

**Regional School Unit 78
School Board Meeting Agenda
January 17, 2019
at 6:00 p.m.
RLRS – Multi-Purpose Room**

Brian Delutio	x	Aaron Vryhoff	x
Virginia Nuttall	x	Nancy Hilliard	x
Amber Haley	x	Rick Walker	x
Colleen Koob	x	Martha VanderWolk	x
Beth Eastlack	x	Paul Reynolds	x
Kathleen Catrini	x	Clare Webber	x
Lauren Farmer, Student	x		

Quorum: 1003/1003

1. Call to Order 6:00
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adjustments to the Agenda none
4. Approval of Minutes of December 11, 2018 Motion - C. Webber; 2nd - K. Catrini
motion carries
5. Public Comments none
6. Chair, Superintendent, Principal and Student Representative Comments

CHAIR: Congratulated N Hilliard on grandparenthood; budget process underway;

Super: Bringing up to date with bus driver situation. Had 5 at beginning of school year. 3 no longer employed. Have 3 currently. Had to reconfigure bus routes staying in parameters of board policy and Maine law. Current schedule, with minimal disruption, met with drivers and staff to work out. Have students going to Foster Tech who are transported to Phillips where SAD 58 drivers complete the trip to Fosters. One of good things about this was the group working on issues together. Need bus drivers and sub drivers. In pursuing that, will try to do this ourselves. Will start building own classes to meet criteria to be bus driver. Must pass written test for Commercial Drivers License and then road test. Will work with Director of Maintenance and Transportation. G. Campbell - few concerns brought to administration and everyone seems to have adjusted very well. P Reynolds - is this a permanent change? B. Richards - will re-evaluate but by policy must provide transportation. G. Nuttall - when does Foster bus return? G. Campbell - with exception of Wednesday, students return between 12:40 and 12:50.

Princ - G. Campbell - scholastic art awards had 75 entries. Ms. Emami and herself have been working with an organization for a social and emotional grant for the high school. Started process at beginning of

year. Had interview process and learned last week that we were chosen. Grant with curriculum is \$5300. Will have to pay for training for high school staff in August. Nalini kits. Program began in New York.

Student Rep - L. Farmer - heard back about scholastic art awards. Several students were awarded and other received honorable mention.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Policy Committee: - K. Catrini - met on Jan. 3 and still working through instructional policies. Will vote on a policy tonight. Will next meet on first Wed. in Feb. (2/6)

7.2 Finance Committee: - R. Walker - met this afternoon and looked at year-to-date and are ahead of schedule bottom line. Should be good for the year. Looked at the construction project which is still not finished. Hopefully will be wrapped up in next several weeks. Should be under budget. Started discussion of budget for 2019-20 school year. Will be some changes that will impact the budget. Should not be a lot of surprises. All salaries have been negotiated but don't know health insurance and a few other items. Debt service for building is set. New debt is new bus. First meeting for budget is Jan. 29. Then will meet weekly until completed. Public welcome. Met with auditor who had "glowing things" to say about the school. Recommended building up capital reserve account. He was very pleased about the finances of the district.

7.3 School Renovation/Construction - Ginny Nuttall - supposed to be walk through yesterday and today with small things that need to be done. Bowman will be moving out tomorrow which signifies end of their commitment inside the building. It is a good feeling that we made the school more secure for staff and students. Only a few change orders still needing to be finalized. Will be some money left at the end. Are restrictions on how it can be spent. Do not have final figure until negotiations are finished. Building committee - as standing committee - spoke with B. Richards and N. Hilliard about if needed. Wants to continue with it and wants to set date for first meeting. Usually meeting on Wednesdays at 5 pm and will pick date soon. Made application to Nestle about Legacy program and should hear at the end of January. Asked for an amount but not for specific project.

7.4 Team Leader Report - Seth Laliberte - at high school, wrapping up mid-terms. Beginning scheduling process for next year and will try to get choir and music for middle school. Talking about testing in March and April. Poetry Out Loud on Jan. 24. Music festival in Feb. Program for high school about under-age drinking. Athletics are doing well. Advisories are going very well. Hopefully social and emotional grant will help with advisories. L. Farmer - isn't in an advisory and finds it a bonding experience.

