

RSU #63 Board Meeting
Date: November 27, 2023
Location: Holbrook Middle School
Minutes

RSU 63 Board Member(s) Present:

Town of Holden: Amy Hart, Tracy Roberts, and Heather Lander

Town of Clifton: Linda Graban

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

RSU 63 Board Member Absent Excused:

Town of Holden: Matthew Campbell

Board Chair, Tracy Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:33pm followed by the flag salute and moment of silence.

At 6:34pm, motion by Amy Hart with a second by Heather Grass to enter into executive session for discussion of Superintendent Jared Fulgoni's evaluation pursuant to 1 MRSA section 405(6)(A).

Discussion: None.

Roll Call Vote: Heather Lander, Yes; Tracy Roberts, Yes; Amy Hart, Yes; Linda Graban, Yes; Tracy Bigney, Yes; Rachel Downs, Yes; Heather Grass, Yes.

Vote: 7 Yes; 0 Opposed

Public Session resumed at 7:29pm.

Motion by Amy Hart with a second by Rachel Downs to approve the minutes for the October 23, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

Recognition and/or Awards of Students, Staff, and Other: Superintendent Fulgoni introduced Kat Rivera, her family, and teacher Desiree McCarthy. Kat placed first in the Cole Land Transportation Museum's Veteran Essay Contest, which she wrote about her interview and meeting with Navy Veteran Clark Thompson. She read her essay to the Board and attendees. After her reading, Heather Lander recognized the Parent Teacher Group (PTG) for doing a great job within the community, specifically on the Trunk or Treat, which was a huge success. In December, the PTG will be hosting additional events for Christmas. She also introduced the new members of the PTG: Emily Robertson, Julie Anna Prentiss, Mindy Bryner, and Kate Foster.

Acceptance of Gifts and Donations: Superintendent Fulgoni acknowledged the support from the community the last month. Maine Military Supply donated \$500 to the theatre program, as well as 600' of paracord to the Chris Greeley Day of Service Group for a service project at Holbrook Middle School. In addition, donations were received for the Sponsor a Child program, including \$1000 from the Holden Police Department for 25 Days of Kindness. East Eddington Community Church also donated \$1000 to the program.

Motion by Linda Graban with a second by Rachel Downs to accept the donations.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

Presentation:

Kristina Dumond, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the 2023 NWEA and MTTY data for each school broken down further by grade level. This data shows where the gaps are in each grade and subject. She summarized the areas that RSU 63 is falling below expectations by grade levels for both Math and Reading. She explained that she was not able to pull the Special Education data on its own, but there is a training coming up that she will take to learn how to cull. Superintendent Fulgoni added that Special Education and low-income students are the two groups of students that bring overall percentages down so it is important to analyze the areas they struggle.

Kristina Dumond explained that focus is being put on ELA this year, which will make positive improvements in all areas of study going forward. There was a short discussion regarding action plans around the data and the oversight on applying data in the classrooms. Principal Spencer explained that teachers use individualized data in the classrooms and interventionists work one on one with the children that are struggling in certain testing areas. Next, Kristina Dumond reviewed the science data, which showed that RSU 63 scored above the state average. She attributed this to the middle school students working with the RISE program and University of Maine and that starting from Pre-K, students are focused on workshop models that allow for student centered learning. Superintendent Fulgoni, however, stressed that although we scored above the state average, the overall state average dropped, and due to our programs and district resources, we should be well above average, so there is still much room for improvement.

Questions and Comments from the Public:

Sarah Lane of Holden questioned how staff would be held accountable for training and professional development so that student's test scores improve. She specifically asked what is the accountability for teachers that receive years' worth of feedback with no changes.

Dates of Next Committee Meetings:

There was a short discussion to change the times of the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting and Policy Committees' so that the two meetings do not overlap. Budget and Finance was changed from 5:30pm to 5:15pm and Policy was changed from 6:00pm to 6:15pm.

Budget and Finance Committee: December 4, 2023 at 5:15pm, Holbrook Middle School

Policy Committee: November 6, 2023 at 6:15pm, Holbrook Middle School

Curriculum Committee: December 12, 2023 at 5:30pm, Holbrook Middle School

MSMA School Board Workshop: December 18, 2023 at 6:30pm, Holden Elementary

Budget and Finance: Rachel Downs asked if there was a decision on whether to bring out the salad bar every day at school for lunches. Kelly Theriault explained that it is being considered, but it involves a lot of extra labor, however, after New Years' they may try doing every other day. Superintendent Fulgoni then asked how the extra portions have been received by the students and it was discussed that there has been a lot of waste and leftovers. The chocolate milk shortage was also discussed so that the Board and parents understand that it is a nationwide issue with the packaging of the milk.

Nothing to add to the Budget and Finance Committee Report.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Fulgoni thanked Kristina Dumond for a successful Professional Development Day and offering choices for the attendees in workshops. He has received a lot of positive feedback from Staff about the changes. He also noted that enrollment numbers were added to the Board Package, per the Board's request at the October 23, 2023 Meeting. He also commended the Brewer School Department about being proactive with removing non-attending students from the tuition invoices this year.

Acceptance of Reports: Motion by Amy Hart with a second by Linda Grabin to accept the written and verbal Budget and Finance Committee, Policy Committee, and Superintendent's Reports.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

Old Business:

A motion to approve scheduling the MSMA School Board Workshop in lieu of the Board of Director's Meeting on December 18, 2023 was made by Amy Hart and seconded by Heather Lander.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

New Business:

Policies to Approve, Second Reading:

A motion to approve the EBABA (Chemical Hygiene Plan) Policy was made by Heather Grass and seconded by Amy Hart.

Discussion: None

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

A motion to approve the KF (Community Use of School Facilities and RSU 63 Equipment) Policy with noted revisions was made by Linda Graban and seconded by Rachel Downs.

Discussion: Tracy Bigney discussed approving once vaping language is added to Section IV, Part C of the RSU #63 Facilities Use Application and Agreement Form.

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

Personnel Actions:

Resignations/Retirements: None.

Elections: None

Appointments: Megan Harvey, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent; Connor Young, Custodian, Eddington; Dennis Whitney, Girls A Basketball Coach; Gene Worster, Boys B Basketball Coach; Matthew Pushard, Long Term Physical Education Substitute, Holbrook; and Abigail McCarthy, Ed Tech 1, Eddington.

Reassignments: None

Searches: Ed Tech I, Holden and Substitute Bus Drivers.

Adjournment: At 8:10pm, motion by Heather Grass with a second by Rachel Downs to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion: None

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

Respectfully submitted by,

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

Jared Fulgoni
RSU 63 Superintendent of Schools

Approved:
January 22, 2024