

RSU #63 Board Meeting
Date: April 3, 2023
Location: Holden 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, Karen Quimby, and Tracy Bigney

Town of Clifton: Linda Graban

Board Chair, Tracy Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:34pm, the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence followed.

Tracy Roberts announced Executive Session was not needed.

Motion by Tracy Bigney with a second by Cherie Faulkner to approve the February 27, 2023 RSU #63 Board Meeting Minutes.

Discussion: None

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

Recognition and/or Awards of Students, Staff, and Others: None

Acceptance of Gifts/Donations: Superintendent Jared Fulgoni acknowledged the donations made for the Eddington Elementary School Literacy Night and thanked all the area businesses for their support.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

Presentation: None

Questions from the Public:

Residents and staff that spoke regarding policy IMDB – Flag Displays: Peter Lyford, Eddington resident; Nevaeh Kennedy, Holden resident; Ahlexia Roberts, Eddington resident; Peter Walsh, Holden resident and RSU 63 staff member; Brandy Walsh, Holden resident and RSU 63 staff member; Ashley Murphy, Clifton resident; Susan Dunham Shane, Eddington resident; Ben Bartlett, Holden resident; Marie Sekera, Eddington resident; John Walsh, Clifton resident; Rachel Beckwith, RSU 63 staff member; Elizabeth Sekera, former Eddington resident; Makayla Quimby, Eddington resident; Rachel Downs, Eddington resident; Tim Rogers, Eddington resident; Amelia Rogerson, Holden resident.

Residents and staff that spoke regarding flashing lights and transportation: Brian Glass, RSU 63 Bus Driver; Kristy Carr, Eddington resident; Crissy Saucier, Clifton resident.

Residents and staff that spoke regarding safety and security of the schools: Mindy Bryner, Holden resident

Tracy Roberts thanked everyone for sharing their thoughts and comments.

Dates of Next Meetings:

FY24 Budget Workshop Meeting: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 5:30pm, Holbrook Middle School

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

Curriculum Committee: Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 5:45pm, Holbrook Middle School

Policy Committee Meeting: Monday, April 10, 2023 at 6:30pm, Holbrook Middle School

Board Meeting: Monday, April 24, 2023 at 6:30pm, Eddington Elementary School

Budget and Finance: Kelly Theriault, RSU 63 Business Manager announced there was an error on her report to the Board. Absences should be 263 rather than 34. She added corrected ED279 reports were released and RSU 63 will receive an additional \$189,000.

Superintendent Fulgoni made the recommendation to the Board Chair to have Ms. Theriault sit at the Board table, especially during budget time. Board Chair, Tracy Roberts invited Ms. Theriault to join them at the table.

FY24 Budget Update: Ms. Theriault advised the FY24 Draft Budget version 7 and Budget Summary Page would be shared on the RSU 63 website. She gave a brief summary of proposed changes that came from the Budget and

Finance workshops to include, 3 Grade 5 teachers, elimination of Director of Curriculum and Instruction position, expansion of Pre-K, and other program changes. Tracy Roberts asked if version 7 is the draft being proposed and presented to the Board. Kelly Theriault confirmed version 7 would be presented to the Board.

Superintendent's Report: Jared Fulgoni recognized the students for the courage they displayed with public speaking. He provided an update on the flashing signs for Holden and advised there is a supply issue the vendor is working on.

Superintendent Fulgoni has asked all Administrators to provide a weekly update to him with events happening in the District. This will allow him to provide an update to the Board.

Acceptance of Reports:

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

Discussion: Tracy Roberts asked George Cummings about the change of the NWEA testing. Mr. Cummings advised the test is being aligned to meet the standards.

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

Old Business: None

New Business:

Chief Greeley Day of Service: Superintendent Fulgoni recommended to the Board to designate a day in the fall dedicated to learning about community service and engaging students in community service to honor the legacy of Chief Chris Greeley. The Board asked Superintendent Fulgoni to bring a date to them for consideration.

Policies to Approve (1st Reading): Matthew Campbell, Policy Committee Chair gave a brief overview of the recommended changes and explained the first and second reading process.