7.5 Superintendent Search Committee: - P. Reynolds - tomorrow is deadline for getting in applications. Have some here and some went to Augusta. Committee meets next Tues for reviewing applications and develop process for interviews.

7.6 Student Leadership - J. Dixon - Smash the Stigma! The Yellow Tulip Project. RLRs Leadership Group - Daxtyn Williams - part of program. Slide show of events from MYAN conference and what they would like to implement at RLRs. A non-profit organization that helps spread awareness of mental illness and the stigma of that. Project is nationwide. Followed by Tucker McFawn. Talked about having picnic tables at lunch. J. Dixon - added the following - had a meeting yesterday morning with 7 new members for a total of 15 students.

8. Appointments, Resignations, and Nominations:

8.1 Maintenance Director - Errol Barry resigned recently which was accepted by Superintendent. Jeff LaRochelle has accepted position.

9.. Presentation - Kat Lemieux

Health Community Coalition - school health data - MIYHS- data on 2017 Youth Substance Use. Information gathered from survey given to 5-12 graders in Maine. New one will be given in Feb. After presentation of statistics, talk about Franklin County programs. Do presentations at schools. Questions - data gathered in 2017. Any comparative analysis? Not much because numbers were too low for statistical analysis. After Feb. survey given, will have better numbers and should be able to do comparisons. Trend data important. Results from new survey will be available in fall. They will return with new data. Survey will take about 45 minutes. R. Walker - pretty alarming information. Will they come up with recommendations on what can be done differently going forward? Answer: yes. Can work with ME

CDC. Will pass on recommendations of things that work. Q: has heard that students don't take survey seriously. If do prep work ahead of time, students take it more seriously. Ground work is important. Answer: can empower students ahead of survey. J. Dixon - is important that we do pre-work before taking survey. Also need to know the value of this information. This is the student's survey and they should be seeing the results of it. The leadership group will be working on these issues locally. Survey can be used for grant writing. G. Nuttall - the student piece is most important but the parents must be made aware of these results as well.

10. Action Items:

10.1 UMO - Music Field Trip - E. Smith - motion -P. Reynolds; 2nd - A. Haley.
motion carries.

10.2 Woodstock - Field Trip - E. Smith - motion - P. Reynolds; 2nd K. Catrini.
motion carries.

10.3 Raise the Floor initiative - P. Reynolds - many communities, like Rangeley, get little or no funding from state for education. Essential Programs and Services formula determines which towns get funding from state. Because of way it is calculated on tax rate, some towns get 70% and some like Rangeley get little or no support. Our only support is for special education. Minimum receiver communities, such as Rangeley, can create hardships. Town of Fayette joined with a lobbying firm to try to get legislature in Maine to consider enacting law that would enable every town to receive 15% of per pupil cost from state. Would be over \$200,000 annually at least. Campaign is trying to raise \$50,000 by having communities contribute \$5.00 per students (about \$1,000 for Rangeley). Will result in hiring lobbyists to push for the Raise the Floor initiative. Has been a question of how to get the state to recognize the difficulty in funding for school and this could be a start. Has a resolution which ends by stating the school board supports this initiative in conjunction with town of Rangeley. Is an opportunity for us to begin raising awareness. R Walker - finance committee supports this initiative. A. Vryhoff - chances? P. Reynolds - will require \$22 million so will be difficult. At least beginning the process. B. Delutio - about \$3000 per student we would receive at 15%. Are only asking for \$1000. G. Nuttall - the selectmen have been presented with this information also. We are able to fund our schools better than some communities. State funding is very inconsistent. Supporting this is good. P. Reynolds - town council is very supportive of this and wanted it brought to the school board. Next step would be a letter to the town council and finding a way to fund this. Motion - V. Nuttall; 2nd - R. Walker. Motion carries. Letter will be written by co-chairs of school board.

10.4 Consideration of Policy IHBAL - Independent Educational Evaluation - K. Catrini - discusses. C. Koob - required policy but not in our policy book. K. Catrini - will correct typos for second reading in February. Motion - K. Catrini; 2nd - M. Vanderwalk. Motion carries.

11. Motion to Adjourn - K. Catrini; 2nd M. Vanderwalk at 7:17.

Next meeting: February 12, 2019