

**KIDS REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #2
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

DATE: THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023
PLACE: DRESDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM
TIME: 6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Donna Seppy; Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham, Directors Chris Asch, Jeff Bickford, Aimee Campbell O'Connor, Russ Hughes, Kathryn Marseglia, Liana Knight and Amanda McDaniel

Student Representatives: Mackenna Cote (Monmouth), Zach Godbout (HDHS), Max Viselli (Richmond)

***MEMBERS ATTENDING REMOTELY** (in accordance with 1 MRSA §403-B): Directors Jon Lambert and Deb Large

MEMBERS ABSENT: Director Jim Grandahl

ALSO PRESENT: Interim Superintendent Rick Amero, Asst. Superintendent Kristie Clark; Principals Mark Tinkham, Sara Derosby and Melissa Burnham Barter; Business Manager Stephanie Saltzman; IT Director Mariah Kelley

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/QUORUM PRESENT

The Board Chair declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

***In** accordance with RSU 2 Policy BED - Remote Participation in Board Meetings, the following of the board offered advanced, qualified notice and are expected to remotely attend and participate in this meeting: Jon Lambert and Deb Large

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2023, THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 15, 2023, THE EMERGENCY MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 2023, AND THE BUDGET WORKSHOP OF FEBRUARY 27, 2023

Director Jeff Bickford **motioned** to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 2, 2023, the Special Board Meeting of February 15, 2023, the Emergency Meeting of February 23, 2024, and the Budget Workshop of February 27, 2023. Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 10 yes, 0 no.**

3.0 ADJUSTMENT(S) TO AGENDA

- Additional item for approval to Item 5.1 - School Calendars [2023-24 and 2022-23]
- Add to Item 6.2.
- Remove Item 6.6 - Approval of Policies
- Add Item 5.2 - Review of Adult Education Agreement Proposal - discussion
- Add to Item 8.0
- Add to Item 10.1.
- Add to Item 10.2.
- Add to Item 10.3.
- Changes to Item 10.4 - Upcoming Board Events & Committee Meetings
- Add to Item 10.6.
- Move Adjournment to 13.0. Make 12.0 Executive Session.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

4.1 Public Comment

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

5.1 Approval of School Calendar for 2023-2024 and change in HDHS graduation time in June 2023

Director Jeff Bickford **motioned** to approve the 2023-2024 school calendar. Director Kathryn Marseglia **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 8 yes, 0 no, 2 recusals.**

Director Jeff Bickford **motioned** to approve the change in the time of the HDHS graduation from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. in June 2023. Director Chris Asch **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 9 yes, 0 no, 1 recusal.**

5.2 Review of Adult Education Agreement Proposal Discussion

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Approval of Nominated Personnel as New Hires None

6.2 Approval of Overnight and Out of State Field Trips Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham **motioned** to approve the following overnight or out of state trips.

- RHS Key Club trip to Springfield, MA - 3/31 - 4/2/23
- MMS 8th grade Red Sox STEM Day trip – 4/5/23

Director Jeff Bickford **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 11 yes, 0 no.**

6.3 Approval of Budget Public Hearing Dates: May 15, 16 and 17, 2023 Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham **motioned** to approve the following dates, times and locations to hold the Budget Public Hearings.

- May 15, 2023, 6:00 PM at Monmouth Academy
- May 16, 2023, 6:00 PM at Hall-Dale HS
- May 17, 2023, 6:00 PM at Dresden ES

Director Jeff Bickford **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 8 yes, 0 no, 3 recusals.**

6.4 Approval of Regional Budget Meeting Date, Place and Time Director Jeff Bickford **motioned** to approve May 25, 2023 at 6:00pm at Hall-Dale High School for the FY'24 Regional Budget Meeting. Director Aimee Campbell O'Connor **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 8 yes, 0 no, 3 recusals.**

6.5 Approval of Special Board Meeting for Validation of Referendum Results Director Kathryn Marseglia **motioned** to approve June 15, 2023 for the Special Board Meeting for Validation of the Budget Referendum Results. Director Jon Lambert **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 8 yes, 0 no, 3 recusals.**

7.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

8.0 BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

- Payroll Update and Payroll System

9.0 ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Maine Through Year Assessment (report below)
- Curriculum Updates

10.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

10.1 Newly Hired, Newly Appointed Personnel

- Shirley Humphrey, Ed Tech III Interventionist at MBES
- Jessica Haines, School Nutrition Worker at RHS
- Lisa McDonald, transfer from Central Office and Finance Secretary to MA Adm. School Secretary
- Alisha Springer, Mentor at MMS
- Kyle Brown, transfer from IT Tech in Monmouth Schools to Information System Specialist in RSU

