

RSU #63 Board Meeting
Date: November 25, 2024
Location: Holbrook Middle School
Minutes

RSU 63 Board Member(s) Present:

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

Town of Clifton: Linda Graban

Town of Eddington: Rachel Downs, Heather Grass, and Brittany Wood

Linda Graban, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30pm followed by the flag salute and moment of silence.

At 6:32pm, motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Rachel Downs to enter into Executive Session for discussion of contract negotiations pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D).

Discussion: None

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

Public session resumed at 6:47pm.

Motion made by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Brittany Wood to move the vote to ratify RSU Education Association Education Technicians and Food Service Workers Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement to the next item on the Agenda.

Discussion: None

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

Motion made by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Heather Lander to ratify the RSU Education Association Education Technicians and Food Service Workers Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement

Discussion: Superintendent Fulgoni explained that portions of this Agreement are retroactively effective.

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

Motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Rachel Downs to approve the minutes for the October 28, 2024 Board Meeting.

Discussion: Linda Graban corrected a typo made in the public comment section.

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

Motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Heather Lander to approve the minutes for the November 4, 2024 Special Board Meeting.

Discussion: None

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed; 1 Abstained

Recognition and/or Awards of Students, Staff, and Other: Superintendent Fulgoni recognized Audra Leland, Pre-K Teacher at the Eddington School, for her quick action performing the Heimlich Maneuver on a student who was choking. In addition, Mackenzie Reardon, eighth grader at Holbrook Middle School, won Fourth Place in the Cole Transportation Museum's Veteran Interview Essay Contest. He also gave Mrs. McCarthy, eighth grade Social Studies teacher, acknowledgement for getting the students involved in the contest each year. And lastly, Superintendent Fulgoni commended each school for their work for Chris Greeley Day of Service, and stated that a rain date for some of the Holbrook activities will be announced in the near future. In addition, Heather Lander commended Heather Kiley, Holden Elementary Secretary, and Jon Larson, Holden Elementary Custodian, for their great job handling a situation with a student that had a bloody nose at dismissal time, and their ability to multi-task in stressful situations.

Acceptance of Gifts and Donations: Superintendent Fulgoni thanks Thomas Wood for his donation and work on the basketball courts at Holbrook Middle School. Walmart also donated crayons, glue, and colored pencils to the Holden School. The Charleston Church donated new coats and retired teacher Deborah Nadeau and her family donated money, socks, and sneakers to the Holden School.

Motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Heather Grass to accept the gifts and donations.

Discussion: None

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

Presentation: Kristina Dumond, Curriculum Director, presented the results of RSU 63's state testing for MTTY Reading and Math, as well as MEA Science. Overall, students performed a few points above the State Average in Reading, Math and Science. She explained that there is public access to the ESSA Dashboard (<https://www.rsu63.org/domain/13>) showing overall results on the Maine Department of Education website, however the data results posted are from 2022-2023. In addition, Ms. Dumond explained that RSU 63 has teamed up with the RISE Center at the University of Maine for science, which provided Grades 6, 7, and 8 with STEM kits. Superintendent Fulgoni reinforced that the old, outdated curriculum programs affected fallen test scores, but with the new programs that are consistent across grade levels, we will be able to pinpoint problem areas and see growth.

Questions and Comments from the Public: Helen Allen-Weldon thanked the Board for bringing the teachers and staff donuts and coffee on Professional Development Day.

Dates of Next Committee Meetings:

1. **Board Meeting:** December 16, 2024 at 6:30pm, Holden School
2. **Budget and Finance Committee:** January 27, 2024 at 5:30pm, Holden School
3. **Policy Committee:** January 6, 2024 at 3:15pm, Holbrook Middle School
4. **Curriculum Committee:** TBD

Budget and Finance: There was nothing to add to the reports.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Fulgoni reported that the Consolidation is getting local News Stations' interests and stated that all news articles will be posted on the Consolidation tab of the RSU 63 District Website.

Acceptance of Reports: Motion by Rachel Downs with a second by Cherie Faulkner to accept the written and verbal Committees', Administrators, and Superintendent's Report.

Discussion: Superintendent Fulgoni mentioned that George Cummings, IT Coordinator, has begun work to update the website for this Spring, so that the website will be configured for a mobile application option.

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

Old Business:

School Consolidation Update: Superintendent Fulgoni gave a short update, stating that he attended a Clifton Town Meeting to discuss the required process and laws regarding the Consolidation.

Board Goals: Motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Derrick Robertson to accept the Board Goals.

Discussion: None

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

New Business:

Formation of School Consolidation Committee: Motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Rachel Downs to approve the formation of the School Consolidation Committee.

Discussion: None

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

Election of School Consolidation Committee Members Motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Heather Grass to approve the election of Linda Graban, Heather Grass, Cherie Faulkner, and Brittany Wood as members of the School Consolidation Committee.

Discussion: The Board had a lengthy conversation regarding Policies BDE and BDF and the interpretation of how the School Consolidation Committee Members would be chosen, as well as the number of members allowed in the Committee. After some exchanges it was decided that each town would be represented and a fourth member would be added to the Committee.

Vote: 6 Approved; 2 Opposed

Policies to Review, 1st Reading:

A motion to send the BHC – Board Communications and Relationships with Staff Policy; GBEBB – Staff Conduct with Students; GCBI – Annual Evaluation of the Superintendent; and BBCB – Use of Social Media/Networking by School Board Members Policies back to the Policy Committee for a second reading was made by Cherie Faulkner and seconded by Brittany Wood.

Discussion: Heather Lander discussed the edits that were made to each policy. Cherie Faulkner inquired about the process if the Board elects to discard Policy BHC, but it was decided the revisions were sufficient.

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

Personnel Actions

Resignations/Retirements: Teighan Colson, Ed Tech 1 at Eddington Elementary.

Elections: None

Appointments: Gene Worcester, Boys A and B Team Basketball Coach; Dennis Whitney, Girls A Team Basketball Coach; Thomas Tardiff, Girls B Team Basketball Coach; Dan Duran, Chess Coach.

Reassignments: None.

Searches: Special Education Teacher, Eddington School; MTSS Teacher; ELL/MLL Teacher; Speech Language Pathologist; Ed Tech II Title I/Elementary RTI, Eddington School; Ed Tech I or II, Eddington School; Cheer Coach; Van Drivers and Bus Drivers.

Adjournment: At 8:03pm, motion by Heather Grass with a second by Cherie Faulkner to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion: None

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

Respectfully submitted by,



Jared Fulgoni
RSU 63 Superintendent of Schools