

R.S.U. No. 67 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting
MINUTES
Wednesday, May 6, 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.

<https://zoom.us/j/93947762263?pwd=N0ZKK0tPUUZnbnJqV3RmdTlqUHIzQT09>

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: Jasmine Folster, Dianne Jipson, Linda Brown

Members late:

R.S.U. No. 67 Staff in attendance: Superintendent Jean Skorapa, Administrative Assistant Rosemarie Clark, Peter Loiselle, EPB Principal, Henry Pietras, MA Principal, Lisa Morin, SNP Director, Dave Ham, Facility Director, Heather Rockwell, Curriculum Coordinator, Web McCormick, IT Director, Sarah Hainer, MJHS Asst. Principal, Sharon Crockett, EPB Teacher, Jessy Alexander, MA Guidance Counselor, Patrice Turner, EPB Guidance Counselor, Bill McCarthy, Athletic Director, Gay McDonald, Special Ed. Director, Chris Cowing, MJHS Principal, Sandy Mulligan, HR/Payroll, Andrea Smith, MA Guidance Counselor.

Guests present: Chris DeBeck, Lincoln News

A. Call to Order – Board Chair W. Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and announced that the meeting is being recorded.

Linda Brown___ Dianne Buck_x__ William Chubbuck_x__ William Davis_x__

Jasmine Folster___ 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 - None

D. Consent Agenda Action Items marked ** will be voted as part of the Consent Agenda. Any Board member wishing to have an item removed from the Consent Agenda may do so.

Motion to approve the consent agenda items – Item E.

Motion: Director B. Sweep

Second: Director J. Weatherbee

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Linda Brown___ Dianne Buck__x_ William Chubbuck_x__ William Davis__x_

Jasmine Folster___ Rebecca Hanscom_x__ Diane Jipson___ Diana Lambert__x_

Patricia Nobel_x__ Mary Plourde_x__ Brian Sweep_x__ Jeremy Weatherbee_x__

**** E. Consideration of the minutes of Wednesday, April 15, 2020, School Board Meeting Via Zoom.***

F. Communications

G. Public Participation

H. Committee Reports

1. Region III – Director D. Buck shared with the board that Region III appointed a new Director, Kurt Ring who will start on July 1, 2020.

I. Student Representative’s Report

J. Board Chair Report

K. Superintendent’s Report

1. April 2020 Financials*

2. Continuity of Education Plan for Students Update.

Superintendent Skorapa reported that the district has received a number of devices and hotspots from the Department of Education. The purpose of these devices is to provide equitable opportunities for students to engage in remote, online learning. She also shared that the district has begun to plan for the 2020-2021 School Year. The Department of Education will tell schools when they can safely return to school.

3. Retirement, Martha Crocker, Administrative Assistant, Mattanawcook Academy, 3 years of Service, effective June 12, 2020.

Retirement, Webster McCormick, Director of Technology, 24 years of service, effective June 30, 2020.

Retirement, Henry Pietras, Mattanawcook Academy Principal, 32 years of service, effective July 1, 2020.

4. Ella P. Burr 2020-2021 Transfers –

Ellen Stevens from Grade 2 Teacher to Math Interventionist

Kimberly Olsen from Early K Teacher to Grade 1 Teacher

5. Mattanawcook Academy Graduation Update – Henry Pietras, MA Principal. – Mattanawcook Academy Principal, Henry Pietras, shared the plan for Mattanawcook Academy's Graduation. Each student will have an appointment to receive his/her diploma and awarded scholarships with up to six family members. Mr. Pietras expressed that social distancing and sanitizing guidelines provided by the CDC will be followed. Graduation will be video-taped and then streamed on the district's and MA's websites.

6. Mattanawcook Jr. High Football Program - Mr. McCarthy – Athletic Director, Bill McCarthy, shared with the board that due to lower participant numbers, he recommends MJHS goes to 8-man football like MA. He also discussed the possibility of allowing 6th graders to participate to increase numbers.

7. Donations –

Masks for the School Nutrition Program were made and donated by:
Elizabeth McAlister and Anne Earle of Atlanta, GA
Pam Page, Educational Technicians
Jane Ward, Former RSU 67 Employee
Bonita Whiting, Grandmother of one of our employees

Dr. Durwin Libby, \$60 – We have earmarked that donation for the Engineering Program.

Mark and Cathy Beebe, \$100 for the School Nutrition Program

8. Student and Staff Recognition –

1. In honor of Teacher Appreciation week, special recognition is given to our teaching staff. I sincerely thank each and every one of you for your heroic efforts to support our students each and every day.
2. In honor of School Nurse Appreciation Day today, thank you to our RN Jeri Davis who is a tremendous resource to our district and has been invaluable to our planning during COVID-19.
3. In honor of Principal Appreciation Day last Friday, thank you to all our building principals and assistant principals for your leadership, particularly during these unsettling times.
4. Mr. Haas and his engineer class continue to make shields for health care providers in Lincoln.
Penobscot Valley Hospital (125)
Dr. Durwin Libby, DDS (10)
Dr. Thibodeau Joseph, DDS (110)
Dr. Jeffrey Keyes, DMD (10)
Community Health and Counseling Homecare and Hospice of Lincoln (12)
5. Ella P. Burr Bikes for Books Winners
PK – Emma Yandrow, Brian Burt
Grade 1: Jameson Henry, Taylin Hesseltine
Grade 2: Michaela Windsor-Stone, Eben Murchison
Grade 3: Izzie Morin, Breighson Plourde

A special thank you was given to Miss Crockett and Mrs. Cuccinello for delivering bikes to the winners.

