

RSU #63 Budget Informational Meeting
Date: April 24, 2023
Location: Eddington Elementary School
Minutes

RSU #63 Board Member(s) Present:

Town of Holden: Cherie Faulkner, Tracy Roberts, Matthew Campbell, and Heather Lander

Town of Eddington: Heather Grass and Karen Quimby

Town of Clifton: Linda Graban

RSU #63 Board Member Present Remotely:

Town of Eddington: Tracy Bigney

Board Chair, Tracy Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

Superintendent, Jared Fulgoni gave a brief overview of the draft FY24 Budget and explained the increased cost to towns. Overall, the budget has an increase of \$63,104.

Board Discussion: None

Questions and Comments from the Public: Tom Copeland, Holden resident and Town Counselor thanked the Board and expressed his appreciation to the Budget and Finance Committee for a small increase in the budget. Joe Sekera, Eddington resident thanked the Board for their efforts with the Budget and asked them to reconsider the placement of Public Comment.

Adjournment:

At 6:10pm, Motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Linda Graban to adjourn.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Linda Graban: Yes; Cherie Faulkner: Yes; Tracy Bigney: Yes; Heather Lander: Yes; Tracy Roberts: Yes; Matthew Campbell: Yes; Heather Grass: Yes; Karen Quimby: Yes

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

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Board Chair, Tracy Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

At 6:32pm, motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Heather Grass to enter into executive session for discussion of employment of officials/appointees/employees pursuant to 1 MRSA section 405(6)(A).

Roll Call: Linda Graban: Yes; Cherie Faulkner: Yes; Tracy Bigney: Was Not Online for This Vote; Heather Lander: Yes; Tracy Roberts: Yes; Matthew Campbell: Yes; Heather Grass: Yes; Karen Quimby: Yes

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Public session resumed at 6:58pm, followed by the flag salute and moment of silence.

Motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Linda Graban to approve the April 3, 2023 RSU #63 Board Meeting Minutes.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Linda Graban: Yes; Cherie Faulkner: Yes; Tracy Bigney: Yes; Heather Lander: Yes; Tracy Roberts: Yes; Matthew Campbell: Yes; Heather Grass: Yes; Karen Quimby: Yes

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Recognition and/or Awards of Students, Staff, and Others: Superintendent Fulgoni thanked everyone who participated in the Robert Merritt dedication last week. There was a great show of support from Mr. Merritt's family, former and current students, former and current staff, and area coaches.

Acceptance of Gifts/Donations: Superintendent Jared Fulgoni announced a \$500 donation from Donors Choose for "Books are a Unique Type of Magic" Grade 4 (Samantha Bedore) and a \$500 donation from Nikki Moore, "Humble Sight Photography" for Holbrook baseball uniform pants.

Motion by Matthew Campbell with a second by Heather Grass to accept the donations as listed on the agenda.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Linda Graban: Yes; Cherie Faulkner: Yes; Tracy Bigney: Yes; Heather Lander: Yes; Tracy Roberts: Yes; Matthew Campbell: Yes; Heather Grass: Yes; Karen Quimby: Yes

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Presentation: Curriculum Update – Superintendent Fulgoni gave a brief overview of work done to date by the newly formed Curriculum Committee. Plans include a summer bootcamp with teacher leaders on curriculum mapping and continuing the mapping over the course of the school year. Superintendent Fulgoni advised teachers will work simultaneously on content areas so multiple parts of the curriculum will have progress made rather than just one content area.

Questions from the Public: Susan Dunham Shane, Eddington resident spoke on bus behavior. Sarah Lane, Holden resident and RSU 63 Teacher spoke on work she has done on curriculum mapping with her class and requested feedback from parents on the Board.

Dates of Next Meetings:

Budget and Finance Committee Meeting: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 5:15pm, Holbrook Middle School

Policy Committee Meeting: Monday, May 8, 2023 at 5:30pm, Holbrook Middle School

Curriculum Committee: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 5:30pm, Holbrook Middle School

Board Meeting: Monday, May 22, 2023 at 6:30pm, Holbrook Middle School

Budget Meeting: Monday, May 22, 2023 at 7:00pm, Holbrook Middle School

Budget and Finance: There was no Business Manager report. Cherie Faulkner, Budget and Finance Committee Chair did not have anything to add to the Budget and Finance Committee Report.

Superintendent's Report: Jared Fulgoni advised the flashing light for Holden Elementary School has arrived and will be installed Wednesday morning. He noted the attendance information requested by Ms. Bigney was in his report to the Board.

Acceptance of Reports:

Motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Heather Grass to accept all written and verbal reports from the Budget and Finance Committee, Policy Committee, Curriculum Committee, and Superintendent.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Linda Graban: Yes; Cherie Faulkner: Yes; Tracy Bigney: Yes; Heather Lander: Yes; Tracy Roberts: Yes; Matthew Campbell: Yes; Heather Grass: Yes; Karen Quimby: Yes

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Old Business:

Chief Greeley Day of Service: Superintendent Fulgoni recommended November 9th or November 17th. Discussion took place on if a specific date or day should be set.

Motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Linda Graban to approve November 17, 2023 as the Chris Greeley Day of Service.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Linda Graban: Yes; Cherie Faulkner: Yes; Tracy Bigney: Yes; Heather Lander: Yes; Tracy Roberts: Yes; Matthew Campbell: Yes; Heather Grass: Yes; Karen Quimby: Yes

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

New Business:

Approval of FY24 Budget:

Motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Matthew Campbell to approve the FY24 Budget, Version 8.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Linda Graban: Yes; Cherie Faulkner: Yes; Tracy Bigney: Yes; Heather Lander: Yes; Tracy Roberts: Yes; Matthew Campbell: Yes; Heather Grass: Yes; Karen Quimby: Yes

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Policies to Approve (1st Reading):

Motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Karen Quimby to approve the first reading of policy BGB – Policy Adoption.

Discussion: Tracy Bigney expressed concern that 48 hours was enough time for posting of draft policies. Mr. Campbell responded that it was the minimum posting time and aligned with the posting language written in other RSU 63 policies. Karen Quimby noted there was still a roman numeral error. Matthew Campbell felt this policy did not require a second reading if there are no other recommended changes.

Motion to approve withdrawn by Cherie Faulkner.

Motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Linda Graban to approve the final reading of policy BGB – Policy Adoption with the amendment of the roman numeral error.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Linda Graban: Yes; Cherie Faulkner: Yes; Tracy Bigney: Yes; Heather Lander: Yes; Tracy Roberts: Yes; Matthew Campbell: Yes; Heather Grass: Yes; Karen Quimby: Yes

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

Policies to Approve (2nd Reading):

Motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Linda Graban to approve the second reading of policy JFBC – Secondary School Tuition.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Linda Graban: Yes; Cherie Faulkner: Yes; Tracy Bigney: Yes; Heather Lander: Yes; Tracy Roberts: Yes; Matthew Campbell: Yes; Heather Grass: Yes; Karen Quimby: Yes

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Tracy Bigney excused herself from the meeting at 7:42pm.

Motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Linda Graban to approve the second reading of policy GCQC – Exit Interview Opportunities.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Linda Graban: Yes; Cherie Faulkner: Yes; Heather Lander: Yes; Tracy Roberts: Yes; Matthew Campbell: Yes; Heather Grass: Yes; Karen Quimby: Yes

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Motion by Karen Quimby with a second by Cherie Faulkner to approve the second reading of policy EEA – School Transportation.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Linda Graban: Yes; Cherie Faulkner: Yes; Heather Lander: Yes; Tracy Roberts: Yes; Matthew Campbell: Yes; Heather Grass: Yes; Karen Quimby: Yes

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Personnel Actions:

Resignations/Retirements: Jesse Gauthier, RSU 63 Special Services Director; Tina Ferrill, Eddington Elementary School Secretary; Ebonie Baker, Holbrook School Counselor. Superintendent Fulgoni added he received a resignation letter from Beth Carter, Grade 1 Teacher today.

Elections:

Motion by Matthew Campbell with a second by Heather Grass to approve the Probationary Year 1 Contracts to Probationary Year 2 Contracts as recommended by the Superintendent.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Linda Graban: Yes; Cherie Faulkner: Yes; Heather Lander: Yes; Tracy Roberts: Yes; Matthew Campbell: Yes; Heather Grass: Yes; Karen Quimby: Yes

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Motion by Matthew Campbell with a second by Heather Grass to approve the Probationary Year 2 Contracts to Continuing Contracts as recommended by the Superintendent.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Linda Graban: Yes; Cherie Faulkner: Yes; Heather Lander: Yes; Tracy Roberts: Yes; Matthew Campbell: Yes; Heather Grass: Yes; Karen Quimby: Yes

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Appointments: Mitch Moczygemba, Track and Field Coach

Reassignment: None

Searches: Grade 1 Teacher, Holbrook School Counselor, Special Education Director, Elementary School Secretary, Custodian, Holbrook Resource Room Special Education Teacher, Ed Tech III at Holbrook, Bus Drivers, and Substitutes.

Superintendent Fulgoni advised we are looking into other avenues for advertising the searches.

Adjournment:

At 7:49pm, motion by Matthew Campbell with a second by Heather Grass to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Linda Graban: Yes; Cherie Faulkner: Yes; Heather Lander: Yes; Tracy Roberts: Yes; Matthew Campbell: Yes; Heather Grass: Yes; Karen Quimby: Yes

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Respectfully submitted by,

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

Jared Fulgoni
RSU 63 Superintendent of Schools

Approved: May 22, 2023