

R.S.U. No. 67 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Special School Board Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, April 8, 2020
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom, 6:00 pm

In accordance with An Act To Implement Provisions Necessary to the Health, Welfare and Safety of the Citizens of Maine in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, as enacted to read: Sec. G-1. 1 MRSA §403-A Public Proceedings Through Remote Access During Declaration of State of Emergency Due to COVID-19, R.S.U. 67's Meeting of the Board of Directors will be conducted through a ZOOM meeting. If you wish to join the meeting remotely, please follow this link to the live video conference.

The Zoom Link is Below.

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EMPOWERING LEARNERS FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

Board of Directors: Board Chair William Davis, Board Vice Chair Dianne Buck, Linda Brown, William Chubbuck, Jasmine Folster, Rebecca Hanscom, Diane Jipson, Diana Lambert, Patricia Nobel, Mary Plourde, Brian Sweep, Jeremy Weatherbee, Student Representative Kaitlyn Tilton

Members absent: Linda Brown, Diane Jipson

Members late:

R.S.U. No. 67 Staff in attendance: Superintendent Jean Skorapa, Administrative Assistant Rosemarie Clark

Guests present:

A. Call to Order

We will do a roll call to confirm that each member of the Board of Directors can both hear and be heard. We ask all other members to listen and report any audio difficulties when the roll call is complete.

Linda Brown___ Dianne Buck_x__ William Chubbuck_x__ William Davis__x_

Jasmine Folster__x_ Rebecca Hanscom__x_ Diane Jipson___ Diana Lambert_x__

Patricia Nobel__x_ Mary Plourde_x__ Brian Sweep__x_ Jeremy Weatherbee_x__

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Adjustments to the Agenda – Budget meeting date change to - Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

D. Communications: None

E. Public Participation: None

F. RSU No. 67's Response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak:

Superintendent J. Skorapa shared the district's Plan for Continuity of Education. The plan is based on the principles of health, community, equity and learning. She stated that this is a period of great uncertainty in our community, the state, the nation, and the world. Skorapa explained she uses information from the Maine CDC, the Department of Education, Commissioner Makin, Governor Mills, Superintendents from within the region, and the district's registered nurse when making decisions. Skorapa mentioned that her priority at this time is the health and safety of our students, faculty and community.

Skorapa mentioned that the district is distributing approximately 500 bag meals per day at our three feeding sites: Mattanawcook Academy, and the municipal parking lots in Chester and Mattawamkeag. Skorapa shared starting next week in order to minimize the number of times families and employees need to be out, we will adjust our schedule to Mondays (three meals) and Thursdays (four meals). We will continue to operate all three sites: Mattanawcook Academy, and the municipal lots in the towns of Chester and Mattawamkeag. Superintendent Skorapa thanked the Lincoln PTA for all their help in delivering meals to families that cannot pickup meals for their children.

Superintendent Skorapa shared that MA has formed a committee to discuss graduation. Skorapa mentioned that the committee will report to the board once they have more information to share.

Skorapa shared that each school is conducting weekly staff meetings via zoom. It's working out very well and they are brainstorming different ways to keep the student's engaged and to keep communication open for all students. They are also working on ways to keep in touch with the student's that do not have connectivity.

Director J. Weatherbee mentioned his concern on the mental health of our students and wanted to know if we have a plan in place to keep connected to these students.

Superintendent Skorapa stated that we do have plans in place. The district's guidance councilor's are reaching out via email, zoom, and calling.

Director J. Weatherbee asked if the grading and assessment will look the same.

Superintendent Skorapa stated that they will be based on the premise of "do no harm" to students.

Director B. Sweep asked if the students were going to be doing the MEA testing.

Skorapa said there will be no MEA testing.

Board Chair W. Davis asked about AP testing.

Superintendent asked Andrea Smith, MA Guidance Counselor to answer the question.

Andrea Smith shared that the test will be taken at home, 45 minutes and will be pre-response not multiple choice.

G. Old Business none

H. New Business

1. To approve RSU No. 67’s Continuity of Education Plan for students to be engaged in remote learning opportunities during school closures due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Motion: Director B. Sweep

Second: Director P. Nobel

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Linda Brown___ Dianne Buck_x__ William Chubbuck_x__ William Davis_x__

Jasmine Folster_x__ Rebecca Hanscom_x__ Diane Jipson___ Diana Lambert_x__

Patricia Nobel__x_ Mary Plourde__x_ Brian Sweep_x__ Jeremy Weatherbee__x_

I. Announcements

1. School Board Meeting, Wednesday, April 15, 2020, 6:00 p.m., (Virtual Meeting via Zoom)
2. Full Board **Budget** Workshop, Tuesday, April 21, 2020, 6:00 p.m., (Virtual Meeting via Zoom)
3. School Board Meeting, Wednesday, April 29, 2020, 6:00 p.m., (Virtual Meeting via Zoom)

J. Adjournment:

Motion: Director J. Weatherbee

Second: Director J. Folster

Vote: Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Time:7:02 p.m.

NOTE: Items may be added or deleted from the agenda by a unanimous vote of Board members present and voting. No new business will be undertaken after 10:00 p.m. unless the Board votes unanimously to extend the meeting beyond 10:00 p.m. by outlining remaining agenda items to be discussed or placed on the next regular board meeting agenda.

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Respectfully submitted,

Jean Skorapa

04/14/2020

Jean Skorapa
Superintendent of Schools

Date