Spring Coaches:

- Bill Fairchild, Ethan Foyt and Jenora Schultz, MMS Baseball (shared stipend)
- Joe Menice, MMS Softball
- Melissa Hilton, MMS Track
- Eric Palleschi, MA Varsity Baseball
- Steve Palleschi, MA JV Baseball (pending participant numbers)
- Dave Kaplan, MA Varsity Softball
- Tom Menendez, MA Varsity Boys & Girls Track
- Dickson McCannell, MA Asst. Boys & Girls Track (pending participant numbers)
- Norm Thombs, MA Asst. Boys & Girls Track (pending participant numbers)
- Joe Viselli, RHS Varsity Softball
- Ryan Gardner, RHS Varsity Baseball
- Mike Ladber, RHS JV Baseball

10.2 Resignation(s) / Retirement(s)

- Megan Cormier, Special Ed Teacher at HDES (6/2023)
- Larry Sularie, Custodian at HDMS (Retirement 6/2023)
- Amiko Kluft, Custodian at HDMS/HS (Retirement 12/2023)
- John Murphy, Special Ed Tech III at MBES (6/2023)
- Lisa McDonald, Central Office and Business Secretary (transfer)
- Judith Mank, MMS Music Teacher (retirement 6/2023)
- Jane Belanger, MMS Physical Education Teacher (retirement 6/2023)
- Karen Bates, MMS Grade 1-2 Teacher (retirement 6/2023)

10.3 Open Positions in the RSU

- French and Spanish at MMS
- RTI/MTSS Ed Tech III at MA
- IT Technician in Monmouth
- Grade 1-2 Teacher at MMS (6/2023)
- Music at MMS (6/2023)
- Physical Education at MMS (6/2023)
- Special Ed Teacher at HDES (6/2023)
- Special Ed Teacher at MBES

- Guidance Secretary at RMS & RHS
- Bus Drivers (2) in Richmond
- Van Driver at HDMS/HS
- Custodian at DES
- Custodian at HDMS (6/2023)
- Custodian at HDMS/HS (12/2023)
- Custodian at MA
- Special Ed Techs: MBES 4, HDMS/HS 1, MMS 3, MA 1, RMS/RHS 1
- Central Office and Finance Secretary
- RSU ELL Teacher
- RSU Instructional Coach

10.4 Upcoming Board Events and Committee Meetings (subject to change)

- Teaching and Learning Committee 5:30 p.m. - 3/9/23
- Policy Committee 6:30 p.m. - 3/9/23
- Budget Committee 5:30 p.m. - 3/16/23
- Negotiations and Personnel Committee 7:00 p.m. - 3/16/23
- Budget Committee 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. - 3/27/23
- Regular Board Meeting at Richmond HS 6:00 p.m. - 4/6/23

10.5 Upcoming Evening Events at Schools

- HDES Grade 1 Concert - 3/9/23
- HDES Parent Conferences - 3/16/23
- HDES PTO meeting - 3/20/23
- HDES Grade 2 Concert - 3/29/23
- HDMS & HDHS Band Night - 3/15/23
- HDMS Cabin Fever Dance - 3/31/23
- HDHS Broadway Disney Performance - 3/10 & 3/11/23
- MMS PTO Meeting - 3/7/23
- MMS Kids in Motion Concert - 3/14/23
- MA Winter Carnival Dance - 3/23/23
- MA Talent/Variety Show at Cumston Hall - 3/31/23
- MBES PTG meeting - 3/8/23
- MBES PTG Dance (tentative) - 3/10/23
- MBES Parent Teacher Conferences - 3/15/23
- RMS and RHS Parent Teacher Conferences - 3/15/23

Other events:

- Early Release Day - 3/16/23
- Workshop Day - 3/17/23

10.6 School Field Trips [In-state / School Day]

- HDES Kindergarten trip to Waterville Opera House - 3/7/23
- HDMS Music trip to Waterville - 4/7/23
- HDHS trip to CATC - 3/9/23
- RHS Math Team trip to Augusta Civic Center - 4/4/23

11.0 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

12.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION [1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A)]: Personnel Matter

Director Chris Asch **motioned** to enter Executive Session for a personnel matter. Director Jeff Bickford **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 7 yes, 0 no.**

Time in: 7:50 p.m.

Time out: 8:26 p.m.

Action taken: Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham **motioned** to hire Richard Amero, Jr. as RSU 2 Superintendent of Schools pending agreement of the negotiated contract as discussed. Director Chris Asch **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 7 yes, 0 no.**

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Director Chris Asch **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 7 yes, 0 no.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Amero, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

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