

RSU #63 Board Meeting
Date: June 24, 2024
Location: Holden Elementary School
Minutes

RSU 63 Board Member(s) Present:

Town of Holden: Amy Hart, Heather Lander, Cherie Faulkner, and Derrick Robertson

Town of Clifton: Linda Graban

Town of Eddington: Heather Grass, and Brittany Wood

Excused Absence:

Town of Eddington: Rachel Downs

Superintendent Fulgoni called the meeting to order at 6:33pm followed by the flag salute and moment of silence.

Superintendent Fulgoni welcomed the new board members, Derrick Robertson, Cherie Faulkner, and Brittany Wood.

Superintendent Fulgoni called for nominations for Board Chair.

Cherie Faulkner nominated Linda Graban. Ms. Graban accepted the nomination. Motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Heather Grass to elect Linda Graban as Board Chair.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Heather Lander, Yes; Linda Graban, Yes; Heather Grass, Yes; Amy Hart, Yes; Derrick Robertson, Yes; Cherie Faulkner, Yes; Brittany Wood, Yes.

Vote: 7 Yes; 0 Opposed

Linda Graban is Board Chair

Superintendent Fulgoni congratulated Linda Graban and passed the meeting over to her.

Linda Graban called for nominations for Vice Chair.

Amy Hart nominated Rachel Downs, who was not present. Brittany Wood nominated Cherie Faulkner. Cherie Faulkner accepted the nomination. Motion by Heather Grass with a second by Heather Lander to elect Cherie Faulkner as Vice Chair.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Heather Lander, Yes; Linda Graban, Yes; Heather Grass, Yes; Amy Hart, Opposed (voted for Rachel Downs); Derrick Robertson, Yes; Cherie Faulkner, Abstained; Brittany Wood, Yes.

Vote: 5 Yes; 1 Opposed; 1 Abstained

Cherie Faulkner is Board Vice Chair

Motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Heather Grass to approve the minutes for the May 20, 2024 Board Meeting.

Discussion: None

Vote: 4 Approved; 0 Opposed; 3 Abstained

Motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Heather Grass to approve the minutes for the May 22, 2024 Budget Meeting.

Discussion: None

Vote: 4 Approved; 0 Opposed; 3 Abstained

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Recognition and/or Awards of Students, Staff, and Other:

Linda Graban, Board Chair, congratulated the graduating 8th Grade Class on their hard work through the years attending RSU 63. She wished them well at their chosen high schools. She also acknowledged Don Spencer, Elementary School Principal, for his years of service with the District and wished him a happy retirement.

Acceptance of Gifts and Donations: None

Presentation: None

Questions and Comments from the Public: Sarah Lane, resident of Holden, requested clarification of the public's part of Committee meetings, as well as noted that residents that attended the Curriculum Committee meeting were not noted in the minutes. Susan Shane, resident of Eddington, inquired whether the sports mural will be placed back in the Holbrook Middle School's hallway. Steve Armenia, resident of Clifton, made comments regarding issues with the District's policies, as well as ethics of the District and Board.

Dates of Next Committee Meetings:

1. **Budget and Finance Committee:** TBD
2. **Policy Committee:** TBD
3. **Curriculum Committee:** TBD
4. **Board Meeting:** TBD

Budget and Finance: Kelly Theriault, Business Manager, had nothing to add to the report.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Fulgoni extended his gratitude to Tracy Bigney for her time on the board and her hard work on Budget and Finance Committee and Collective Bargaining negotiations. He commended her professionalism and dedication to the District.

Acceptance of Reports: Motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Heather Grass to accept the written and verbal Budget and Finance Committee, and Superintendent's Reports.

Discussion: Superintendent Fulgoni explained that the acceptance of these reports does not necessarily mean that everything within the reports is approved. Linda Graban requesting that at the next meeting there is a presentation that explains the social and emotional learning graphic that was included in the Curriculum Committee Minutes from June 10, 2024 meeting.

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Certification of the Referendum Results: Motion by Linda Graban with a second by Heather Grass that the Computation and Declaration of Votes for the RSU 63 2024-2025 Budget, dated and attached here to and it is hereby approved (Attachment A). Furthermore, that the Computation and Declaration of Votes be entered upon the records of the District. Furthermore, that a certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes be sent to each of the municipal clerks within the District.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Heather Lander, Yes; Linda Graban, Yes; Heather Grass, Yes; Amy Hart, Yes; Derrick Robertson, Yes; Cherie Faulkner, Yes; Brittany Wood, Yes.

Vote: 7 Yes; 0 Opposed

Declare Bus as Surplus (Disposal)

A motion to declare the bus as surplus was made by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Heather Grass.

Discussion: Megan Harvey, Administrative Assistant, clarified to Board Chair that it is a school bus being disposed.

