

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

DATE: THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023
PLACE: MONMOUTH MEMORIAL SCHOOL LIBRARY
TIME: 6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Donna Seppy; Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham, Directors Chris Asch, Jeff Bickford, William Burgess, Aimee Campbell O'Connor, Deb Large and Hillary Roberts-Johnson

MEMBERS ATTENDING REMOTELY (in accordance with 1 MRSA §403-B): None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dresden (TBD)

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Rick Amero and Asst. Superintendent Kristie Clark; Special Ed Director Deb Murphy; Principals Gabrielle LaPerriere (remote) and Sara Derosby (remote); and IT Specialist Kyle Brown

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/QUORUM PRESENT

The Board Chair declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 1, 2023; THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 15, 2023

Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham **motioned** to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 1, 2023, and the Special Board Meeting of June 15, 2023. Director Jeff Bickford **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 8 yes, 0 no.**

3.0 ADJUSTMENT(S) TO AGENDA

- Add Item 6.9
- Add to Item 10.2
- Add to Item 10.4
- Add to Item 10.5

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

- 4.1 Public Comment
- 4.2 Recognition of outgoing Board Member Kathryn Marseglia
- 4.3 Welcome to New Board Members

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

A Policy Committee meeting needs to be set up for July.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1 Approval of Overnight and Out-of-Country Trips
Director Jeff Bickford **motioned** to approve the MA MOBY trip to Lamoine State Park, 9/19-9/22/23. Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 8 yes, 0 no.**
- 6.2 Approval of Revisions to Policies
Director Jeff Bickford **motioned** to approve the revisions to the following policies.

- BEDC - Quorum
 - BB - School Board Legal Status
- Director Deb Large **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 8 yes, 0 no.**

6.3 Election of Chair of RSU #2 Board of Directors
 Director Aimee Campbell O'Connor **nominated** Donna Seppy for Board Chair for the 2023-2024 year. Director Jeff Bickford **seconded** the nomination, **voted in favor 7 yes, 0 no. Donna Seppy abstained.**

6.4 Election of Vice-Chair of RSU #2 Board of Directors
 Director Jeff Bickford **nominated** Jeff Bickford for Board Vice-Chair for the 2023-2024 year. Director Hillary Roberts-Johnson **seconded** the nomination, **voted 2 yes, 6 no.**

Aimee Campbell O'Connor **nominated** Chris Myers Asch for Vice-Chair. Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham **seconded** the nomination, **voted 6 yes, 2 no; weighted vote: Chris Myers Asch = 8308, Jeff Bickford = 2248.**

6.5 School Board Standing Committee Appointments
 Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham **motioned** to approve the Board Chair's appointments to the following Board Standing Committees.

- Policy: Chris Myers Asch, Bill Burgess, Aimee Campbell O'Connor, new Dresden Board Member
 A meeting was set up for Monday, 7/31/23 at 5:30 at the RSU Central Office
 At this meeting the agenda will include discussion of the committee structure and purposes, roles and responsibilities of the committees.
- Budget and Operations: Jeff Bickford, Leanne Burnham, Deb Large, Hillary Roberts-Johnson
- Negotiations and Personnel: Chris Myers Asch, Bill Burgess, Aimee Campbell O'Connor, new Dresden Board Member
- Teaching and Learning: Chris Myers Asch, Jeff Bickford, Leanne Burnham, Hillary Roberts-Johnson

Other Committees:

- HDHS Simmons Advisory (Hallowell and Farmingdale reps): Chris Myers Asch, Hillary Roberts-Johnson
- Wellness:
- CATC Board Rep: Leanne Burnham
- Adult Ed Rep.: Jeff Bickford

Director Bill Burgess **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 8 yes, 0 no.**

6.6 Attendance Coordinators
 Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham **motioned** to approve the following attendance coordinators.

- Virginia Thom, DES School Counselor
- Amanda Wilcox. HDES School Counselor
- Tara Kierstead, HDMS School Counselor
- Brenda Dalbeck, HDHS School Counselor
- Erin Fogg and Katherine Cilley, MMS School Counselors
- Sarah Knowlton, MA School Counselor

Director Bill Burgess **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 8 yes, 0 no.**

6.7 Election of Truant Officers
 Director Deb Large **motioned** to approve the following Truant Officers.

- Lincoln County Sheriff's Dept, DES
- Hallowell Police Dept, HDES
- Farmingdale Constable, HDMS/HS
- Monmouth Police Dept, HCES, MMS, MA

Director Hillary Roberts-Johnson **seconded** the motion, **voted in favor 8 yes, 0 no.**