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

Discussion: Tracy Bigney asked who is responsible for notifying the District if a student is not attending. Superintendent Fulgoni explained the school will do its due diligence to reengage the student and follow truancy protocol that includes notifying the sending school district.

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

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

Discussion: Matthew Campbell stated he would like to see changes to this policy to provide the questionnaire to the Board. Tracy Bigney added that it should be made clear on the form how the questionnaire would be used.

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

Motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Linda Graban to approve the first reading of policy EEA – School Transportation.

Discussion: Matthew Campbell stated changes are needed to make it clear that transportation changes would be phased in. Changes would also be made based on student needs and enrollment to area high schools. Tracy Bigney noted a grammatical change to page 2, Section VI. Change “Only” to “On”.

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

Policies to Approve (2nd Reading): Matthew Campbell read the recommended language change and thanked everyone for showing up and speaking in regard to this policy. In reading the recommended language, there is a grammatical change needed; change “or” to “and”.

Motion by Karen Quimby with a second by Linda Graban to approve the amendment to policy IMDB - Flag Displays to change “or” to “and”.

Discussion: None

Vote: 7 Approved; 1 Opposed (Tracy Bigney)

Motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Linda Graban to approve the second reading of amended policy IMDB – Flag Displays.

Discussion: Tracy Bigney stated there is another state law that should be referenced and read the language regarding reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Matt Campbell felt this is all state law. Ms. Bigney agreed and stated

that most of the policy is law and if we are citing some, we should cite all relevant references. Tracy called for a motion to add Title 20A, section 4010. Tracy Roberts asked for a second. Shelley Wyman, Administrative Assistant reminded the Board there was already a motion on the floor that required a vote or withdrawal. Tracy Bigney noted head coverings in section IV should be amended to include “contrary to religious beliefs”. Tracy Roberts suggested to withdraw the current motion from the floor. Cherie Faulkner withdrew the motion.

Motion by Tracy Bigney with a second by Matthew Campbell to approve the amendment to policy IMDB – Flag Displays section IV to include “unless contrary to their religious belief” at the end of the sentence.

Discussion: None

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

Motion by Matthew Campbell with a second by Cherie Faulkner to continue the meeting past 8:30pm.

Discussion: None

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

Motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Linda Graban to approve the second reading of policy IMDB – Flag Displays as amended.

Discussion: Tracy Roberts stated she fully supports the LGBTQ+ community. Cherie Faulkner and Matthew Campbell reiterated the same statement with Matthew Campbell adding all students should feel welcome and safe in our schools 100% of the time.

Vote: 7 Approved; 1 Opposed (Tracy Bigney)

Personnel Actions:

Resignations/Retirements: Robert Merritt, Holbrook Teacher retirement June 2023; Sharon Haskell, Director Curriculum and Instruction resignation June 2023; and Debra Walsh, Ed Tech III retirement June 2023.

Election: None

Appointments: Samantha Proulx, Substitute; James Spencer, B Team Baseball Coach; and Samantha Berube, B Team Softball Coach.

Reassignment: John Landry reassigned from Eddington evening custodian to Holbrook evening custodian and Gary Ferrill reassigned from Holbrook evening custodian to Eddington evening custodian.

Searches: Track and Field Coach, Custodian, Holbrook Resource Room Special Education Teacher, Ed Tech III at Holbrook, Bus Drivers, and Substitutes.

Superintendent Fulgoni recommended in the Spring to park a bus with a banner to advertise our need for drivers.

Superintendent Fulgoni stated the Superintendent does not create policy, the job of the Superintendent is to implement the policy that has been developed by the Board. The most inclusive symbol that this community has are the front doors of its schools. As a Superintendent of Schools, it is not acceptable for any student to not feel included. Superintendent Fulgoni added his goal is to always make sure that every student that walks through the door is treated with respect, dignity, and care.

Adjournment:

At 8:45pm, motion by Matthew Campbell with a second by Heather Grass to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion: None

Vote: 8 Approved; 0 Opposed

Respectfully submitted by,



Jared Fulgoni
RSU 63 Superintendent of Schools

Approved: April 24, 2023