

RSU #63 Board Meeting
Date: April 23, 2018
Location: Holbrook Middle School
Minutes

Members Present:

Town of Eddington: Rusty Gagnon and David McCluskey

Town of Holden: Jennifer Newcomb, John Hutchins, and Suzanne Wieland

Town of Clifton: Linda Graban

Superintendent of Schools: Susan M. Smith

Excused Tardy: Gavin Robinson, Town of Holden arrived at 6:32pm

Board Chair, Rusty Gagnon called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. A flag salute was conducted and a moment of silence was observed.

Motion by John Hutchins with a second by Jenn Newcomb to move Elections to the beginning of the agenda.

Vote: 6 Approved; 0 Opposed

Motion by John Hutchins with a second by Jenn Newcomb to approve the following Elections: Probationary Year 1 to Probationary Year 2: Erin Adams, Grade 2 Teacher; Jennifer Barker, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher; Ashley Bean, Grade 4 Teacher; Sara Gooding, Part time Pre-Kindergarten Teacher; Nicole Goss, Grade 6/7 Teacher; Andrew Kirby, Grade 8 Science Teacher; Carolann McClellan, Occupational Therapist; Aurora Stickle (present), Reading Recovery/Literacy Teacher; Michelle Voci, Grade 1 Teacher. Probationary Year 2 to Probationary Year 3: Desiree Doughty, Grade 6 Teacher; Kaitlin Michaud, Speech & Language Pathologist; Bill Meehan, Grade 5-8 Special Education Composite Room Teacher; Helen Allen-Weldon, K-4 Art Teacher; Sandra Brown, Literacy Teacher. Probationary Year 3 to Continuing Contract: Sam Bedore, Grade 4 Teacher; Alexandria Cerkovitz, Special Education Composite Room Teacher; Kelsey Linscott, Kindergarten Teacher; Billie Jo Lovley, Grade 3 Teacher; Erin McDonald (present), Grade 5/6 Special Education Resource Room Teacher; Danielle Nason, Grade 2 Teacher; Monica Norris (present), World Language Teacher; Kristen Russell, Special Education Resource Room Teacher.

Vote: 6 Approved; 0 Opposed; 1 Abstention by Gavin Robinson

Recognition and/or Awards of Students, Staff and Others: Sarah Johnson took home the First Place prize for her essay at the Maine State National History Day Competition and Lauren Starks' essay earned Third Place. The Margaret Chase Smith Library, administrator of the National History Day program in Maine, nominated Mrs. Clement for the Harris History Teacher Award. Over 200 students were recognized at the Elementary School assemblies at the end of March for the "Good Conduct" award for the 2nd trimester.

Acceptance of Gifts/Donations:

The Maine Gun Safety Coalition donated 36 Trigger Locks and these are available at the Central Office. Ashton Carmichael was awarded a Breakout EDU Lock Box from Donors Choose for the Holbrook Library.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Jenn Newcomb with a second by David McCluskey to approve the minutes from the March 26, 2018 Board Meeting.

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

Presentation and Discussion:

Superintendent Susan Smith shared the RSU #63 Security and Safety Bullet Points. Sheriff Deputy Watson and Holden Police Chief Greely shared information on how the District works together with Public Safety, discussed ways the public can help the school and local law enforcement, and answered questions from the Board.

Questions and Comments from the Public:

Tom Copeland expressed his support for having staff members armed if it was voluntary and they had special training. Bob Harvey and Jenn Newcomb agreed. Rusty Gagnon said she is concerned about the liability. Mr. Harvey suggested multiple panic buttons throughout the buildings and lock down stations as another way to improve the safety of the schools.

Dates of Next Committee Meeting:

New School Community Committee: Thursday, April 26, 2018, 5:30pm at Holbrook

Policy Committee: Tuesday, May 1, at 4:30pm, at Holbrook

Budget & Finance Committee: Wednesday, May 9, 2018, at 5:30pm, at Holbrook

Special Board Meeting: Budget Information, Wednesday, May 9, 2018, 6:30pm at Holbrook School Cafeteria

Discussion and Motions Regarding Reports

Motion to approve written and verbal Committee and Administrative Reports by Jenn Newcomb with a second by David McCluskey.

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

Budget and Finance:

No change to Business Manager Report. No change to Budget and Finance Committee Report. FY19 Budget is currently on Draft 4 and moving toward Draft 5.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Smith had nothing to add to her report. She advised childcare is still in the works for Eddington for next school year. More information will be available for the May Board Meeting. Superintendent Smith, with the help of Rusty Gagnon, drafted a letter to Commissioner Ricker Hamilton at the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the need for mental health services for students in RSU #63. This letter is ready to be sent. The Board thanked Superintendent Smith for writing this letter, as these students should not be going without care for this length of time.

Motion by Jenn Newcomb with a second by Suzanne Wieland to submit the letter to Commissioner Ricker Hamilton at the Department of Health and Human Services.

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

RSU #63 Chair's Report: None

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Acceptance of Reports:

Motion to approve written and verbal Budget & Finance, Superintendent, and Board Chairs Reports by Jenn Newcomb with a second by Gavin Robinson.

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

Old Business:

Cost Benefit Analysis: Discussion included the possibility of voting to move forward with the Oak Point Proposal. The consensus of the Board Members is to wait until the State list comes out, scheduled for June 13, 2018. At that time, the Board will then move forward with further discussion and possible voting on the Oak Point Proposal.

New Business:

Policies Recommended for Approval:

Motion by Gavin Robinson with a second by John Hutchins to approve policy EHAA – Agreement to Publish Student Information on the RSU #63 Website and RSU #63 Facebook Page.

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

Personnel Actions:

Joseph Burke has been appointed as Track Coach. Jeannie Bachelder has resigned as Bus Driver and Katie Ames has resigned as Grade 7/8 Resource Room Teacher. Karen Tate has been reassigned from Substitute Bus Driver to Bus Driver.

Searches continue for Substitutes and Long Term Holbrook Cook Substitute. Summer School positions have been advertised starting today.

Questions and Comments from the Public: None

At 7:55pm a motion was made by John Hutchins with a second by Gavin Robinson to enter into Executive Session to discuss separation agreement pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405 (6) (A).

Roll call vote: 7 Yes; 0 No

Executive Session ended at 8:04pm

Motion by David McCluskey with a second by Jenn Newcomb to approve the separation agreement with Andrea Turmelle as recommended by the Superintendent and legal counsel.

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

Adjournment:

At 8:06pm a motion was made by Jenn Newcomb with a second by Gavin Robinson to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

Respectfully submitted by,



Susan M. Smith

RSU #63 Superintendent/Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Approved: May 21, 2018

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