

**Regional School Unit 78  
School Board Meeting Agenda  
August 23, 2016  
Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.  
RLRS – All Purpose Room**

Eric Burgess	XX	Jennifer Farmer	XX
Joanne Chapman	XX	Nancy Hilliard	XX
Amber Haley	XX	Richard Walker	XX
Colleen Dutile Koob	XX	Tom Rideout	XX
Beth Eastlack	XX	Paul Reynolds	XX
vacant		Clare Webber	XX

Quorum:

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: 6:00pm
2. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting (August 9, 2016)  
Motion: Joanne Chapman, Second: Claire Webber  
Motion: Carries
3. Adjustments to the Agenda: Remove 9.4 Exec Session
4. Public Comments: Mike Koob, Rangeley, Circulating a petition in the municipalities and has approximately 80 signatures to have building project resubmitted to public vote.
5. Chair: Reminded board member of the MSMA Conference in Augusta, October 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, encouraging board to attend.

Superintendent: preparing for beginning of school, reminded board members of the correspondence with Oak Point included in packet.

Principal: PEPG Training with Curt Jack, Staff Training starting 8/29, Open House on 8/31 6pm

Student Representative Comments:

6. Committee Reports
  - 6.1 Policy Committee: Working on policy, BBDE, BE. Next meeting: September 7<sup>th</sup>: 12pm
  - 6.2 Facilities Committee: Nothing. Next Meeting: September 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm
  - 6.3 Finance Committee: Met prior to meeting @ 5pm. Sheila Raymond shared last years figures, audit is complete, budget transfers have to be completed. Reviewed these years year-to-date figures. Approximately \$100,000 surplus. Next meeting: September 13<sup>th</sup>, 5pm
7. Appointments, Resignations, and Nominations: None  
Appointments:  
Resignations:  
Nominations:
8. Old Business:
  - 8.1 Consideration of a Professional Services Agreement with Oak Point Associates for the renovation and addition to the existing Rangeley Lakes Regional School at a cost not to exceed \$5,144,764.

Motion: Richard Walker, Second: Joanne Chapman

Discussion: Paul Reynolds – OakPoint mentions that money is available to us if we do only the ADA project, due date of Sept. 30 for application, important to know if money is available from the state if we do the original project.

Richard Walker: building committee was developed by the board with recommendations to the board, public forums were held, flyers mailed out, etc. It was clear to him what was being voted on. The public vote was clear that passed. Now, it's August and the contract is

not signed. This should have been resolved. The town voters have voted for the \$5.1mil. Building committee did a great job of educating the board. Only way to reconsider the vote must have been filed within 7 days of the vote. I stand behind the project. It's been 40 years, nothing of substance has been done besides mandates (asbestos, roof, etc). The town has expanded and upgrades (bowling alley, transfer station, health center) and nothing to the school.

Colleen Dutile-Koob: Appreciate what Richard Walker said. The option of ADA only should have been put to the voters. Economics plays into this.

Richard Walker: The economy isn't as bad, summer has been great. No statistics show a slump.

Tom Rideout: This is an RSU so we shouldn't focus on just the "town". Feels that there have been uncertainties presented to the board. Asks that it be clearer.

Eric Burgess: There wasn't a 3<sup>rd</sup> option, that was brought up at the last minute and architect developed a figure at last minute that was arbitrary. Building committee considered all options and the issues (all classrooms inside, ADA, science labs).

Dr. Richards: Letter from Tyler Barter to clarify the "ADA project" the actual cost is \$2,776,127 with sprinklers. He asked the Fire Chief to attend to address the life safety issues.

Paul Reynolds: The contract wasn't signed because it wasn't received until last meeting. A lot has changed since the vote. The new plan (ADA) includes an upgraded science lab. I would prefer to spend money on the kids and their education than a building. We get no state funding. If we have an opportunity to get money from the state, we should take advantage.

Public:

Ginny Nuttal: Rangeley: There was a 5<sup>th</sup> option, which was to build a new school. Decision was based on the charge of the board. Remember the costs of money, interests rates may be going up. 21<sup>st</sup> century learning of kids: safety, way kids learn, expectations/standards, different learning experiences/places, it is planned to reuse space and expand other spaces, small instructional spaces, assessment spaces, planned to move special ed kids into the instructional center of the building, High School classes have evolved. I question if all security issues are addressed in the "ADA" plan, portable is not a safe long-term option for our students.

