

RSU #63 Board Meeting
Date: October 23, 2023
Location: Eddington Elementary School
Minutes

RSU 63 Board Member(s) Present:

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

Town of Clifton: Linda Graban

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

RSU 63 Board Member Absent Excused:

Town of Holden: Matthew Campbell

Board Chair, Tracy Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:31pm followed by the flag salute and moment of silence.

At 6:32pm, motion by Tracy Bigney with a second by Heather Grass to enter into executive session for discussion of Superintendent Jared Fulgoni's evaluation pursuant to 1 MRSA section 405(6)(A).

Discussion: None.

Roll Call Vote: Heather Lander, Yes; Tracy Roberts, Yes; Amy Hart, Yes; Linda Graban, Yes; Tracy Bigney, Yes; Rachel Downs, Yes; Heather Grass; Yes.

Vote: 7 Yes; 0 Opposed

Public Session resumed at 7:09pm.

Motion by Rachel Downs with a second by Heather Grass to approve the minutes for the September 25, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

A motion by Tracy Bigney with a second by Heather Grass to add the appointment of the Boys B Basketball coach and Girls A Basketball coach to the agenda.

Discussion: None

Vote: 7 Yes; 0 Opposed

Recognition and/or Awards of Students, Staff, and Other: Superintendent Fulgoni recognized the Boys Soccer were PVMC Champs at Caravel. Heather Lander recognized Elizabeth Downs for being voted as the Junior Bee Keeper of the Year for the State of Maine. In addition, Kelly Davis and Olivia Davis, whom was the artist behind the Pollinator Project artwork, are receiving grants in the summer for the Garden Club.

Acceptance of Gifts and Donations: Superintendent Fulgoni acknowledged that Brewer Credit Union dropped off school supplies at Holbrook Middle School today.

Presentation: None.

Questions and Comments from the Public: None.

Dates of Next Committee Meetings:

There was a short discussion to change the location of the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting to Eddington, so that members of both the B&F and Policy Committees' can attend both.

Budget and Finance Committee: November 6, 2023 at 5:30pm, Eddington School

Policy Committee: November 6, 2023 at 6:00pm, Eddington School

Curriculum Committee: December 12, 2023 at 5:30pm, Holbrook Middle School

Board Meeting: November 27, 2023 at 6:30pm, Holbrook Middle School

Budget and Finance: Tracy Bigney noted and recognized the amount of positive attention that is spent on the budget issues.

Nothing to add to the Budget and Finance Committee Report.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Fulgoni discussed updates regarding the facilities issues, including the boiler issues, overcrowding, deterioration of buildings due to age, and the possibility of downsizing due to the decrease of enrollment numbers. Superintendent Fulgoni met with Ruey Yehle from the Department of Education regarding facility assessment for potential funding and priority ranking. It was discussed that the student population, age of building, and a downsize of the population needs to be examined for funding.

The Director of Curriculum, Kristina Dumond, and Superintendent Fulgoni both participated in an informational session for the State's testing. Tracy Bigney asked if there is a timetable for assessment of all the schools. Superintendent Fulgoni responded yes and that different people are assigned to different areas. Tracy Bigney asked for the student population by school, grade, and also the population of students in special education by grade.

Superintendent Fulgoni brought up that JKAA-R (Procedures on Physical Restraint and Seclusion) Policy will be at the next Policy Committee meeting.

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

Discussion: Superintendent Fulgoni and Holbrook Principal, Robert Meyer both explained the program Maine Odyssey of the Mind that teaches students how to problem solve in creative ways.

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

Old Business: None

New Business:

Warrant Officer Election:

Tracy Roberts called for a motion to elect Heather Lander as an additional Warrant Officer. Tracy Bigney made motion to approve with a second by Linda Graban.

Discussion: None

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

Policies to Approve, First Reading:

A motion to send back the EBABA (Chemical Hygiene Plan) Policy back to the Policy Committee was made by Rachel Downs and seconded by Heather Grass.

Discussion: None

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

A motion by Linda Graban with a second by Rachel Downs to waive the second reading and approve the Annual Reviews of the EBCA (Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan), EBCC (Bomb Threats/Threats of Violence), EFC (Food Service Program), GBGAA (Exposure Control Plan), and the DN (School Properties Disposal Procedures) Policies.

Discussion: None

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

A motion by Linda Graban with a second by Heather Grass to send the KF (Community Use of School Facilities and RSU 63 Equipment) Policy back to the Policy Committee.

Discussion: None

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

Personnel Actions:

Resignations/Retirements: None.

Elections: None

Appointments: Megan Harvey, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent; Connor Young, Custodian, Eddington; Dennis Whitney, Girls A Basketball Coach; and Gene Worster, Boys B Basketball Coach.

Reassignments: None

Searches: Ed Tech I, PreK (.6FTE), Ed Tech II, Holbrook, Bus Drivers, Cheering Coach, Girls B Team Basketball Coach, Substitutes (Teachers, Ed Techs, Drivers, Custodians). It was noted that the Long-Term Occupational Therapist Substitute position was filled, effective today.

Superintendent Fulgoni recognized Ms. Merchant for the Holbrook Middle School's play and their fundraising. The play is the Real Story of Little Red Riding Hood and it will be on November 3 and 4th and will include a donation at the door. He also acknowledged that the school dance fundraised \$1048.00 for a microphone and equipment.

Adjournment: At 7:42pm, motion by Heather Grass with a second by Heather Lander to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion: None

Vote: 7 Approved; 0 Opposed

Respectfully submitted by,

Jared Fulgoni
RSU 63 Superintendent of Schools

Approved: