

RSU #63 Board Meeting
Date: March 26, 2018
Location: Eddington Elementary School
Minutes

Members Present:

Town of Eddington: Rusty Gagnon and David McCluskey

Town of Holden: Jennifer Newcomb, Gavin Robinson, and Suzanne Wieland

Town of Clifton: Linda Graban

Superintendent of Schools: Susan M. Smith

Excused Absent: John Hutchins, Town of Holden

Board Chair, Rusty Gagnon called the meeting to order at 6:36pm. A flag salute was conducted and a moment of silence was observed.

Motion by Jenn Newcomb, 2nd by Gavin Robinson to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2017 Board Meeting.

Vote: 5 Approved; 0 Opposed; 1 Abstention by David McCluskey

Motion by David McCluskey, 2nd by Gavin Robinson to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2017 Special Board Meeting.

Vote: 5 Approved; 0 Opposed; 1 Abstention by Suzanne Wieland

Board Chair, Rusty Gagnon, advised the Board Samantha Berube, Town of Eddington Representative, submitted her letter of resignation.

Recognition and/or Awards of Students, Staff and Others: Superintendent Susan Smith recognized the Holbrook Civil Rights Team. They have been selected to do a presentation in Augusta on May 18, 2018 about their biased-based language campaign "We don't say..." This group is overseen by Joy Walters, Hillari Morgan, and Amy Clement. Our Pre-Kindergarten Teacher, Sarah Gooding, facilitated a PREP (Penobscot River Educational Partnership) workshop on Social Emotional Learning for young children.

Acceptance of Gifts/Donations:

Roxanne Dubay delivered "Tobacco Free Campus" signs for all three schools to the Central Office on March 16, 2018. Holbrook Middle School received an anonymous donation of winter hats and mittens. Sam Bedore's Fourth Grade Class received \$177.29 from Donors Choose for writing supplies and materials. They are working on opinion writing, with a theme of "Opinions are like noses, we all have them".

Presentations:

Superintendent Susan Smith shared the comparative RSU #63, State, and surrounding District MEA (Maine Educational Assessment) data with the Board. RSU #63 is above State MEA averages in Math, ELA (English Language Arts), and Science. We are within the same range as surrounding school districts for all three subjects.

Superintendent Smith, Richard Modery, Don Spencer, and Jesse Gauthier discussed Academic Programming with the Board. They reviewed what is going well, plans for next year, and long-term goals.

Board Discussion Regarding Presentation:

None.

Questions and Comments from the Public:

None.

Dates of Next Committee Meeting:

Budget & Finance Committee: Monday, April 9, 2018, at 5:00pm, at Holbrook

FY19 Budget Workshop: Thursday, March 29, 2018, at 5:00pm, at Holbrook

Policy Committee: Tuesday, April 3, at 4:30pm, at Holbrook

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

Technology Committee: Tuesday, March 27, 2018, at 3:30pm, at Holbrook

Curriculum Committee: Combined with Wellness Committee, Monday, April 2, 2018, 5:00pm, at Holbrook

Discussion and Motions Regarding Reports

Motion to approve written and verbal Committee and Administrative Reports by David McCluskey with a 2nd by Gavin Robinson.

Vote: 6 Approved; 0 Opposed

Budget and Finance:

No change to Business Manager Report. No change to Budget and Finance Committee Report. The next FY19 Budget workshop is scheduled for Thursday, March 29, 2018. The second draft budget will be presented and reviewed. All committee members were given a copy of the FY19 Budget second draft in their board folders.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Smith is recommending to move forward with the Tyler Technologies Student Information System contract. This will require \$22,000 to be paid out of grant funds, \$5,000 in FY19, and \$10,000 in FY20. Details were provided to Board members in their board folders.

Motion by David McCluskey with a second by Jenn Newcomb to enter into contract with Tyler Technologies for the new Student Information System.

Vote: 6 Approved; 0 Opposed

RSU #63 Chair's Report:

Rusty Gagnon discussed information provided to her by Jake Morgan on an open house at the new Wells High School. Tours will be given on Tuesday, April 3rd from 3pm-4pm and will be focused on energy efficient school systems. Ms. Gagnon would like this information shared with the New School Community Committee, Oak Point, and anyone who may be interested in attending this open house.

Acceptance of Reports:

Motion to approve written and verbal Budget & Finance, Superintendent, and Board Chair's Reports by David McCluskey with a second by Gavin Robinson.

Vote: 6 Approved; 0 Opposed

Old Business:

Cost Benefit Analysis: Discussion included the possibility of changing the focus of the Oak Point proposal to include two options rather than five options. Ms. Newcomb suggested the Board focus on the two options of a new school or adding on to Holbrook to be our one building. The town leaders who were present at the last New School Community Committee made it clear they are not interested in building a new school with only local funds. They would be more interested in paying Oak Point to conduct the study after we receive the State List and know where the District stands with State funding.

Motion by David McCluskey with a second by Linda Graban to table this discussion to the next agenda.

Vote: 6 Approved; 0 Opposed

Motion by Jenn Newcomb with a second by Gavin Robinson to continue the Board meeting past 8:30pm.

Vote: 6 Approved; 0 Opposed

New Business:

Policies Recommended for Approval:

Motion by Gavin Robinson with a second by David McCluskey to approve policy GBGAA-Exposure Control Plan.

Vote: 6 Approved; 0 Opposed

Motion by Gavin Robinson with a second by David McCluskey to approve policy GBN-Family Medical Leave, GBN-R-Family Medical Leave-Administrative Procedures, and rescind policy GBO-Family Care Leave.

Vote: 6 Approved; 0 Opposed

RSU #63 Logo:

Heather McGee and her students at Eastern Maine Community College created a new logo for RSU #63. The new logo will be used as a watermark, letterhead, and incorporated into the Recognition Awards. Superintendent Smith has been in talks with the RSU #63 Teachers Association and they have agreed that the new logo on useful items (ie. tote bag, lunchbox, vest) would be better.

Motion by Suzanne Wieland with a second by Gavin Robinson to accept the RSU #63 logo with color changes.

Vote: 6 Approved; 0 Opposed

Discussion regarding Standing Committees:

Rusty Gagnon discussed changing the number of Standing Committees in hopes of reducing the work-load and retaining Board Members. The amount of commitment for Board Members is at times overwhelming. The current Standing Committees are Technology Committee, Budget and Finance Committee, Curriculum Committee, and Policy Committee. Ms. Gagnon recommended to leave Budget and Finance Committee and Policy Committee as Board Standing Committees and move the Technology Committee and Curriculum Committee to Administrative Committees with Board attendance optional. Mr. McCluskey thought that was a very good suggestion.

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Motion by Gavin Robinson with a second by Linda Graban to change the standing committees to include Budget and Finance Committee and Policy Committee as Board of Director Committees and move the Technology Committee and Curriculum Committee to Administrative Committees with Board attendance optional.

Vote: 6 Approved; 0 Opposed

Consideration for moving June 25, 2018 Board Meeting to June 18, 2018:

The Board had no objections.

Motion by Jenn Newcomb with a second by Gavin Robinson to move the June 25, 2018 Board Meeting to June 18, 2018.

Vote: 6 Approved; 0 Opposed

Personnel Actions:

Stephanie Greateon and Heather Grass have been appointed as Substitutes. Stephanie Siebert has been appointed as Long Term Pre-Kindergarten Substitute Teacher. Michelle Voci has been appointed as Softball Coach.

Searches continue for Substitutes and Track Coach.

Questions and Comments from the Public: None

Adjournment:

At 8:46pm a motion was made by Jenn Newcomb with a second by Gavin Robinson to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 6 Approved; 0 Opposed

Respectfully submitted by,



Susan M. Smith

RSU #63 Superintendent/Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Approved: April 23, 2018