**Regional School Unit 19**

**Board of Directors’ Minutes**

**January 15, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Christopher Easton, Corinna Caron, Charles Cossar, Mark Hansen, Fred Hickey, Susie Hopkins, Robin McNeil, Kenneth Sands, Jason Scholten, Erik Stitham, Chad Stratton, Jennifer Watson, Leland Youngberg, Ryan Parker

**MEMBERS ABSENT**: Excused: Celia Demos, Don Mendell, William McDonald

 Unexcused: Paul Carter, Samantha Brown

**TOTAL MEMBERS PRESENT**: 731

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**OTHERS PRESENT**: District staff and members of the community

1. **Opening of Meeting**
2. Flag Salute was rendered.
3. Adjustments to Agenda

 To VII. New Business

 B. Bus Driver Contract - move to the end of New Business

 E. Staff Nominations - Add Heather Austin Sped at N/P

1. Approval of Special Board Minutes and Regular Board Minutes of December 18, 2018

A **motion** was made by Robin McNeil to accept the Special Board Meeting minutes from December 18, 2018, **seconded** by Suzie Hopkins and **voted** unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Robin McNeil to accept the Regular Board Meeting minutes from December 18, 2018, **seconded** by Jason Scholten and **voted** unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Leland Youngberg to move the footnote about why the December meeting was called early to the point in the minutes where the meeting was called, **seconded** by Chad Stratton and **voted** unanimously.

**II. Public Comment**

1. Several Plymouth and Newport parents are concerned about shutting down the PJ’s Before and After School Program currently housed at Newport / Plymouth School. Mr. Hammer sent a letter to PJ’s Daycare expressing concern about space at the new Elementary School.

B. Plymouth residents also express their concern about all Plymouth students attending EDS next year. Also concern about finding out about this change via a Facebook post. The letter that went out on Facebook by the Town of Plymouth, did not express the full conversation that was had by the Selectman and Mr. Hammer.

**III. Reading of Communications**

1. Administrative Communications - Jane Stork - produced a packet letting the Board know what has been going on at EDS. Liz Mares - Got good feedback from the state SPED audit. The district is 100% compliant. The only issue was an outdated policy, which has been corrected. They will come for a site visit in April. Transition planning for HS teachers of students with disabilities is taking place. Ready to test 8 ESL students. There are 35 students who have consultation with the BCBA. GT teacher has earned her Conditional Endorsement.
2. Superintendent/Board Communication - Mr. Hammer read a letter from a referee who was on the field at the State Game. He gave kudos to both coaches and players for their sportsmanship. Chris Easton - The way the meeting ended the last time can not be repeated. Discussed law which focuses on teachers being trained to recognize signs of Child Sexual Abuse. Documentation of the law was present at the meeting. There is nothing being hidden from anyone.

 **IV. Reports**

1. Superintendent - None

 B. Board Chair - None

**V. Report of Special Committees**

1. Budget/Finance Committee No Meeting
2. Building Committee No Meeting
3. Education Committee No Meeting
4. Policy Committee No Meeting

 Second Reading:

1. DJH Purchasing and Contracting: Procurement Staff Code of Conduct

1. JRA Student Education Records and Information

 JRA-E Student Education Records and Information

 JRA-R Student Education Records and Information Administrative Procedure

A **motion** was made by Robin McNeil to approve the policies as a block, seconded by Chad Stratton and voted 678 for, 53 opposed (Ryan Parker). Motion Passed.

A **motion** was made by Ryan Parker to amend JRA-R p. 4 & 5 to keep the numbers as written on the policy, **seconded** by Jason Scholten and **voted** unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Robin McNeil to amend the numbering on p. 5 of JRA-R to move 6 to 5, 7 to 6, **seconded** by Leland Youngberg and **voted** unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Robin McNeil to accept the block with the amendments, **seconded** by Leland Youngberg and **voted** unanimously.

1. Transportation Committee December 19, 2018

Communication Presented

A **motion** was made by Jason Scholten to accept the Transportation Committee’s recommendation to move the transportation boundary in Plymouth, **seconded** by Leland Youngberg and **voted** 678 for, 53 opposed (Ryan Parker). Motion passed.

1. Tri-County Vocational Committee No communication presented.
2. Negotiations Committee Next meeting 1/23 6:30
3. Extra-Curricular Ad Hoc Committee

 Chad stratton will take over for Bill McDonald until April.

Ken Sands will step in for Bill McDonald for the Negotiations and Budget Committees until April.

**VI. Old Business** **-** None

**VII. New Business**

1. IT Section of Nokomis Regional High School

A **motion** was made by Chad Stratton to maintain the IT section of Nokomis, **seconded** by Leland Youngberg and **voted** 339 for 303 opposed (Corinna Caron, Ryan Parker, Susie Hopkins, Robin McNeil, Charles Cossar, Kenneth Sands), 53 abstained (Eric Stitham) and Chris Easton (36) did not vote. Motion passed.

1. *Bus Drivers Contract 2018 - 2020* ***(****Moved to the end of New Business)*

 C. 2017 -18 Audit Report

A **motion** was made by Robin McNeil to accept the 2017-18 Audit Report, **seconded** by Fred Hickey and **voted** unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Ken Sands to extend the meeting until 9:00 pm., **seconded** by Corinna Caron and voted unanimously.

 D. Staff Resignations - Informational - Letters were available for review.

1. Jamye Foster Sped Teacher N/P
2. Maggie Rancourt Ed Tech II Sped STAL
3. Rebecca Woodard Ed Tech III Library NRH
4. Denise Kimball Principal SOM

 E. Staff Nominations

1. A **motion** was made by Ken Sands to approve the Superintendent’s nomination of Heather Austin, Special Education Teacher at N/P, pending her becoming certified, **seconded** by Fred Hickey and **voted** unanimously.

 F. Staff Appointments - Informational

1. Erica Turmel JV Cheering Coach CES
2. Jennifer Engelhardt Bus Aide

G. Staff Transfers - Informational - None

 B. Bus Drivers Contract 2018 - 2020

A **motion** was made by Robin McNeil at 8:25 PM to enter into executive session for the purpose of labor contract discussions with the Bus Drivers Association pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(D), **seconded** by Fred Hickeyand **voted** unanimously. Returned to open session at 8:35 PM.

A **motion** was made by Chad Stratton to approve the Bus Drivers Contract, **seconded** by Jason Sholten and **voted** unanimously.

**VIII. Future Agenda Items**

School Resource Officer

**IX. Next Meeting Dates**

**X. Adjournment**

 The meeting was adjourned.

 Respectfully submitted,

 Mike Hammer

 Secretary to the Board

 Darcey LaPrade, Note Taker