

RSU #63 Board Meeting  
Date: March 31, 2025  
Location: Holden Elementary School  
Minutes

**RSU 63 Board Member(s) Present:**

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

*Town of Clifton:* Linda Graban

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

**RSU 63 Board Member(s) Absent Excused:**

*Town of Holden:* Derrick Robertson

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

Motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Heather Lander to approve the minutes for the February 24, 2025 Board Meeting.

**Discussion:** Rachel Downs noted that her attendance was omitted from the School Consolidation Committee Minutes from the March 8, 2025 meeting.

**Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed**

**Recognition and/or Awards of Students, Staff, and Other:** Heather Lander recognized Sherry Neill and Kendra Bruton for always making lunch time fun and interacting with the kids. In addition, she congratulated the Math Team and their advisor Mrs. Brownell for their successful results, which were as follows:

Grade 6 Individual Awards went to Silas Wood in First Place, Tegan Weir in Second Place, as well as Steven Carr and Landon LaGrange placing in the top ten. Grade 6 Holbrook Team, which included Silas Wood, Tegan Weir, Steven Carr, and Landon LaGrange, placed First for the Team event. Grade 7 Individual Awards went to Nora Williams in First Place, Elizabeth Downs in Third Place, and Henry Osborne placing in the top ten. Grade 7 Holbrook Team, which included Nora Williams, Elizabeth Downs, Kooper Neyer, and Alex Morin placed First for the team event. Grade 8 Individual Awards went to Ivan Hulburt in the top ten. The final Math Meet is May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Field House at the University of Maine and will include over 500 students competing in Grade 6 through 9 from around Eastern Maine.

**Acceptance of Gifts and Donations:** None

**Presentation:** None

**Questions and Comments from the Public:** Ben Breadmore, Manager of the Town of Holden, provided a binder with data to the Board members regarding crash data on Route 9 and Route 1A and explained that Holden's goal with the consolidation is a strategic, long-term investment that will benefit the tax payers of Holden. In addition, Susan Dunham Shane, Eddington, commended the teachers at Holbrook Middle School for always leaving detailed guides to their substitutes and leading their students. She also stated that she hopes that the Consolidation Committee will take into account the Special Education staff and other support staff into their decision. Kristie Licata, Eddington, requested that the Policy Committee review the Policy regarding tuition for high school students. Her daughter was accepted to Maine School of Science and Mathematics, however under the current policy, room and board is not covered, even in the situation that the state is covering the full tuition of the school.

**Dates of Next Committee Meetings:**

1. **School Consolidation Committee Meeting:** April 1, 2025 at 5:30pm, Holbrook School
2. **Policy Committee Meeting:** April 2, 2025 at 3:30pm, Holbrook School
3. **Negotiations Committee Meeting (Executive Session for Negotiating Committees Only):** April 9, 2025 at 5:30pm, Eddington School
4. **Budget Informational Meeting:** April 28, 2025 at 5:30pm, Eddington School
5. **Board Meeting:** April 28, 2025 at 6:30pm, Eddington School

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## **Budget and Finance:**

Discussion: None

**Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Fulgoni noted that he spoke with Ms. Licata and reinforced that the Policy Committee should revisit Policy JFBC – Secondary School Tuition. He also reported that RSU 63's budget is well underway and has a zero percent increase, while most districts are seeing an increase. He commended that Budget and Finance Committee and others that worked on the budget for remaining fiscally responsible while also ensuring that all the District's needs are met.

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

Discussion: None

**Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed**

## **Old Business:**

**School Consolidation Update:** Superintendent Fulgoni discussed that himself, the Board Chair, and Chair of the Consolidation Committee had a Zoom meeting with RSU 34's Superintendent, Matthew Cyr, to hear their experience with a school closure and consolidation. Superintendent Fulgoni recommends that a Workshop be scheduled for the entire Board regarding the Consolidation. In addition, he explained that the Consolidation Committee Meeting scheduled for tomorrow, April 1, 2025, will include statements from First Responders regarding the safety of each school, as well as from Zach Chenier, Transportation Coordinator.

**2025-2026 School Year Calendar:** Motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Brittany Wood to approve the 2025-2026 School Year Calendar with revisions made to the Open House times.

Discussion: There was a lengthy discussion regarding the days and times of the Open Houses. The final decision changed the Open House on the Calendar to all schools scheduled for Monday, August 25, 2025 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.

**Vote: 3 Approved; 2 Opposed; 2 Abstained**

**Policies for 2<sup>nd</sup> Review:** Motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Rachel Downs to approve the following policies: ECAD - Security Camera System; ECAD-R - Security Camera System Administrative Procedure; EGAD - Copyright Compliance; EGAD - R - Copyright Compliance Administrative Procedure; GCSB - Use of social media by school employees; GCSA - Employee use of school issued computers, devices, and the internet; JICK - Bullying and Cyberbullying; and JICK-R - Bullying and Cyberbullying Administrative Procedures.

Discussion: None

**Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed**

## **New Business:**

### **Personnel Actions**

**Resignations/Retirements:** Gabrielle Kyes, Ed Tech II

Elections: None

**Appointments:** Rebecca Gideon, Girls Softball Coach (A Team); Ryan Cahill, Girls Softball Coach (B Team); Gene Worcester, Boys Baseball Coach (A Team); and Thomas Smith, Boys Baseball Coach (B Team).

**Reassignments:** None.

**Searches:** Middle School Principal; Special Education Teachers (Eddington and Holbrook); Elementary Music Teacher; MTSS Teacher (Holbrook); ELL/MLL Teacher (District); Speech Language Pathologist (District); Ed Tech II – Title I/Elementary RTI (Eddington); Spare Van Driver; and Bus Drivers.

**Adjournment:** At 7:28pm, motion by Rachel Downs with a second by Cherie Faulkner to adjourn the meeting.

**Discussion:** None

**Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed**

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J. Fulgoni', written in dark ink on a light blue background.

Jared Fulgoni  
RSU 63 Superintendent of Schools

**APPROVED:** April 28, 2025