

RSU #63 Board Meeting  
Date: March 25, 2024  
Location: Holden Elementary School  
Minutes

RSU 63 Board Member(s) Present:

*Town of Holden:* Tracy Roberts, Amy Hart and Heather Lander

*Town of Clifton:* Linda Graban

*Town of Eddington:* Tracy Bigney, Rachel Downs, Heather Grass

RSU 63 Board Member(s) Absent:

*Town of Holden:* Matthew Campbell

Tracy Roberts, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:33pm followed by the flag salute and moment of silence.

Motion by Linda Graban with a second by Heather Lander to approve the minutes for the February 26, 2024 Board Meeting.

Discussion: Tracy Roberts pointed out that the votes on the acceptance of gifts and donations were missing and one typo need to be updated prior to posting.

**Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed**

**Recognition and/or Awards of Students, Staff, and Other:** Superintendent Fulgoni recognized the winners of the Holbrook Middle School Spelling Bee, which took place on February 15, 2024. The following students were the four finalists that went to the Regional Spelling Bee in Glenburn:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Kat Rivera

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jacob Leavitt

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Sydney Kinkade

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Ella McAdam

Heather Lander also wanted to acknowledge David Johnson, RSU 63 Bus Driver, for going above and beyond for his students. A student forgot her jacket on his bus, and he dropped it off to her. Parents also recognized Ms. Helfen, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, and Ms. Flanagan, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, for their use of positive reinforcement in their classrooms, as well as communicating with parents on goals, so their students are successful.

**Acceptance of Gifts and Donations:** Superintendent Fulgoni recognized that Belinda Lawrence donated funds to work on the grounds of the CHEFs building at Holbrook Middle School. Mrs. Lawrence also contacted Ring's Paving, who has agreed to donate their time and resources to pave the area in the front of the building.

Motion by Tracy Bigney with a second by Heather Lander to approve the acceptance of donations.

Discussion: None.

**Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed**

**Presentation:** None

**Questions and Comments from the Public:** Esther Yoder, Clifton resident, and Taylor Theriault, Eddington resident, both presented their concerns regarding lack of trained staff at the Eddington School for a student with Type I Diabetes. Superintendent Fulgoni explained that there is a full-time nurse on staff for the District.

**Dates of Next Committee Meetings:**

**Board Meeting (Executive Session Only):** March 26, 2024 at 6:30pm, Holbrook Middle School

**Policy Committee Meeting:** April 1, 2024 at 3:00pm, Holbrook Middle School Conference Room

**Board Meeting:** April 22, 2024 at 6:30pm, Eddington Elementary School Gym

**Budget and Finance:** Nothing to add to the report or Budget and Finance Committee minutes, but Tracy Bigney stated the Budget and Finance Committee continues to meet and work on the details of the 2024-2025 School Year Budget. She pointed out that they are looking to reduce in areas, but not take away from student instruction.

**Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Fulgoni used his report as an example of the progress that has been made with Artificial Intelligence (AI), which could have impacts on teachers and students. He noted that currently, the District does not have a policy in place regarding AI, and there have recently been occurrences of students submitting school work created by AI. He will be requesting the Policy Committee begins to examine this issue. In addition, Superintendent Fulgoni commended Michele Archambault for stepping in as the Middle School Principal during Bob Meyer's absence. He also noted that he was pleased that throughout the budget process that educational program development and curriculum planning were strongly imbedded in the meetings. The upcoming Solar Eclipse has also been a topic of discussion between Superintendent's in the area and a decision on how the school day will be handled will be made soon. He also said that the business office has decided the District will be providing glasses for all students to take home.

**Acceptance of Reports:** Motion by Linda Graban with a second by Tracy Bigney to accept the written and verbal Budget and Finance Committee, Policy Committee, and Superintendent's Reports.

**Discussion:** Amy Hart brought up that there were some items omitted from the Curriculum Meeting Minutes that she would like pointed out that include: teachers feel that there are not enough support staff; compensation for teachers that work outside of working hours; and the pros and cons of PBIS team and its benefits.

**Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed**

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**2024-2025 School Year Calendar**

**Discussion:** The early times of the open houses at the elementary schools and the effect on parents' attendance due to possible work conflicts. Linda Graban also brought up the Chris Greeley Day was omitted, but Superintendent Fulgoni explained that he is in discussions with the Chief of police. In addition, Rachel Downs brought up the idea of extending the calendar by three (3) days to account for snow days. After discussions, it was decided to table the 2024-2025 School Year Calendar until after Superintendent Fulgoni receives feedback from the Teachers Association.

**Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed**

**Policies to Approve, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

A motion to approve the IHBGA (Home Schooling – Participation in School Programs) Policy was made by Linda Graban and seconded by Heather Grass.

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed**

**Personnel Actions:**

**Resignations/Retirements:** The District received a notice of resignation from Sonja Salley, Speech Language Pathologist Assistant, effective as of March 15, 2024.

**Elections:** None

**Appointments:** Mitchell Moczygemba, Track and Field Coach, Holbrook Middle School; Samantha Bedore, A Team Softball Coach, Holbrook Middle School.

**Reassignments:** None

**Searches:** Elementary School Principal, Speech Language Pathologist, Anticipated Special Education Bus Driver, Substitute Bus Drivers, A Team Baseball Coach, B Team Baseball Coach, B Team Softball Coach.

**Adjournment:** At 7:08pm, motion by Heather Lander with a second by Heather Grass to adjourn the meeting.

**Discussion:** None

**Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed**

Respectfully submitted by,

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

Jared Fulgoni  
RSU 63 Superintendent of Schools

**Approved:  
April 29, 2024**