Kim Dolbier: Rangeley – board is expected to put out best product (student) therefore we should use the best cost to get the best product, I felt as a tax payer that this project would be started by now, the taxpayers voted to do, well informed, multiple opportunities to be informed, the kids are suffering

Lucy Simonds: Sandy River – we all attended many meetings, a great deal of input was gathered, I am confident that building committee looked at every scenario, our elected officials did their due-diligence, the voters spoke, if committee felt ADA was a feasible option it would have been on the ballot.

Virginia MacFawn: Rangeley – attended school here, it hasn't changed, I'm a parent of 3 school children, school doesn't function the way it needs to, as a business owner – always looking at practicality, believe in providing services to the community and investing in the community, want kids to have the best opportunity they can, excellent staff that are providing great opportunities to the students, felt informational meeting was informative and supports the plan and the vote of the public, new Border Patrol families are looking at settling in Farmington rather than Rangeley.

Cyndy Egan: Rangeley – spend money in the best possible way, most efficient way. It's not right to be second guessing or stalling what voters have approved. It is more expensive at a smaller school per student.

Jeanette Jacobs Rangeley – teacher, parent – lack of discussion around the advancement of our vision and mission by the board.

Chair Hilliard called for a roll call vote:

Joanne Chapman: Yes  
Beth Eastlack: Yes  
Amber Haley: Yes  
Nancy Hilliard: Yes  
Tom Rideout: No  
Clare Webber: Yes

Colleen Dutile-Koob: No  
Eric Burgess: Yes  
Jennifer Farmer: Yes  
Richard Walker: Yes  
Paul Reynolds: No

- 8.2 Consideration of a Professional Services Agreement with Oak Point Associates to the existing Rangeley Lakes Regional School that provides updated ADA, Life, safety mechanical and electrical improvements at a cost not to exceed \$2,776,127\* (\* includes sprinkler system).

Motion: “to postpone indefinitely” Richard Walker, Second: Jennifer Farmer

Discussion: Jennifer Farmer: The project has been stalled for a long time. We have spent countless dollar around this in legal fees.

Paul Reynolds: We were pushed to have a vote in October. A lot has been done outside of normal practice.

Chair Hilliard called for a roll call vote:

Joanne Chapman: Yes

Beth Eastlack: Yes

Amber Haley: Yes

Nancy Hilliard: Yes

Tom Rideout: No

Clare Webber: Yes

Colleen Dutile-Koob: Abstain

Eric Burgess: Yes

Jennifer Farmer: Yes

Richard Walker: Yes

Paul Reynolds: No

- 8.3 Consideration of budget transfers.

Richard Walker presented a worksheet of budget transfers. System Administration was overspent.

Motion: Approve budget transfers as outlined, Eric Burgess, Second: Jennifer Farmer

Discussion: Paul Reynolds: Will there be discussion on improving the budget process to avoid this in the future.

Motion: Carries

## 9. New Business

- 9.1 Consideration of a 2016-2017 school year Student Handbook.

Motion: Approve as DRAFT: Colleen Dutile-Koob, Second: Eric Burgess

Motion: Carries

- 9.2 Consideration of a 2016-2017 Staff Handbook.

Motion: Approve as DRAFT: Colleen Dutile-Koob, Second: Eric Burgess

Motion: Carries

- 9.3 Executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6) (A)-personnel

Motion: Colleen Dutile-Koob, Second: Eric Burgess

Motion: Carries

In:

Out: 7:00

- 9.4 Executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(A) - employee

10. Adjournment: Motion: Eric Burgess, Second: Colleen Dutile-Koob,

Discussion: Joanne Chapman encouraged board to attend staff opening day. Dr. Richards encouraged board to visit classrooms. Joanne Chapman pointed out that there are three classrooms with no windows.

Adjourned: 7:02pm

NOTE: See revised attached agenda – Approval of the budget transfers is required by law as directed by the school audit.

\* The Executive Session is self explanatory. In addition, I’m sending along copies of my correspondence with Oak Point Associates regarding the school construction project.

## MISSION

To inspire all learners to strive for success in a world yet to be fully imagined.

## VISION

RSU 78 envisions a broad range of choices for learning that inspires student and staff involvement in all aspects of academic life in a safe, fair, authentic, and personalized learning environment.

## 2015-16 GOALS

1. The board will adopt policies that:
  - A. Define how it will function
  - B. Define the linkages between the board and superintendent
  - C. Limit the scope of authority of the superintendent
  - D. Determine the RSU 78 "ENDS." What are we here for?
2. The RSU 78 School Board will adopt a "dashboard" which will be used to inform the board and drive its decisions in key areas.
3. The RSU 78 School Board will define the administrative structure of the district.
4. The RSU 78 School Board as a whole will participate in additional professional development in areas it deems most important to effective governance.