

RSU #63 Board Meeting
Date: May 20, 2024
Location: Holbrook Middle School
Minutes

RSU 63 Board Member(s) Present:

Town of Holden: Tracy Roberts, Amy Hart, Matthew Campbell (departed at 8:11pm), and Heather Lander

Town of Clifton: Linda Graban (arrived at 6:57pm)

Town of Eddington: Tracy Bigney, Rachel Downs, Heather Grass

Tracy Roberts, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:31pm followed by the flag salute and moment of silence.

Motion by Tracy Bigney with a second by Rachel Downs to approve the minutes for the April 29, 2024 Board Meeting.

Discussion: None

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

Motion by Tracy Bigney with a second by Rachel Downs to approve the minutes for the May 2, 2024 Special Board Meeting.

Discussion: None

Vote: 6 Approved; 0 Opposed; 1 Abstained

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

Tracy Roberts, Board Chair, acknowledged the work that exiting Board Members Matthew Campbell and Tracy Bigney have done on the Board. She wished Tracy Bigney good luck with her reelection.

Zach Chenier, Transportation Coordinator, recognized two of RSU 63's bus drivers for going above and beyond for ensuring children's safety. John Kelly recognized that a driver did not adhere to the busses flashing red lights and made sure the student did not leave the bus until it was safe. In addition, Mindy Bryner spotted a young child wandering in Brewer with no shoes, she quickly took action by calling the Brewer Police Department, who then found that the child had a sibling that was also wandering alone. Her actions helped ensure the safety of two young children.

Heather Lander recognized Sarah Holsapple (Music Teacher), Hellen Allen (Art Teacher), Matheu Sagehorn (PE Teacher), Sherry Neill (Cook), and Jenny-Lee LaGrange (Cook) for all their hard work and going above and beyond for their students and the District. Sarah Holsapple conducted two wonderful concerts. In addition, Hellen Allen has made some extremely creative projects for her students, and worked with Sarah Holsapple to include student art on the concert pamphlets. Matheu Sagehorn has worked hard at creating a great experience for the students with the Outdoor Club. Jenny-Lee LaGrange created a special lunch for the 4th Graders with a Sweet Frog Theme, which included an ice cream bar and dance party! And Sherry Neill volunteers her personal time on Saturdays to cook at baseball and softball games.

Acceptance of Gifts and Donations: None

Presentation: Ashley Perry, Sierra Blake, and Jennah Geiser presented the 1st Grade Curriculum. They discussed the standards in comparison to RSU 63's 1st Grade. They also explained that Grade 1 is extremely important as the foundation of reading, the first graders go from Level 1 to Level 13 in one year; which is one of the largest level jumps in one year that occur. They also displayed some of the play-based learning that they used in their classrooms in the 2023-2024 school year, which included a Farmer's

Market and Vet Clinic. The Grade 1 team works cooperatively with each other to map out their curriculum for the year, which they execute through a shared spreadsheet that includes links to every lesson. This teamwork allows minimization of planning so that more time is used to adapt to the specific needs of their classes. Kristina Dumond, Curriculum Director, expanded on the presentation by explaining that data walls will be used to identify high-needs students starting in June 2024, which will allow teachers to be knowledgeable regarding specific student's needs next school year. She also stated that she will be working with Megan Harvey, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, on updating the District Website to include a more in-depth curriculum page.

Questions and Comments from the Public: Esther Yoder, Clifton resident, began to discuss a personnel issue. Tracy Roberts, Board Chair, reminded her that public comments are not to discuss staffing issues. Steve Armenia, Clifton Resident, stated his discontent for the District taking the bus garage project away from its initial contractor. Jim Spencer wanted to publicly recognize Don Spencer, Holden and Eddington Schools' Principal, for all his time and accomplishments at RSU 63.

