

RSU #63 Special Board Meeting  
Date: May 27, 2020  
Location: Holbrook Middle School Library and Remotely  
Minutes  
Remote Dial In Phone Number: 1-443-671-8015 PIN: 952202129#

**RSU 63 Board Member(s) Physically Present:**

*Town of Holden:* John Hutchins and Holly Whitmore

**RSU 63 Board Members Remotely Present:**

*Town of Eddington:* Steve Carr (arrived at 6:45pm)

*Town of Holden:* Gavin Robinson and Heather Charity (arrived at 6:42pm)

*Town of Clifton:* Linda Graban

**RSU 63 Board Member Absent:**

*Town of Eddington:* Christina McLeod

**RSU 63 Board Member Excused Absent:**

*Town of Eddington:* Charles Barker, Jr.

**Also Physically Present:**

*Superintendent of Schools:* Susan M. Smith

**Also Remotely Present:**

*Elementary Schools Principal:* Don Spencer

*Holbrook Principal:* Richard Modery

*Business Manager:* Kelly Theriault

*Special Services Director:* Jesse Gauthier

*Technology Director:* George Cummings

*Transportation and Facilities Director:* Jake Morgan

*Administrative Assistant:* Shelley Wyman

*Curriculum Committee Facilitator:* Madeline Roberts

*RSU 63 Teachers:* Bernadene Brownell, Deborah Colbry, Elizabeth Davis-Spencer, Robert Merritt, and Michelle Wright,

*RSU 63 New Hires:* Ashley Allen, Linda Thompson, Marleina Ford

Chair, John Hutchins called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Holly Whitmore with a second by Heather Charity to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2020 Board Meeting.

**Roll Call Vote:** Holly: Yes; Linda: Yes; Gavin: Yes; Heather: Yes; John: Yes

**5 Approved; 0 Opposed**

**Recognition and/or Awards of Students, Staff, and Others:** John Hutchins, RSU 63 Board Chair read a letter of recognition for Holden Board Member Gavin Robinson. Mr. Robinson is not running for re-election to the RSU 63 Board of Directors. Mr. Hutchins thanked Mr. Robinson for his years of service and contributions to the committees he served on. The letter and plaque will be presented to Mr. Robinson at a later date.

Superintendent Smith recognized the Grades 6-8 Holbrook students for their participation in the Eastern Maine Math League. The grade 6 team: Brooke Whitmore, Grace Bartlett, Joey Desmond, and Kane Cookson-Goodridge finished in second place. Brooke Whitmore and Grace Bartlett placed in the top 10 individual scores for grade 6. The grade 7 team: Oscar Mendoza-Martinez, Andy McCann, Dylan

Nadeau, and Tiana Wheelock finished in fifth place. Oscar Mendoza-Martinez placed in the top 10 individual scores for grade 7. The grade 8 team: Soren Peterson, Gage Jones, Ashton Torrey, and Ian Yanofsky finished in second place. Gage Jones placed in the top 10 individual scores for grade 8 and Soren Peterson finished in first place for grade 8. Math Counts is a national program for students in grades 6-8. Holbrook was represented by the grade 8 team of Soren Peterson, Gage Jones, Tristan Prokop, and Wyatt Jameson. This team finished in fourth place and was set to compete at the state level in Fairfield, Maine. The state level competitions were cancelled by the national board of directors.

Superintendent Smith recognized and thanked Bernadene Brownell, Grade 8 Math Teacher; Elizabeth Davis-Spencer, Grades 5-8 Music and Band Teacher; and Deborah Colbry, Elementary Special Education Teacher. Richard Modery, Holbrook Principal and Don Spencer, Elementary Schools Principal thanked these ladies for their years of service and their numerous contributions to RSU 63.

**Dates of Next Committee Meeting:**

Budget and Finance Committee Meeting: Monday, June 8, 2020 at 3:00pm, Holbrook Middle School and Remotely

School Board Meeting and RSU 63 FY21 Budget Public Hearing: Monday, June 15, 2020 at 6:30pm, Holbrook School and Remotely

RSU 63 Budget Meeting: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 7:00pm at Holbrook School

Referendum Vote – RSU 63 FY21 Budget: Tuesday, July 14, 2020

**Budget and Finance:** Nothing to add verbally. Business Manager, Kelly Theriault added to her report RSU 63 has been advised we have nine cases of unemployment fraud. Gavin Robinson added fraud is rapid right now. Be aware and suspicious of emails you are not familiar with.

**Superintendent's Report:** Nothing to add.

**RSU #63 Chair's Report:** None.

**Acceptance of Reports:** Motion to approve written and verbal report from Administrative, Committee, Budget and Finance, Superintendent, and Board Chair Reports by Gavin Robinson with a second by Holly Whitmore.

**Roll Call Vote: Steve: Yes; Holly: Yes; Linda: Yes; Gavin: Yes; Heather: Yes; John: Yes  
6 Approved; 0 Opposed**

**Personnel Actions:**

**Resignations:** None

**Retirements:** None

**Reassignments:** None

**Leaves:** None

**Elections:** Marleina Ford, Grades 5-8 Music/Band Teacher; Ashley Allen, Holbrook Middle School Principal.

Motion by Linda Graban with a second by Gavin Robinson to approve the election of Marleina Ford as Grades 5-8 Music/Band Teacher and Ashley Allen as Holbrook Middle School Principal.

**Roll Call Vote: Steve: Yes; Holly: Yes; Linda: Yes; Gavin: Yes; Heather: Yes; John: Yes  
6 Approved; 0 Opposed**

**Appointments:** Linda Thompson, Life Skills Educational Technician III at Eddington Elementary School.

**Searches:** PK-8 Computer Science Teacher, Grade 2-4 Resource Room Teacher, Part-time Speech Language Pathologist, PK-1 Life Skills Teacher, One PK-1 Life Skills Educational Technician II or III, and Long-Term Substitute Speech Language Pathologist.

**Questions and Comments from the Public:** Tracy Roberts asked Superintendent Smith if there was a timetable she was working with on the range of possibilities for the start of school in the fall. Superintendent Smith advised there is a lot of uncertainty, however she is following the guidelines closely as they are released from the Governor. She is working with teachers and administrators on developing framework on fall learning. Ms. Roberts stated she appreciated the work that has been done so far and that the district has started looking into plans for the future.

**Questions and Comments from the Board:** None

**Adjournment:** At 7:21pm Heather Charity made the motion with a second by Gavin Robinson to adjourn.

**Roll Call Vote: Steve: Yes; Holly: Yes; Linda: Yes; Gavin: Yes; Heather: Yes; John: Yes  
6 Approved; 0 Opposed**

Respectfully submitted by,



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

Approved: June 15, 2020