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

Approval of Heating Fuel Bid

A motion to approve the propane heating fuel bid for the 2024-2025 school year was made by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Heather Grass.

Discussion: Kelly Theriault, Business Manager, stated that the District received two bids and Dead River Company had the lowest bid. The Budget and Finance Committee recommends approval.

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

2024-2025 RSU 63 Board Meeting Dates and Locations

A motion to approve the 2024-2025 RSU 63 Board Meeting dates and locations (with proposed additional date) was made by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Amy Hart.

Discussion: Linda Graban requested that the meeting be held in July. July 22, 2024 was proposed first, but there were conflicts. The board agreed to schedule for July 15, 2024 at 6:30pm at the Eddington School.

Vote: 6 Approved; 1 Opposed

Review of Board Committees and Committee Member Assignments: Linda Graban called for nominations of Budget and Finance Committee Members. Derrick Robertson, Brittany Wood, and Cherie Faulkner were nominated and each accepted the nomination.

Motion by Heather Grass with a second by Cherie Faulkner to elect Derrick Robertson, Brittany Wood, and Cherie Faulkner as the Budget and Finance Committee Members.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Linda Graban, Yes; Heather Grass, Yes; Amy Hart, Yes; Derrick Robertson, Yes; Cherie Faulkner, Yes; Heather Lander, Yes; Brittany Wood, Yes.

Vote: 7 Yes; 0 Opposed

Linda Graban called for Budget and Finance Committee Member volunteers for Warrant Officers. Cherie Faulkner and Derrick Robertson volunteered.

Motion to elect Cherie Faulkner and Derrick Robertson as the Budget and Finance Committee Warrant Officers was made by Heather Grass with a second by Brittany Wood.

Discussion: There was a short discussion on adding a third person to the rotation but was decided to only have two Warrant Officers.

Roll Call Vote: Heather Lander, Yes; Linda Graban, Yes; Heather Grass, Yes; Amy Hart, Yes; Derrick Robertson, Yes; Cherie Faulkner, Yes; Brittany Wood, Yes.

Vote: 7 Yes; 0 Opposed

Appointment to Collective Bargaining Committee

A motion to appoint Tracy Bigney to continue her work negotiating on the Collective Bargaining Committee was made by Heather Grass with a second by Brittany Wood.

Discussion: None

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

RSU 63 Board of Directors Documents Review

Linda Graban inquired if there were any requested revisions by the Board to the documents. No revisions were discussed; therefore, no motion.

Motion to Authorize the Superintendent to Hire New Teachers During Summer Months: Motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Heather Grass to authorize Superintendent Jared Fulgoni to hire new teachers/administrators during summer months.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Heather Lander, Yes; Linda Graban, Yes; Heather Grass, Yes; Amy Hart, Yes; Derrick Robertson, Yes; Cherie Faulkner, Yes; Brittany Wood, Yes.

Vote: 7 Yes; 0 Opposed

Personnel Actions

Resignations/Retirements: The District received resignations from Carolyn Brown, Director of Special Education; Kimberly Flanagan, Grade 6 Math Teacher, Holbrook; Ashley Merchant, RTI Coordinator, Interventionist, and School Coach, Holbrook; Douglas Conant, Custodian at Holden Elementary

Elections: None

Appointments: None

Reassignments: None

Searches: Elementary School Principal; Director of Special Education; Music Teacher (Grades 5-8); Special Education Teacher (Eddington); Ed Tech I; Ed Tech III- Library; RTI Coordinator (Holbrook Middle School); Speech Language Pathologist; Long Term Occupational Therapist; Anticipated Special Education Bus Driver; Substitute Bus Drivers; A Boys Basketball Coach; B Boys Basketball Coach; Cheering Coach

At 7:17pm a motion to enter executive session for discussion of labor contract negotiations with Education Technicians and Food Service Workers by the Maine Education Association pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) was made Cherie Faulkner with a second by Heather Lander.

Vote: 7 Yes; 0 Opposed

A motion to enter executive session for discussion of compensation of officials/appointees/employee with RSU 63 Administrators pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) was made by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Heather Lander.

Vote: 7 Yes; 0 Opposed

A motion to enter executive session for discussion of compensation of officials/appointees/employee with RSU 63 Superintendent pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) was made by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Heather Lander.

Vote: 7 Yes; 0 Opposed

Public Session resumed at 8:45pm.

Actions Regarding Executive Sessions:

A motion was made to approve the compensation of RSU 63 Administrators as recommended by Superintendent Fulgoni.

Vote: 7 Yes; 0 Opposed

A motion was made to approve the compensation of the Superintendent for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years, as budgeted.

Vote: 7 Yes; 0 Opposed

Adjournment: At 9:10pm, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion: None

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jared Fulgoni", is written in black ink on a light blue rectangular background.

Jared Fulgoni
RSU 63 Superintendent of Schools

Approved: July 15, 2024