

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 64
Bradford Corinth Hudson Kenduskeag Stetson

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 14, 2023

The members of the Board of Directors of RSU 64 met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 13, 2023 in response to an agenda dated November 9, 2023. The agenda was distributed to members electronically.

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

Student Representatives Present: Lindsey Stevens, Maddison Kenneson

Members Absent: Curtis Chadbourne, Amy Bean, Michael Anderson, Haley Emery, Jodi Brasslett

Members Absent Without Excuse: Tonya Wozneak

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 12 members present, and 6 members absent.

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Sherry Horn, members approved an agenda adjustment to add item V.F - Discussion and Consideration of Adjusting the Substitute Teacher Hourly Rate

Unanimous

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second of Sherry Horn, the Board voted to approve the draft minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting (October 23, 2023), and to place the minutes on file as part of permanent Board records.

Unanimous

Petitions and Communications

The Board is in receipt of letters of resignation from CCES Custodian Tammy Hall, CCES Ed Tech Taysia Maynard, and CHS Ed Tech Jasmine Robert.

Chair Williams called for Public Forum items.

Reports

Superintendent Sperrey updated members on the following administrative topics:

CCES Water Distribution System

Superintendent Sperrey and Maintenance Supervisor James Shink met with Harriman Associates engineer Richard Marchessault on Monday, November 13 to discuss the new water distribution design for CCES. Harriman Associates will coordinate the bid specifications and bid process for this work. This work will be completed during a student vacation break.

CMS & CHS Water – Lead Levels Update

Recent water tests at both Central Middle and Central High School continue to reveal higher than acceptable levels of lead in some water sources. The most likely reason lead is in these test areas is because it dissolved from lead solder out of brass plumbing materials in faucets, fittings, and/or valves. Since the previous test results last year, the District has been providing bottled drinking water for both students and staff. The District will be sending lead education materials out to families again and will be drafting a Corrosion Control Treatment Plan to be submitted by March 31, 2024.

CCES Flashing Light Malfunction

The flashing lights on the south side of CCES have not been working. The District sent the control mechanism to a vendor out of state and is awaiting a resolution. In consultation with the State of Maine Department of Transportation, they are investigating upgrading the signs to indicate times of speed reduction.

Food Service Year End Statements

The District received notification from the Department of Education that the cash balance for food service at year end exceeds three months-worth of the average operating cost of the program. Therefore, the District is required to create a spend down plan. This plan will allow the District to replace much needed equipment and complete repairs needed at both CMS and CHS. The plan is due on November 17, 2023; the purchases and work will be completed throughout the 2023-2024 school year and during the summer months of 2024. The food service account is separate from the local budget.

District Enrollment (As of November 1, 2023)

CCES – 495 (+0)

CMS – 222 (-2)

CHS – 305 (-3)

Total = 1022 (-5)

Administrator Reports

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

CCES Principal Carrie Carr – Mrs. Carr had nothing to add to her report.

CCES Assistant Principal Nicole Evans – Mrs. Evans highlighted a recent professional development opportunity staff participated in relative to Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS).

CMS Principal Dr. Sandra Cookson – Dr. Cookson highlighted Mr. Roman’s recent math class feature on the Maine Principals’ Association website.

CHS Principal Dr. Rad Mayfield – Dr. Mayfield shared comments about the newest Students of the Month and the very successful fall play at CHS.

CHS Assistant Principal & Athletic Director Jared Foster – Mr. Foster highlighted the upcoming winter sport season. Mr. Foster also shared with the Board his ongoing work in exploring a dual sport program for students, in an attempt to increase numbers in the Central High School programs.

Special Education Director David Nason – Mr. Nason had nothing to add to his report.

Curriculum Coordinator Monica Sabine – Mrs. Sabine had nothing to add to her report.

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

New Business

Discussion and Consideration of CHS HVAC Project Bids

Upon the motion of Katherine Waite and second by Anne Kenneson, members voted to award the CHS HVAC bid to the lowest bidder, Devoe Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,780,000.00, contingent upon the completion of reference checks and supporting paperwork. This project will be completed with the ESSER III funding allocation.

Yea – 11
Nay – 0
Abstention – 1 (McHugh)

Student Assessment Data

The Administrative Team presented information relative to student assessment data and a plan for improvement. No action taken.

Discussion and Consideration of Change to the CHS Science Graduation Requirement for Science

Upon the motion of James Connolly and second by Wanda St. Peter, members voted to approve the recommendation to change the science graduation requirement language to “three sciences, one of which must be a lab science,” in order to create greater flexibility with curriculum, programs and staffing.

Unanimous

MSBA Annual Delegate Assembly Report

Member Anne Kenneson provided an update on the Delegate Assembly. No action taken.

MSMA Fall Conference Update

Members Anne Kenneson and Wanda St. Peter attended the MSMA Fall Conference on October 26 & 27 and offered a report to the full Board. No action taken.

Substitute Pay Adjustment for Minimum Wage Increase

Upon the motion of James Connolly and second by Wanda St. Peter, members approved adjusting the hourly substitute rate to \$14.15/hr. to align with the increase to minimum wage effective January 1, 2024. The daily rate will become \$106.13.

Unanimous

Personnel Nominations and Confirmations

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Anne Kenneson members, approved Superintendent Sperrey’s recommendation of Victoria Van Trump as CMS Math Interventionist for 2023-2024.

Unanimous

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

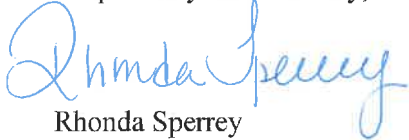
- CMS “A” Boys Basketball Coach – Robert Pomeroy
- CMS “B” Boys Basketball Coach – Andrew Prescott
- CMS “A” Girls Basketball Coach – Beth Cook
- CMS “B” Girls Basketball Coach – Leonard Dorion
- CMS “A” Cheering Coach – Taylor McIntyre
- CMS “B” Cheering Coach – Maddigan DeMoranville
- CHS Varsity Boys Basketball Coach – Quinson Lancaster
- CHS JV Boys Basketball Coach – James Williams

CHS Varsity Girls Basketball Coach – Jamie Russell
CHS JV Girls Basketball Coach – Brittany McAllister
CHS Varsity Cheering Coach – Christy Strout
CHS JV Cheering Coach – Whitney Susee
CHS Indoor Track Coach – Mike Viani
CHS Assistant Indoor Track Coach – John White

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Sherry Horn, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by,



Rhonda Sperrey
Secretary