

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 64
Bradford Corinth Hudson Kenduskeag Stetson

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August 22, 2023

The members of the Board of Directors of RSU 64 met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 21, 2023 in response to an agenda dated August 17, 2023. The agenda was distributed to members electronically.

Members Present: Rhonda Williams, James Connolly, Wanda St. Peter, Steven Ingalls, Sherry Horn, Katherine Waite, Julie Byers, Anne Kenneson, Emily Henderson, Kelsi McHugh-Speed, Amy Bean, Robert Young, Jodi Brasslett

Student Representatives

Present: None

Members Absent: Nicole Kelley, Tonya Wozneak, Haley Emery

Members Absent

Without Excuse: Curtis Chadbourne, Michael Anderson

Others in Attendance: Superintendent Rhonda Sperrey, administrators, and members of the public.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rhonda Williams at 7:00 p.m. A roll call and check of attendance found a quorum of 13 members present, and 5 members absent.

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second of Katherine Waite, the Board voted to approve the draft minutes of the Transportation Committee Meeting (August 15, 2023), Hiring Committee Meeting (August 9, 2023), Regular Monthly Board Meeting (July 24, 2023), and Hiring Committee Meeting (July 24, 2023), and to place the minutes on file as part of permanent Board records.

Unanimous

Petitions and Communications

Chair Williams indicated the Board is in receipt of a letter of resignation from Clayton Cole (Supervisor of Maintenance and Custodial Services), Joanne Gray (CCES Ed Tech), Kristen Holmes ("B" Boys Soccer Coach), and Chris Cook ("A" Girls Basketball Coach & Assistant Spring Track Coach).

Chair Williams called for Public Forum items.

Reports

Superintendent Sperrey updated members on the following administrative topics:

Maintenance & Facilities – Preparations for Fall

The maintenance and facilities staff have been working diligently over the past several weeks to prepare the school facilities for the upcoming school year. All buildings have been cleaned, and floors have been stripped and waxed or steam cleaned. Several classroom and office areas have been painted and outdoor field areas have been maintained. Fire systems and kitchen hoods have been inspected and septic tanks are being pumped. Gym floors have been resurfaced and stained ceiling tiles have been replaced. The facilities are on track to open to staff on Monday, August 28 and we will welcome students on Thursday, August 31. Open House events will take place in each building on Tuesday, August 29:

CCES Open House – 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
CMS Open House – 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
CHS Open House – 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Hiring

At this time, the District continues to seek applicants for ed tech positions, two food service assistant positions, a driver, a middle school fall coach, a high school spring coach, a maintenance supervisor, a high school math teacher, a part time guidance counselor, a shared technology teacher, and a shared literacy specialist. All other positions have been filled. The District accepts substitute teacher applications on a rolling basis. Interested parties should visit www.servingschools.com for additional hiring information.

District Enrollment (As of July 1, 2023)

CCES – 506
CMS – 223
CHS – 313
Total = 1052

Administrator Reports

Administrative Reports are distributed to Board members prior to the meeting.

CCES Principal Carrie Carr – Absent

CCES Assistant Principal Nicole Evans – Mrs. Evans updated the Board on the arrival of reading program supplies and thanked the high school students who volunteered to assist with the stamping of books before distributing them to classrooms. Mrs. Evans expressed heartfelt gratitude for the Board’s support of the comprehensive reading program purchase and implementation.

CMS Principal Dr. Sandra Cookson – Dr. Cookson shared concerns about the number of students interested in participating in the field hockey program. She shared the idea to have 5th grade girls participate in the middle school program this fall.

Upon the motion of Jodi Brasslett and second by Anne Kenneson, members approved Dr. Cookson’s plan to welcome interested 5th graders to the middle school field hockey team.

Unanimous

CHS Principal Dr. Rad Mayfield – Dr. Mayfield called on CHS English Teacher and Student Council Advisor Dan Furlong to speak about the Community Garden. Mr. Furlong shared that several students assisted him last week in the harvest of over 250 lbs of carrots that have been donated to the local food pantry. In the 6th harvest of this garden, this year’s harvest brings the total amount of vegetables donated to over 1100 lbs.

CHS Assistant Principal & Athletic Director Jared Foster – Mr. Foster shared that three Central High School athletes are playing football with John Bapst this fall. Parents facilitate rides to practices and games.

Special Education Director David Nason – Mr. Nason shared he is looking forward to working with students and families as the schools open next week.

