



# RSU29

Preparing Learners for a Changing World

## School Board Minutes

**February 5, 2024 6:00 p.m.**

Attending: Jeannie Tapley, Sue McLaughlin, Scott White, Stephenie Lively, Jennifer Johnston,  
Tammy Goetsch, Sara Deveau, Meg York, Linda Garcia.

Absent: Christopher Cain, Ellen Askren, Michelle Henderson & Gary Lovell

1. Meeting called to order and Pledge of Allegiance recited.
2. Agenda Adjustments Add to 6a 1. Lori Soucy, HMS Grade 8 Social Studies, resignation.
3. Minutes
  - a. A motion was made by Stephenie Lively and seconded by Jennifer Johnston to accept the January 8, 2024 School Board Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.
4. Chair's Report – Chair Tapley spoke of the importance of updating RSU 29 policies. Tapley also spoke about a Board Workshop in March, that will include some team building activities.
5. Student Rep Reports were given.
6. Superintendent's Report
  - a. New Hires, Resignations, Transfers
    1. Resignations: A motion was made by Scott White and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to accept the resignation of Sandy Flacke, Director of Student Services,  
Jill Porter, Retiring, HMS Grade 6 Science Teacher - 26 years in education  
Jane Guy, Retiring, HES Special Education Teacher - 40 years in education.  
Motion carried.
    2. Hired: Jacob Carmichael - Custodian  
Appointed: Renae Foley as Interim Director of Student Services
  - b. HES Presentation HES Grade 1 teacher, Sara Estabrook, gave an engaging presentation about orthographic mapping. Orthographic mapping refers to the process by which students form connections between the spoken sounds in words and the letters that the sounds represent.
  - c. Calendar 2024-2025 - a motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Stephenie Lively to accept the First Reading of the 24-25 school calendar. The motion carried.
  - d. Budget update – Superintendent Fagnant provided an overview of the ED 279 information, the good news is we went up a little from last year, the challenge is the mill rate went down
  - e. Policy committee information from meeting on 1/25/24. Committee continues to update policies.
  - e. Discuss the Child & Adult Care Food Program-(CACFP) Food Services Director Karen Carmichael, advises to 'opt out' as we would not utilize this funding. A motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Jennifer Johnston to opt out of this program. Motion carries.
  - f. First Reading of Title VI Parent Advisory Committee Bylaws. Review of parent committee bylaws.  
A motion was made by Jennifer Johnston and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to accept the first reading of Title VI Parent Advisory Committee Bylaws. The motion carries.
7. Public Participation - none
8. Old Business - none
9. New Business A motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Jennifer Johnston to discuss the following policies as a slate. The motion carries. A motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Scott White to accept the first reading of policy,

- a. BBB, Board Member Use of Social Media
- b. BEDB, Agenda
- c. BEDB-R, Agenda Format
- d. BEDH, Public Participation at Board Meetings
- e. BEDJ, Broadcasting/Taping of Board Meeting
- f. BHC, Board Communications with Staff
- g. BIB, Board Member Development Opportunities. The motion carries.

10. Informational Enclosures

11. Next Meetings/Dates

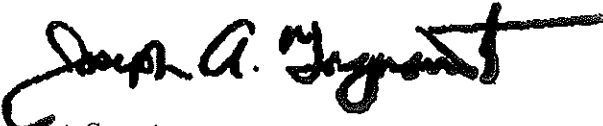
- a. 3/4/24 Finance Committee to sign warrants – 5:30 pm, Houlton Higher Education Center.
- b. 3/4/24 School Board Meeting 6:00 pm, Houlton Higher Education Center.

12. A motion was made by Tammy Goetsch and seconded by Jennifer Johnston to enter Executive Session to discuss contract updates between RSU 29 and Custodian/Bus Drivers. Motion carries: Time 7:05.

A motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Tammy Goetsch to come out of Executive Session. Motion carries. Time: 7:12 pm.

13. Adjourn- a motion was made by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Stephenie Lively to adjourn. Motion carried. Time: 7:14 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Joe Fagnant, Secretary

*Note: Minutes are not official until approved by the Board*