

RSU #63 Board Meeting
Date: September 25, 2023
Location: Holden Elementary School
Minutes

RSU 63 Board Member(s) Present:

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

Town of Clifton: Linda Graban

Town of Eddington: Tracy Bigney and Rachel Downs

RSU 63 Board Member Absent Excused:

Town of Eddington: Heather Grass

Board Chair, Tracy Roberts 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 August 28, 2023 Board Meeting.

Discussion: Linda Graban noted that opposition was not asked on the motion for the middle school principal contract or acceptance of reports. She added that neither herself or Heather Grass voted to approve the motions, but it was announced as unanimous. She requested the vote for those two motions reflect 2 opposed.

Motion amended to reflect “with these changes”

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

Recognition and/or Awards of Students, Staff, and Other: Superintendent Fulgoni stated that while we do not have any recognitions listed on the agenda, staff were working hard on getting students settled into their routines.

Acceptance of Gifts and Donations: Superintendent Fulgoni mentioned the need for bark at our elementary school playgrounds and asked if the word could be spread to area businesses.

Presentation: Kristina Dumond, Director of Curriculum shared the curriculum plans (documents provided as part of the Board Packet). She noted the District has many of the pieces that just needed to be pulled together. She noted the long-term goal was curriculum mapping, while the scope and sequences development was in progress. Discussion took place on the timeline of completion of each phase, content area integration, the role of the Curriculum Committee, and adding a “Curriculum Corner” to the schools newsletters.

Questions and Comments from the Public: Sarah Lane, Holden resident spoke on curriculum and the idea of re-assessing the consolidation of the three buildings. Ann Beal, Clifton resident questioned how positions were posted, staff appointed, and who makes the final decision on hiring. She requested a copy of the policy on hiring coaches. Scott Walton, Holden resident voiced concerns on Pre-K and asked how the decision was made to move to full days.

Dates of Next Committee Meetings:

Budget and Finance Committee: September 21, 2023 at 5:00, Holbrook Middle School

Policy Committee: October 16, 2023 at 6:00pm, Holbrook Middle School

Board Meeting: October 23, 2023 at 6:30pm, Eddington Elementary School

Budget and Finance: Superintendent Fulgoni advised the budget is being closely monitored. The District has had multiple unbudgeted high cost needs recently. High-cost special education services, facility needs, and transportation issues are a few areas of concern. Kelly Theriault, RSU 63 Business Manager advised they are working hard to ensure student needs and programs are not impacted by the budget issues.

Ms. Theriault provided an update on the boiler project and bid response. The cost was much higher than anticipated. She has been working with the contractor through Carpenter Associates who has agreed to invoice the project next year. She advised this will also contribute to a much higher budget increase next year, but will help with the budgetary issues we are having currently.

Nothing to add to the Budget and Finance Committee Minutes.

Superintendent’s Report: Discussion took place on re-assessing the consolidation of the buildings. The Board agreed to have Superintendent Fulgoni start gathering information on the cost savings to consolidate buildings.

Acceptance of Reports: Motion by Linda Graban with a second by Tracy Bigney to accept the written and verbal Curriculum Committee, Budget and Finance Committee, Administrators, and Superintendent's Reports.

Discussion: Tracy Roberts questioned the change for PreK this year and if the Administration planned to evaluate the change and reassess the need. Superintendent Fulgoni confirmed. Discussion took place on enrollment numbers and the high school residency verification process. The Board requested total high school enrollment numbers for the next meeting.

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

Old Business: None

New Business:

Superintendent Evaluation Form:

Tracy Roberts began the discussion on policy GCBI – Superintendent Evaluation and what steps the Board would take to start the process.

MSBA Delegate Assembly Representative and Alternate:

Motion by Linda Graban with a second by Heather Lander to elect Matthew Campbell as the Delegate and Tracy Bigney as the Alternate.

Discussion: None

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

MSMA Fall Conference: Discussion on the Fall Conference. There are no volunteers.

Personnel Actions:

Resignations/Retirements: Gary Ferrill, Eddington Custodian for the purpose of retirement. Shelley Wyman, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, resignation.

Elections: None

Appointments: Jason Smith, Boys A Team Soccer Coach; Daniel Duran, Chess Team Coach; Thomas Smith, Boys A Team Basketball Coach; Dennis Whitney, Cross Country Coach; and Ethan Welch, Girls A Team Soccer Coach.

Reassignments: None

Searches: Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent; Ed Tech I, PreK (.6FTE); Custodian at Eddington; Bus Drivers; Cheering Coach; Long Term Occupational Therapist Substitute; Substitutes (Teachers, Ed Techs, Drivers, Custodians).

Adjournment: At 8:19pm, motion by Matthew Campbell with a second by Linda Graban to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion: None

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

Respectfully submitted by,



Jared Fulgoni
RSU 63 Superintendent of Schools

Approved:

October 23, 2023