L. Old Business

M. New Business

1. Motion to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Probationary and Continuing Contract Teachers for the 2020-2021 School Year and to elect the following.

Probationary, Year 2

Claudette Albert, Allison Croce, Jon Fitch, Andrea Lumbra, Quincy Ratledge, Joan Whittier; Carla Wright

Probationary, Year 3

Louise Adelstone, Jennifer Antes, Ashton Carmichael, Libby Larlee, Sara Manzo, Daniel MacEachern, Amanda Tilton, Ciara Tolman, Elizabeth Toner, Melanie Turner

Continuing Contract

Crystal Burns, Colleen Cuccinello, Giannine Facchini, Dominick Foster, Joshua Hunnewell, Kathleen Morin, Nicole Murchison, Sarah Susen, Darci Sutherland

Motion: Director D. Buck

Second: Director B. Sweep

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimously passed. Motion passed.

Linda Brown___ Dianne Buck_x___ William Chubbuck_x___ William Davis_x___
Jasmine Folster___ Rebecca Hanscom_x___ Diane Jipson___ Diana Lambert_x___
Patricia Nobel_x___ Mary Plourde_x___ Brian Sweep_x___ Jeremy Weatherbee_x___

2. Motion to approve the modification of the Mattanawcook Jr. High Football Program from an 11-Man to an 8-Man Football team according to Policy JJI - Philosophy of Athletics.*

Motion: Director P. Nobel

Second: Director M. Plourde

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Linda Brown___ Dianne Buck_x___ William Chubbuck_x___ William Davis_x___
Jasmine Folster___ Rebecca Hanscom_x___ Diane Jipson___ Diana Lambert_x___
Patricia Nobel_x___ Mary Plourde_x___ Brian Sweep_x___ Jeremy Weatherbee_x___

3. Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve \$12,781,927.00 amount for the 2020-2021 RSU No. 67 budget.

Motion: Director D. Lambert

Second: Director B. Sweep

Discussion: Superintendent Skorapa shared with the board that although she fully supports the position, due to the economic uncertainty, this is not the year to add a School Resource Officer. At this time, Region III has not taken action to add their portion of the SRO. RSU 67 would be expected to pay for 3/4 of the position in the future which would be \$60,000.

Vote: Unanimously passed. Motion passed.

Linda Brown___ Dianne Buck_x___ William Chubbuck_x___ William Davis_x___

Jasmine Folster___ Rebecca Hanscom_x___ Diane Jipson___ Diana Lambert_x___

Patricia Nobel_x___ Mary Plourde_x___ Brian Sweep_x___ Jeremy Weatherbee_x___

Amended to 12,829,927 by J. Weatherbee \$48K added for a SRO Officer

Second: Director B. Sweep

Vote: Motion failed

Linda Brown___ Dianne Buck_no___ William Chubbuck_no___ William Davis_no___

Jasmine Folster___ Rebecca Hanscom_no___ Diane Jipson___ Diana Lambert_no___

Patricia Nobel_no___ Mary Plourde_no___ Brian Sweep_yes___ Jeremy Weatherbee_yes___

4. Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve \$96,214.00 amount for the 2020-2021 RSU No. 67 Adult Education budget.

Motion: Director D. Lambert

Second: Director M. Plourde

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Linda Brown___ Dianne Buck_x___ William Chubbuck_x___ William Davis_x___

Jasmine Folster___ Rebecca Hanscom_x___ Diane Jipson___ Diana Lambert_x___

Patricia Nobel_x___ Mary Plourde_x___ Brian Sweep_x___ Jeremy Weatherbee_x___

N. Announcements

1. School Board Meeting, Wednesday, May 20, 2020, 6:00 p.m., (Virtual Meeting via Zoom)

O. Future agenda items:

P. Adjournment:

Motion: Director D. Buck

Second: Director M. Plourde

Vote: Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Time: 7:28 p.m.

Linda Brown___ Dianne Buck_x__ William Chubbuck_x__ William Davis_x__

Jasmine Folster___ Rebecca Hanscom_x__ Diane Jipson___ Diana Lambert_x__

Patricia Nobel_x__ Mary Plourde_x__ Brian Sweep_x__ Jeremy Weatherbee_x__

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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NOTE: Backup videos of the meeting are available for viewing on the district web site at www.rsu67.org *Denotes backup material included in Board packet

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Skorapa

5/6/2020

Jean Skorapa
Superintendent of Schools

Date