Dates of Next Committee Meetings:

1. **FY25 Budget Informational Meeting:** May 22, 2024 at 6:00pm, Holbrook Middle School
2. **RSU 63 District Budget Meeting:** May 22, 2024 at 6:30pm, Holbrook Middle School
3. **Curriculum Committee Meeting:** June 10, 2024 at 5:30pm, Holbrook Middle School
4. **Board Meeting:** June 24, 2024 at 6:30pm, Holden Elementary School

Budget and Finance: Tracy Bigney noted that there was a meeting on May 15, 2024, and those Minutes will be included in the Board Packets for the June 24, 2024 Meeting.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Fulgoni thanked Kristina Dumond, Curriculum Director, and the teachers for all their hard work this school year. He also thanked Kelly Theriault, Business Manager, for completing the year with a manageable surplus. Lastly, he thanked the outgoing Board Members, Matthew Campbell and Tracy Roberts, as well as wished Tracy Bigney good luck with her reelection.

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

Discussion: Rachel Downs thanked Ryan Porter, Facilities and Maintenance Manager, for changing the lights on the scoreboard.

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Trash Bid

A motion to approve the lowest bidder on the trash request for proposal was made by Matthew Campbell with a second by Rachel Downs.

Discussion: Kelly Theriault, Business Manager, stated that Casella had the lowest bid. A contract for three years will be issued.

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

Support Staff Scale

A motion to approve the support staff scale was made by Matthew Campbell with a second by Heather Grass.

Discussion: Tracy Bigney explained that some titles have increased due to the market value. The Budget and Finance Committee recommends the approval and that this scale is included in the 2024-2025 Proposed Budget.

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

Interim Elementary School Principal

A motion to approve the position of an Interim Elementary School Principal position was made by Matthew Campbell and seconded by Linda Graban.

Discussion: Superintendent Fulgoni explained that due to the lateness of the year, he recommends that the position for the Elementary School Principal be made into an Interim position to open up the candidate pool. An interim position will allow for a flexible one-year contract. There was a short discussion regarding if an interim position may defer some candidates.

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

Declaration of Van as Surplus

A motion to declare the van as surplus was made by Heather Grass and seconded by Linda Graban.

Discussion: None

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

PREP Interlocal Agreement for Education Service Center

A motion for the "Penobscot River Educational Partnership Interlocal Agreement for Education Service Center" be approved substantially in form presented to this meeting and that RSU 63 enter into said Agreement and become an Initial Member of the Penobscot River Educational Partnership established by said Agreement, subject to approval of said Agreement by the Commissioner of the Department of Education was made by Matthew Campbell and seconded by Linda Graban.

Discussion: Tracy Bigney stated that this agreement now incorporates SPRYCE, which will simplify the governance of PREP with a board that comprises of just the PREP Superintendents.

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

At 7:38pm, motion by Rachel Downs with a second by Linda Graban to enter into executive session for the discussion of employment of officials/appointees/employees with RSU 63 Facilities and Maintenance Manager pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A).

Discussion: None

Vote: 8 Yes; 0 Opposed

At 7:49pm, motion by Rachel Downs with a second by Linda Graban to enter into executive session for the discussion of employment of officials/appointees/employees with RSU 63 Director of Curriculum pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A).

Discussion: None

Vote: 8 Yes; 0 Opposed

At 7:51pm, motion by Rachel Downs with a second by Linda Graban to enter into executive session for the discussion of employment of officials/appointees/employees with RSU 63 Special Education Director pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A).

Discussion: None

Vote: 8 Yes; 0 Opposed

Public Session resumed at 8:11pm.

Motion by Tracy Bigney with a second by Heather Grass to approve the contracts for RSU 63's Facilities and Maintenance Manager, Director of Curriculum, and Special Education Director.

Discussion: None

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

Personnel Actions:

Resignations/Retirements: The District received a notice of resignation from Kasey Gray, 6th Grade ELA Teacher at the Holbrook Middle School, effective as of August 31, 2024.

Elections: None

Appointments: None

Reassignments: None

Searches: Elementary School Principal, Music Teacher (Grades 5-8), Speech Language Pathologist, Long Term Occupational Therapist, Anticipated Special Education Bus Driver, and Substitute Bus Drivers.

Adjournment: At 8:12pm, motion by Linda Graban with a second by Heather Lander to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion: None

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

Respectfully submitted by,

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

Jared Fulgoni
RSU 63 Superintendent of Schools

Approved: June 24, 2024