6.8 Election of School Physicians - postponed until August meeting

6.9 Budget Committee Recommendation for Article 1 and Article 5 of the Budget Warrants
 Director Bill Burgess **motioned** to approve the recommendation of the Budget and
 Operations Committee as recorded in the committee minutes of June 27, 2023. Director
 Jeff Bickford **seconded** the motion, **voted 8 yes, 0 no.**

7.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 Budget and Operations Committee [Budget only]
 RSU 2 Central Office
 June 27, 2023 5:30pm

Committee Members: Directors Jeff Bickford and Board Chair Donna Seppy

Committee Members Absent: Committee Chair Jim Grandahl, Aimee Campbell
 O'Connor and Jon Lambert

Other Board Members Present: Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham

Others Present: Superintendent Rick Amero, Jr., Assistant Superintendent Kristie Clark,
 Finance Director Kelleen Longfellow

Call to order at 5:48 pm

1. Discussion of Addition of funds to Article 1 and Article 5 of the FY'24 Budget

Article 1:

Recommendation is to move forward with hiring a grade K/1 teacher for DES as
 the first priority.

The second recommendation is to hire 2 ed techs. There is a concern with the
 difficulty in hiring ed techs.

Third recommendation is to hire tutors to fill in gaps for students. Tutors are also
 difficult to hire.

Article 5:

Recommendation is to move forward with hiring a contracted half-time district
 BCBA to support students across the RSU.

The second recommendation is to hire a part-time social worker.

Third recommendation is to expand the DES school counselor to full-time status.

Adjournment: 6:23pm

Respectfully Submitted

Kristie Clark, Asst. Superintendent

8.0 FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

9.0 ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- ESEA Comprehensive Needs Assessment and Application

10.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

10.1 Future Search Update

10.2 Newly Hired, Newly Appointed Personnel

- Tamia Welch, part-time Library Tech at DES
- Amie Levasseur, Transfer from School Nutrition Worker to School Nutrition Manager at DES
- Maurice Boudoin, Custodian transferred from RMS/RHS to DES
- Amanda Staires, School Nurse at DES
- Kimberly Currier, Adm. School Secretary at HDES
- Sarah Radasch, Grade 4 at HDES
- Alyssa Benedict, MTSS Coordinator at HDES
- Benjamin McDonough, Assistant Principal at HDES
- Rachel Gonzaga, ELA at HDHS
- Hayden Koller, Science transfer from MMS to MA
- Nathan Poulin, K-5 PE and Health at MMS
- Randy Parenteau, Director of Buildings and Grounds
- Kristie Clark, Migrant Officer
- Deb Murphy, Homeless Liaison
- Kristie Clark, Affirmative Action Officer/Title IX Officer Contact

10.3 Resignation(s) / Retirement(s)

- Richard Butler, Van Driver
- Regina Stilphen, Special Ed and Classroom Ed Tech at DES
- Betsey Noble, Part time Library Tech at DES
- Melissa Mullison, transfer from Adm. Asst. at HDES to RSU Payroll Coord.
- Kelle Labbe, Custodian at HDMS/HS
- Melissa Michaud, Kindergarten at MMS
- Nick Pascarella, Science at MA
- Antoine Morin, Assistant Special Education Director
- Felesha Morrissette, RSU Payroll Coordinator
- Kathryn Marseglia, Dresden School Board Member

10.4 Open Positions in the RSU

- Van Driver at HDMS/HS
- Custodian at HDES
- Custodian at HDMS
- Custodian at HDMS/HS
- Custodian at HDMS/HS (12/2023)
- Kindergarten at MMS
- Science at MMS
- Custodian at MA
- Special Ed Techs: DES 1.5, HDMS/HS 1
- Classroom Ed Tech (50%) at DES
- Part-time Library Tech at DES
- RSU 50% ELL Teacher
- Assistant Special Ed Director

- 10.5 Upcoming Board Events and Committee Meetings (subject to change)
- Policy Committee at Central Office – 7/31/23 5:30 p.m.
 - Board Retreat - 3pm - 6pm (Dresden) – 8/3/23
 - Regular Board Meeting at Dresden ES 6:00p.m. - 8/3/23

10.6 Upcoming Evening Events at Schools
Reported in August

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

10.8 Invitation to Retirement Party for Board Member Jon Lambert

10.9 Maine DOE School Safety Center information

11.0 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Approval of School Physicians
- Policy Committee recommendations
- Election of delegate to the MSMA Assembly
- Welcome new Dresden School Board Member

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Director Jeff Bickford **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Director Deb Large **seconded** the motion, **voted 8 yes, 0 no.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Amero, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

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