Curriculum Coordinator Monica Sabine – Mrs. Sabine highlighted some of the aspects of the summer program at CCES and the summer track program.

Comprehensive Regional Technical High School Update – No meeting has taken place.

New Business

Discussion and Consideration of New Course at Central High School – AP Computer Science Principles

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Anne Kenneson, members voted to approve the design and implementation of AP Computer Science Principles at CHS.

Unanimous

Summer Programs Presentation

Dr. Mayfield and his team of teachers presented information about the high school summer program that took place in RSU 64 this summer at Hirundo Wildlife Refuge. The Board expressed significant support and gratitude to the staff in their work in the planning and execution of the program. As a result of the program at Hirundo, 17 students were able to recover credits toward their diploma. The future vision for this program includes students being able to earn credits during the summer, an ongoing school year program that would run concurrent to the regular school calendar, and potentially a middle school program focused on the transition to high school. Dr. Mayfield also plans to work with elementary administration to develop opportunities for young students to engage in their learning in the outdoors at Hirundo.

Discussion and Consideration of the Revised Core Values, Beliefs, and Learning Expectations (CVBLE) Statement for Central High School

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Anne Kenneson, members voted to adopt the revised CVBLE statement as presented.

Unanimous

Annual Election of a Board Representative to the District Drop-Out Prevention Committee

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Jodi Brasslett, members voted to appoint Nicole Kelley as the Board Representative to the District Drop-Out Prevention Committee.

Unanimous

Election of a Board Representative to the Southern Penobscot Regional Program for Children with Exceptionalities (SPRPCE) Board of Directors

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Katherine Waite, members voted to appoint Curtis Chadbourne to serve on the SPRPCE Board for the 2023-2024 school year.

Unanimous

MSBA Proposed Resolutions

Member Anne Kenneson asked that fellow Board members review the packet that was distributed and to let her know if they have concerns or a particular position on the proposed resolutions that will be considered at the MSBA Delegate Assembly in October.

Emergency Response Plan Review of Revisions

Superintendent Sperrey provided a summary of the Behavioral Threat Assessment process the District Emergency Response Team is working to implement. Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Anne Kenneson, members approved the revisions to the Emergency Response Plan pending staffing changes still yet to come.

Unanimous

Personnel Nominations and Confirmations

Members acknowledged the Hiring Committee’s Professional Staff appointments on behalf of the Board of Directors for 2023-2024:

- CCES Grade 1 – Teacher Lillian Frager
- CMS Grade 7 Science Teacher – Trey Liberty
- CMS Grade 8 Science Teacher – Tina McIntyre
- CHS .5 FTE Math Teacher – Carol Quimby
- CMS Special Education Teacher – Rachel Smart
- CHS Special Education Teacher – Hope French

Members acknowledged Superintendent Sperrey’s Support Staff appointments for 2023-2024:

- CHS Custodian -- Michelle Lebiedz
- CHS Ed Tech I – Jasmine Robert

Members acknowledged Superintendent Sperrey’s Schedule B appointments for 2023-2024:

- CHS Advisor/Advisee Program – Terri Jenkins-Suggs
- CMS/CHS Art Club – Jessica Williams
- CHS Civil Rights Team – Liberty Oko
- Senior Class Advisor – Karen Ward
- Junior Class Advisor – Casey Twist
- Sophomore Class Advisor – Terri-Lynn Fowler
- Freshman Class Advisor – Janelle Goff
- CHS Key Club – Terri Jenkins-Suggs
- CHS Math Team – Cynthia Dehm
- CHS National Honor Society – Dan Furlong
- CHS Drama Club – Beth Goodwin
- CHS One Act Play – Beth Goodwin
- CHS School Play – Beth Goodwin
- CHS Project Adventure Club – Terri-Lynn Fowler
- CHS Science Club – Janelle Goff
- CHS Spanish Club – Alison Huff
- CHS Student Council – Dan Furlong
- CHS Yearbook – Scott Bickerstaff
- Chess Club – Lisa Oliver
- CMS Math Team – Lisa Oliver

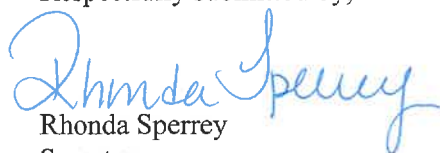
Members acknowledged Superintendent Sperrey’s Special Appointment Agreement for 2023-2024:

- Affirmative Action Officer – Lisa Bostrom

Upon the motion of Amy Bean and second by Anne Kenneson, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by,


Rhonda Sperrey
Secretary