

Regional School Unit 78
School Board Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2018
at 6:00 p.m.
RLRS – MPR

Brian Delutio	X	Jennifer Farmer	X
Joanne Chapman	X	Nancy Hilliard	X
Amber Haley	X	Rick Walker	X
Colleen Koob	absent	Martha VanderWolk	X
Beth Eastlack	absent	Paul Reynolds	absent
Kathleen Catrini	X	Clare Webber	X
Lauren Farmer, Student	X		

Quorum: 696/1000

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adjustments to the Agenda Add items 9.4 - Approval of Open Format Warrants
9.5 - Approval of Closed Format Warrants
4. Approval of Minutes of March 20, 2018 and Special Meeting of March 27, 2018
3/20/18 - motion J. Farmer/second J. Chapman motion carries
3/27/18 - motion J. Farmer/second J. Chapman motion carries
5. Public Comments
Holly Hagan - comments on Anxiety Conference. Follow-up questions and comments by Superintendent and board.
6. Chair, Superintendent, Principal and Student Representative Comments
Superintendent: construction on-going; administrative offices moving soon.
Principal (G. Campbell) - completing MEAs and SATs; intersession has been a success.
Principal(H. Deery) - reported on trips to colleges with students.
Student Rep (L. Farmer) - sports season starting; student council fundraiser at RFA family movie night; SAT prep course;
7. Committee Reports
7.1 Policy Committee: - C. Koob - no report, next meeting in early May

- 7.2 Finance Committee: - R. Walker - year-to-date is looking good; G. Warfel presented technology needs to committee and today received final piece of information; all classrooms will be updated during April break; commended G. Warfel for his job in getting this technology in place.
 - 7.3 School Renovation/Construction - B. Richards/Ginny Nuttall - during break, school will be closed because of renovation work.
 - 7.4 PBE Leadership Team - G. Campbell - because of extended days due to snow days, professional development is at a minimum.
8. Appointments, Resignations, and Nominations: none
9. Action Item:
- 9.1 First reading of the 2018-19 school calendar: B. Richards - built in 5 days for snow days. J. Farmer - why start before Labor Day? H. Deery - athletics start in May. Second reading and vote will be on May agenda.
 - 9.2 Motion to approve the 2018-19 RSU 78 school budget: R. Walker - budget is 6.92% increase over last year, 5% is debt service and remainder is new spending. Hoping to use surplus to keep tax increase at a minimum if any. Big question is special education where are many unknowns. We are starting to build capital reserve fund. Motion to approve: R. Walker/ second - J. Chapman - motion carries.
 - 9.3 Motion to approve the creation of an Ad Hoc committee to study attendance issues. N. Hilliard - district needs to study chronic absences and attendance policies including community practices and all needs to be coordinated in policies. This committee will gather information and present findings to board at the January 2019 school board meeting. B. Richards - creating spreadsheet showing data and will make available to committee. M. Vanderwolk - confidentiality concerns with information on spreadsheet. Motion to create committee: B. Delutio/ second: C. Webber. Motion carries. Committee members from board will be N. Hilliard; B. Delutio; C. Webber; C. Koob.
 - 9.4 Motion to adopt Open Format for Public Approval of Warrant Articles - motion - R. Walker/ second - J. Chapman - motion carries
 - 9.5 Motion to adopt Closed Format for Public Approval of Warrant Articles - motion to table - R. Walker; second - J. Chapman. motion carries.
10. Executive Session
- 10.1 Motion to Enter into executive session as permitted under 1 M.R.S.A sec. 405 (6)A for evaluating a position. Motion - C. Webber; second - J. Chapman. Motion carries. Board enters Executive Session at 7:11 pm
- Board reconvenes at 7:37 pm. No action taken as a result of the Executive Session.
11. Adjournment: Motion - R. Walker; second - J. Chapman. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Next meeting, May 8, 2018 6:00 PM