



RSU29

Preparing Learners for a Changing World

School Board Minutes March 4, 2024

Location: Houlton Higher Education Center

Attending: Sue McLaughlin, Scott White, Stephenie Lively, Jennifer Johnston, Sara Deveau, Christopher Cain, Michelle Henderson, Gary Lovell, Meg York, Linda Garcia Absent: Jeannie Tapley, Tammy Goetsch, Ellen Askren

1. Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Sue McLaughlin and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.
2. Agenda Adjustments -none
3. Minutes
 - a. A motion was made by Jennifer Johnston and seconded by Stephenie Lively to approve the February 5, 2024 School Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.
4. Chair's Report - none
5. Student Rep Reports were given.
6. Superintendent's Report.
 - a. A motion was made by Scott White and seconded by Jennifer Johnston to accept the resignation of HES Teacher Jenny Schools.
Resigned: Charity Cyr, HES; George Lycette, Custodian; Melanie Greaves, Adult Ed.
 - b. Houlton Hodgdon Adult Ed Presentation by Director Elizabeth Carroll. Elizabeth spoke of the changing demographics of learners.
 - c. A motion was made by Scott White and seconded by Christopher Cain to approve the MOU with RSU 89 (Katahdin), to provide adult ed services to RSU 89. The motion carried.
 - d. Business Manager Wendy Bradstreet provided information about the budget process. Projected increases in personnel costs will be over \$1 million; due to current contracts and expected negotiations with the ed techs.
 - e. Superintendent Fagnant spoke of long term declining enrollment numbers and how we can reach out to those students not currently attending RSU 29.
 - f. A motion was made by Scott White and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to apply for the Major Capital School Construction Program for HES. HES was 14th on the list last time, in 2017, and 9 were chosen. Motion carried.
7. Public Participation --Ken Ervin spoke about the Lacrosse team. Loss of funding will affect the ability for team travel to play. Any suggestions or sponsorship is welcomed.
8. A motion was made by Jennifer Johnston and seconded by Scott White to approve the following as a Slate;
 - a. Second Reading of Policy BEB, Board Member Use of Social Media
 - b. Second Reading of Policy BED, Remote Participation in School Board Meetings
 - c. Second Reading of Policy BEDB, Agenda
 - d. Second Reading of Policy BEDB-R, Agenda Format
 - e. Second Reading of Policy BEDH, Public Participation at Board Meetings
 - f. Second Reading of Policy BEDJ, Broadcasting/Taping of Board Meetings
 - g. Second Reading of Policy BHC, Board Communications with Staff
 - h. Second Reading of Policy BIB, Board Member Development Opportunities. Motion carried.
 - i. A motion was made by Sara Deveau and seconded by Jennifer Johnston to approve the Second Reading of 2024-2025 RSU 29 School Calendar. Motion carried.
 - j. A motion was made Christopher Cain and seconded by Stephenie Lively to approve the Second Reading of Title VI Parent Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

9. New Business

- a. Budget Information night will be May 7, 2024 at the HMHS Library.
School Board budget meeting will be May 14, 2024 at HMHS auditorium. 6 p.m.

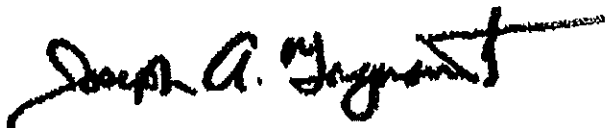
10. Informational Enclosures

11. Next Meeting/Dates

- a. 4/1/24 Finance Committee to sign warrants - 5:30 pm, Houlton Southside School
- b. 4/1/24 School Board Meeting 6:00 pm, Houlton Southside School

12. A motion was made by Christopher Cain and seconded by Scott White to enter Executive Session to provide an update on contract negotiations between RSU 29 Board and Custodian/Bus Drivers Pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(D). Motion carried.
A motion was made by Christopher Cain and seconded by Stephenie Lively to exit Executive Session. Motion carried. 7:30pm.
A motion was made by Christopher Cain and seconded by Scott White to approve the Custodian/Bus Driver contract. Motion carried.
A motion was made by Christopher Cain and seconded by Scott White to adjourn. Motion carried. 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Joe Fagnant

Secretary

Note: Minutes are not official until approved by the Board