

RSU #63 Board Meeting
Date: September 23, 2024
Location: Holden Elementary School
Minutes

RSU 63 Board Member(s) Present:

Town of Holden: Amy Hart, Heather Lander, and Cherie Faulkner

Town of Clifton: Linda Graban

Town of Eddington: Rachel Downs and Brittany Wood

RSU 63 Board Member(s) Absent Excused:

Town of Holden: Derrick Robertson

Town of Eddington: Heather Grass

Linda Graban, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30pm followed by the flag salute and moment of silence.

Motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Rachel Downs to approve the minutes for the August 26, 2024 Board Meeting.

Discussion: None

Vote: 6 Approved; 0 Opposed

Recognition and/or Awards of Students, Staff, and Other: None.

Acceptance of Gifts and Donations: Superintendent Fulgoni thanked the Lander Group, owned by Philip Lander, for donating a Gaga Ball Pit to the Holbrook Middle School.

Presentation: None

Questions and Comments from the Public: There were no public comments.

Dates of Next Committee Meetings:

1. **Budget and Finance Committee:** October 28, 2024 at 5:30pm, Eddington Elementary School
2. **Board Meeting:** October 28, 2024 at 6:30pm, Eddington Elementary School
3. **Policy Committee:** November 13, 2024 at 3:15pm, Holbrook Middle School
4. **Curriculum Committee:** December 9, 2024 at 5:00pm, Holbrook Middle School

Budget and Finance: There was nothing to add to the reports.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Fulgoni thanked the teachers and administrators for a smooth beginning to the 2024-2025 school year, which included some process changes. He also gave an update with the school consolidation process, adding that he will be giving an update at each board meeting for public transparency. The Superintendent and Business Manager met with the Department of Education regarding the process and it will cover everything from transport, staffing, and cost savings. The Board will need to vote on which school to close and then the consolidation will be brought to a Referendum in all three (3) towns. If the three (3) towns vote down the consolidation after the Board approves it, the State of Maine will no longer cover the costs associated with that school, i.e., it will fall to the taxpayers.

Acceptance of Reports: Motion by Rachel Downs with a second by Amy Hart to accept the written and verbal Committees', Administrators, and Superintendent's Report.

Discussion: There was a discussion regarding the options for

Vote: 6 Approved; 0 Opposed

Old Business: None.

New Business:

School Board Goals:

Superintendent Fulgoni asked the Board to consider the goals that he provided and for any additional input. The Board decided another Workshop would be beneficial and settled on October 28, 2024 at 5:30pm at the Eddington School.

Superintendent Evaluation Forms and Timeline:

Superintendent Fulgoni explained the process of the evaluation and that staff will be completing the survey this year.

MSBA Delegate Assembly Representative and Alternative:

Motion by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Heather Lander to elect Rachel Downs as the Delegate and Brittany Wood as the Alternate.

Discussion: There was a short discussion regarding the responsibilities of the MSBA Delegate Assembly Representative.

Vote: 6 Approved; 0 Opposed

MSMA Fall Conference:

The MSMA Fall Conference is scheduled for October 24-25, 2024 at the Augusta Civic Center.

RSU 63 PTG Trunk or Treat:

Linda Graban, Board Chair suggested that the Board attend the PTG's Trunk or Treat on October 26, 2024 at the Eddington Elementary School, together. She explained that in years' past, the Board would attend in a group costume. She asked the Board to send her suggestions for costume themes.

Policies to Approve, 1st Reading:

A motion was made by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Heather Lander to consolidate approving the following Policies for 1st reading: EBABA - Chemical Hygiene Plan; ABCA - Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan; EBCC - Bomb Threats/Threats of Violence; EFC - Food Service Program; GBGAA - Exposure Control Plan; KF – Community Use of School Facilities and RSU 63 Equipment; JL – Student Wellness; and EEAEC – Student Rider Conduct on School Vehicles.

Discussion: Superintendent Fulgoni directed board members with revisions requests should contact the Policy Committee Chair, Heather Lander. It was also discussed that in Policy EEAEC, Student Rider Conduct on School Vehicles, the deletions made were of sections that contained non-policy information.

Vote: 6 Approved; 0 Opposed

Personnel Actions

Resignations/Retirements: Connor Young, Custodian at Eddington; Vanessa Haines, Special Education Teach; and Amanda Danico, Education Technician I.

Elections: A motion was made Cherie Faulkner with a second by Brittany Wood to approve the election of Mary Bridgham, Special Education Teacher.

Discussion: None

Vote: 6 Approved; 0 Opposed

Appointments: Kendra Bruton, Assistant Cook at Holden; Megan Fritz, Custodian at Holbrook; Teighan Colson, Education Technician I at Eddington; and Gabrielle Kyes, Education Technician II at Eddington.

Reassignments: None.

Searches: Special Education Teacher, Eddington School; MTSS Teacher; Anticipated Ed Tech III, Eddington; Speech Language Pathologist; Boys Basketball Coach (A Team); Boys Basketball Coach (B Team); Cheer Coach; and Bus Drivers.

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At 7:01pm, a motion was made by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Rachel Downs to enter into Executive Session for discussion of personnel pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(A).

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Amy Hart, Yes; Rachel Downs, Yes; Linda Graban, Yes; Cherie Faulkner, Yes; Heather Lander, Yes; Brittany Wood, Yes.

Public Session resumed at 7:10pm.

At 7:11pm, a motion was made by Cherie Faulkner with a second by Heather Lander to enter into Executive Session for discussion of contract negotiations pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(D).

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Amy Hart, Yes; Rachel Downs, Yes; Linda Graban, Yes; Cherie Faulkner, Yes; Heather Lander, Yes; Brittany Wood, Yes.

Public Session resumed at 8:06pm.

Adjournment: At 8:07pm, motion by Heather Lander with a second by Brittany Wood to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion: None

Vote: 6 Approved; 0 Opposed

Respectfully submitted by,

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

Jared Fulgoni
RSU 63 Superintendent of Schools

APPROVED: October 28, 2024