300,000 to the Special Education Reserve Fund; and \$100,000 to the Transportation Reserve Fund from the undesignated fund balance as approved by voters at the District Budget Meeting on June 8, 2023 and subsequent referendum on June 13, 2023.

Unanimous

Central High School Fire Protection System Renovation

Upon the motion of James Connolly and second by Anne Kenneson, members voted to expend funds from Capital Reserve for the renovation of the fire protection system at Central High School by Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP.

Unanimous

Annual Food Service Approval

Upon the motion of Anne Kenneson and second by Amy Bean, members voted to approve the District’s participation in the National School Lunch Program and the filing of the Agreement and Policy Statement operating under Special Provision II. The base year of Provision II was 2022-2023. The free and reduced price verification process was followed by collecting applications and administrative verification. During the 3 subsequent years, verification is not required and reimbursement is based on claiming percentages established in the base year. Maine will continue to offer meals to students at no cost.

Unanimous

Personnel Nominations and Confirmations

Upon the motion of Anne Kenneson and second by Amy Bean, members approved the Administrative Appointment of David Nason as Special Education Director for 2023-2024.

Unanimous

Upon the motion of Anne Kenneson and second by Amy Bean, members approved the transfer recommendation of Superintendent Sperrey of Kendra Sanborn to Reading Recovery Teacher for 2023-24.

Unanimous

Upon the motion of Anne Kenneson and second by Amy Bean, members approved the recommendation of Superintendent Sperrey of Deanna Fahey as .5 FTE CHS Science Teacher for 2023-2024.

Unanimous

Upon the motion of Anne Kenneson and second by Sherry Horn, members approved the recommendation of Superintendent Sperrey of Rebecca Batron as CMS/CHS Health Teacher for 2023-2024.

Unanimous

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

CCES Custodian – Nathan Robichaud
CCES Food Service Assistant – Terry Sylvester

Members acknowledged Superintendent Sperrey's Schedule B appointments for 2023-2024:

CMS Golf – David Doering
CMS Cross Country – Mike Viani
CMS "A" Field Hockey – Liberty Oko
Boys "A" Soccer – Mike Roman
Boys "B" Soccer – Kristen Holmes
Girls "A" Soccer – Peter Marsh
Girls "B" Soccer – Leonard Dorion
CMS Athletic Director – Christopher Cook
CMS Athletic Wait Room Monitor – Amy Bickerstaff
CHS Golf – Gary Collins
CHS Cross Country – Dan Furlong
CHS Varsity Boys Soccer – Paul Speed
CHS JV Boys Soccer – Andrew Speed
CHS Varsity Girls Soccer – Rick Speed

Upon the motion of Anne Kenneson and second by James Connolly, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by,



Rhonda Sperrey
Secretary