

RSU #63 Board Meeting
Date: April 27, 2020
Location: Holbrook Middle School Library and Remotely
Minutes
Remote Dial In Phone Number: 1-541-579-2943 Pin: 202579264#

Physically Present:

Town of Eddington: Charles Baker, Jr.

Town of Holden: John Hutchins

Superintendent of Schools: Susan M. Smith

Holbrook Principal: Richard Modery

Remotely Present:

Town of Eddington: Steve Carr

Town of Holden: Gavin Robinson, Heather Charity, and Holly Whitmore

Town of Clifton: Linda Graban

Elementary Schools Principal: Don Spencer

Special Services Director: Jesse Gauthier

Technology Director: George Cummings

Business Manager: Kelly Theriault

Transportation and Facilities Director: Jake Morgan

Administrative Assistant: Shelley Wyman

Absent:

Town of Eddington: Christina McLeod

Chair, John Hutchins called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

A flag salute was conducted and a moment of silence was observed.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Heather Charity with a second by Charles Baker, Jr to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2020 Board Meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Steve: Yes; Holly: Yes; Linda: Yes; Gavin: Yes; Heather: Yes; Charles: Yes; John: Yes

7 Approved; 0 Opposed

Recognition and/or Awards of Students, Staff, and Others: Superintendent Smith presented a Certificate of Appreciation received from the State of Maine thanking the Food Service Department for their efforts in providing food for our students.

Acceptance of Gifts/Donations: The East Eddington Community Church donated \$1,000 for student internet access. Steve Goulette and Deborah Sykes donated \$200 for student internet access. Theresa Maybury, Audra Leland, and Alice Miller donated personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies. Community Care donated one hour of services per week for staff support for the remainder of the school year. Many monetary donations have been received for CHEFS. Maine Paper and Janitorial donated two cases of toilet paper. That is being distributed with food deliveries.

Presentation: None

Questions and Comments from the Board: None

Questions and Comments from the Public: None

Dates of Next Committee Meeting:

Budget and Finance Committee: Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 5:00pm, at Holbrook Library and Remotely

Board Meeting: Monday, May 11, 2020 at 6:30pm, at Holbrook Library and Remotely

Special Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 6:30pm, at Holbrook Library and Remotely

School Board Meeting: Monday, June 15, 2020 at 6:30pm, Location TBD
Referendum Vote: Tentatively, Tuesday, July 14, 2020

Budget and Finance: Nothing to add to Business Manager Report. Nothing to add to the Budget and Finance Committee Report. Superintendent Smith stated she sent the Board the FY21 Proposed Budget, Draft Five and Summary to review. She advised the Board will need a public hearing and a budget meeting before the tentative July 14, 2020 referendum vote. The District will begin the new fiscal year on July 1st with the current budget. Superintendent Smith reviewed the FY21 summary sheet. There is an overall increase. However, there will be an overall decrease in the assessments to towns due to an increase in funding from the State of Maine. Eddington and Clifton have a decrease while Holden has a slight increase. The increase to Holden is due to an increase in property valuation from the State. The FY21 budget by cost center is overall less, with the exception of Facilities. Charles Barker, Jr suggested the internet connection should be a priority since it broke for the second time. Superintendent Smith stated she is looking into different funding options for this. Kelly Theriault advised the State is suggesting school districts prepare for less funding for FY22 (2021-2022 school year). The Department of Education will not be enforcing the 3% undesignated fund rule. This will help with budget preparations and assist with potential shortfall.

Superintendent's Report: Nothing to add

RSU #63 Chair's Report: None

Acceptance of Reports: Motion to approve written and verbal reports from Administrators, Committees, and Superintendent by Heather Charity with a second by Charles Baker, Jr.

Roll Call Vote: Steve: Yes; Holly: Yes; Linda: Yes; Gavin: Yes; Heather: Yes; Charles: Yes; John: Yes
7 Approved; 0 Opposed

Old Business: None

New Business:

Remote Learning in RSU 63: Superintendent Smith reviewed the timeline of meetings and events that led to the remote learning as well as the timeline of meetings and events during the remote learning. Recommendations and guidelines change frequently. RSU 63 teams are working together to make this transition as smooth as possible and provide students the tools they need to be successful.

Motion by Heather Charity with a second by Charles Baker, Jr. to approve RSU 63 Remote Learning Plan.

Roll Call Vote: Steve: Yes; Holly: Yes; Linda: Yes; Gavin: Yes; Heather: Yes; Charles: Yes; John: Yes
7 Approved; 0 Opposed

Waiver for Student Days: Superintendent Smith recommends ending the trimester June 5th which was the regular scheduled end of trimester. The plan is to hold end of year activities between June 8th and 12th. June 12th will be the last student day. There are two student days June 15 and 16 and one teacher day June 17th that will be moved into July and/or August for teachers to check in with students, professional development, and prepare for the next school year. Superintendent Smith advised she has been working with area administrators, PREP, and the teacher's association in preparations for the start of the school year in August. There may be a continued need for at least some remote learning.

Motion by Linda Graban with a second by Charles Baker, Jr. to allow Superintendent Susan Smith to request from the Maine Department of Education a waiver of the minimum student days for the 2019-2020 school year.

Roll Call Vote: Steve: Yes; Holly: Yes; Linda: Yes; Gavin: Yes; Heather: Yes; Charles: Yes; John: Yes
7 Approved; 0 Opposed

Personnel Actions:

Resignations: None

Retirements: None

Reassignments: Peter Walsh is voluntarily reassigned to Holbrook Math teacher from Holbrook STEM teacher.

Leaves: None

Elections: Motion by Heather Charity with a second by Charles Barker, Jr to approve the Elections from one year to the next as recommended by the Superintendent.

Roll Call Vote: Steve: Yes; Holly: Yes; Linda: Yes; Gavin: Yes; Heather: Yes; Charles: Yes; John: Yes
7 Approved; 0 Opposed

Probationary Year 1 to Probationary Year 2: Jennifer Mahoney – Speech & Language Pathologist; Kasha Robertson – Special Education Teacher; Hannah Foster – Occupational Therapist; Audra Leland – Pre-K Teacher; Mary St.Peter – Grade 4 Teacher; Nathan Dusablon – Middle School Science Teacher; Sara Ostrander – Grade 5 Teacher

Probationary Year 2 to Probationary Year 3: Janet Nichols – Elementary School Counselor; Deborah Nadeau – Grade 2 Teacher; Robert Simko – Grade 6 Teacher; Brandy Walsh – Grade 5-8 Art Teacher; Sandra Rowe – Special Education Teacher

Probationary Year 3 to Continuing Contract: Sarah Lane – Grade 2 Teacher; Aurora Stickle – Literacy Teacher; Michelle Voci – Grade 1 Teacher; Ashley Bean – Grade 5 Teacher; Nikki Goss – Middle School Math Teacher

Appointments: None


Searches: Middle School Principal, Part-time Grade 5-8 Music Teacher, PK-8 Computer Science Teacher, Grade 2-4 Resource Room Teacher, Grade 2-4 Resource Room Teacher, Part-time Speech Language Pathologist, PK-1 Life Skills Teacher, Two PK-1 Life Skills Educational Technician II or III.

Questions and Comments from the Public: None

Adjournment: At 7:14pm Heather Charity made the motion with a second by Charles Baker, Jr. to adjourn.

Roll Call Vote: Steve: Yes; Holly: Yes; Linda: Yes; Gavin: Yes; Heather: Yes; Charles: Yes; John: Yes
7 Approved; 0 Opposed

Respectfully submitted by,



Susan M. Smith
RSU #63 Superintendent/Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Approved: May 11, 2020