

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 64  
Bradford Corinth Hudson Kenduskeag Stetson

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 26, 2023

The members of the Board of Directors of RSU 64 met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 25, 2023 in response to an agenda dated September 22, 2023. The agenda was distributed to members electronically.

Members Present: Rhonda Williams, Nicole Kelley, Tonya Wozneak, Haley Emery, Wanda St. Peter, Steven Ingalls, Sherry Horn, Julie Byers, Anne Kenneson, Emily Henderson, Kelsi McHugh-Speed, Steven Ingalls, Michael Anderson

Student Representatives Present: Lindsey Stevens

Members Absent: Amy Bean, James Connolly, Katherine Waite, Jodi Brasslett, Robert Young

Members Absent Without Excuse: None

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

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rhonda Williams at 7:02 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 Sherry Horn, the Board voted to approve the draft minutes of the Transportation Committee Meeting (September 18, 2023), Hiring Committee Meeting (September 6, 2023), Hiring Committee Meeting (August 28, 2023), Regular Monthly Board Meeting (August 21, 2023), and Hiring Committee Meeting (August 21, 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 Cynthia Allen (Food Service Assistant), John Curry (CMS Physical Education Teacher), Jayna Robinson (CCES Ed Tech), Cindy Shorey (CCES Ed Tech), and Wendy Tate (CHS Ed Tech).

Chair Williams called for Public Forum items.

Reports

Superintendent Sperrey updated members on the following administrative topics:

**School Opening 2023-2024**

The beginning of this school year has been nothing short of fantastic. Although the first few days were summer like, the school year has begun with a new sense of hope and shared positivity among students and staff. All three schools held Open House events on the evening of Tuesday, August 29 that were extremely well attended by students and their families. The beginning days of staff in service were very well received as teachers and other staff members readied buildings and themselves for the upcoming

year. With renewed energy and enthusiasm, students and teachers alike have embraced the opportunities and challenges that come with a fresh start. From engaging lessons to extracurricular activities, this school year promises to be a year of growth, learning, and memorable experiences for all. It's clear that we are off to a great start, setting the stage for a year filled with academic achievement and personal development.

### **Hiring**

At this time, the District continues to seek applicants for ed tech positions, a part time guidance counselor, a shared technology teacher, and a shared literacy specialist. The District accepts substitute teacher applications on a rolling basis. Interested parties should visit [www.servingschools.com](http://www.servingschools.com) for additional hiring information.

### **Intent to Bargain**

The District has received notification from the RSU/MSAD No.64 Support Staff Personnel Association of their intent to bargain for a three-year contract this year.

### **Thank You**

In honor of Health Equity Week, staff from Optum, a supporter of Northern Light Health, collected donations for the purchase of healthy snacks for school children. The staff selected RSU 64 and RSU 87 as the recipients of their donation. A special thank you to all who were a part of making this gift possible to our students.

### **District Enrollment (As of September 1, 2023)**

CCES – 492 (-14)

CMS – 239 (+6)

CHS – 321 (+8)

Total = 1052

As of September 1, 2023, 133 students are enrolled in homeschooling this year. This is one less student than last year.

### **Administrator Reports**

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

CCES Assistant Principal Nicole Evans – Mrs. Evans updated the Board on implementation of the CUBS (Celebrating and Uplifting our Beloved Staff) award for staff and a new online scheduling process the elementary school is trying for parent teacher conferences this fall.

CMS Principal Dr. Sandra Cookson – Dr. Cookson had nothing to add to her report.

CHS Principal Dr. Rad Mayfield – Dr. Mayfield emphasized the goal of the high school is to focus on the District theme this year of being “Rooted in Relationship.”

CHS Assistant Principal & Athletic Director Jared Foster – Mr. Foster had nothing to add.

Special Education Director David Nason – Mr. Nason offered printed follow up information on the shared greenhouse project being pursued for middle and high school special education students. This project will be funded with Local Entitlement grant funding.

Curriculum Coordinator Monica Sabine – Mrs. Sabine shared that spring assessment information has not yet become available for staff to use in their planning and instruction for the 2023-2024 school year. Fall assessment dates have been set for all three buildings. Mrs. Sperrey also highlighted the professional

development administrators and other staff have been engaging in relative to AI (Artificial Intelligence) and it's emerging impact on education.

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

New Business

**Discussion and Consideration of the PEPG Steering Committee Recommendations**

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Anne Kenneson, members voted to approve the revisions to the Performance Evaluation and Professional Growth (PEPG) Model as presented by co-chairs of the PEPG Steering Committee Casee Hart and Sandra Cookson.

Unanimous

**Update Life Insurance Beneficiary Designation Forms for Board Members**

No action necessary.

**Discussion and Consideration of Student Transportation Bid**

Upon the motion of Anne Kenneson and second by Wanda St. Peter, members voted to enter Executive Session under 1 MRSA §405(6)(D) 405.

Unanimous

Time Entered: 7:24 p.m.

Time Returned: 7:46 p.m.

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Sherry Horn, members approved the recommendation of the Transportation Committee to award the Student Transportation Bid for 2024-2029 to Ray and Jessica Hall in the amounts presented in the bid documents.

Yea – 12  
Nay – 1 (Ingalls)  
Abstention – 0

**Superintendent Evaluation**

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Anne Kenneson, members voted to enter Executive Session under 1 MRSA §405(6)(A).

Unanimous

Time Entered: 7:49 p.m.

Time Returned: 8:16 p.m.

Upon the motion of Anne Kenneson and second by Sherry Horn, members approved the Superintendent's professional goals for 2023-2024 as presented.

Unanimous

**Personnel Nominations and Confirmations**

Members acknowledged the Hiring Committee's approval of Superintendent Sperrey's recommendation of District-Wide Appointment of Supervisor of Maintenance and Custodial Services James Shink for 2023-2024.

Members acknowledged the Hiring Committee's approval of Superintendent Sperrey's recommendation of Professional Appointment of CMS Physical Education Teacher Joshua Seeley for 2023-2024.

Members acknowledged the Hiring Committee's approval of Superintendent Sperrey's recommendation of the Professional Staff Transfer of CHS Math Teacher Lisa Oliver for 2023-2024.

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

CCES PreK Ed Tech II – Taylor Bishop  
CCES Ed Tech I/Driver – Julie Hicks  
CCES Ed Tech III, Title 1A (4hours/day) – Linda Richards  
CHS Ed Tech III – Michael Saunders  
CHS Food Service Assistant – Kathy Batey

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

CMS Student Council Advisor – Tracy McKay  
CMS Yearbook Advisor – Amy Bickerstaff  
CMS "B" Boys Soccer Coach – Jenna Dugal

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Anne Kenneson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by,



Rhonda Sperrey  
Secretary