

**Regional School Unit 78  
School Board Meeting Minutes  
March 12, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.  
RLRS – Multi-Purpose Room**

Anthony Atkinson, Rangeley	present	Virginia Nuttall, Rangeley	present
Kathleen Catrini, Dallas Plt	present	Paul Reynolds, Rangeley Plt	present
Brian Delutio, Dallas Plt	absent	Martha VanderWolk, Magalloway	present
Amber Haley, Rangeley Plt	present	Aaron Vryhof, Rangeley	present
Colleen Koob, Rangeley	present	Clare Webber, Sandy River Plt	present
Sara Lacasse, Sandy River Plt	present	Lauren Farmer, Student Reps	present
Deborah Ladd, Rangeley	present	Autumn-Skye Williams, Student Rep	absent

Quorum: 885/1003

1. Call to Order 6:00PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adjustments to the Agenda -add action item related to Costa Rica Trip
4. Approval of Minutes of January 9, 2020  
Motion: Virginia Nuttall; Second: Sara Lacasse Unanimous vote. Motion carries
5. Public Comments  
None at this time
6. Chair, Superintendent, Principal and Student Representative Comments

Chair: Spent most of the afternoon in school with administration talking about measures RLRS is taking in light of COVID-19. Keep calm. Wash your hands. Following Maine CDC, Maine DOE, and national CDC guidelines. At this time Governor Mills has said that schools are to remain open.

Superintendent: Superintendents around the state are receiving numerous updates from the DOE and CDC. School nurses are our best source of information and resource.

Principal: Suicide U Matter training progresses. Most of the staff have been trained (all but 8 plus athletic coaches)

Student Rep: Ella Shaffer won State of Maine Poetry Outloud and will attend national finals in Washington DC. Scholastic Art & Writing awards, 12 students at RLRS received awards. Olivia Pye was nominated for American Visions Awards; Lu Farmer and Cassie Cilinski received honorable mentions from state congressional awards; Gold Key winners LS, OP, LF, and CC.

## 7. Committee Reports

7.1 Policy Committee: - K. Catrini  
5 policies for this meeting

7.2 Finance Committee: C.Downing  
Met earlier this evening. Went through budget proposal in front of the board tonight. Met with community stakeholders regarding psychotherapist addition. Budget is at a 6% increase.

7.3 Facilities Committee - V. Nuttall  
Have not met. Waiting for new budget to come out.

7.4 Team Leader Report - S. Laliberte  
March 20th WMEC is cancelled so RLRS staff using the day to prep lesson plans in case of remote school days.  
  
MEA testing windows remain as in. May expand window if need be. Keep accurate attendance and there will be waivers if needed. Testing begins March 16th.

7.5 Negotiations Committee - C. Koob  
Met a couple times. Things are moving along. Teachers have presented a well-put together package. Counter proposal will be submitted shortly.

## 8. Appointments, Resignations, and Nominations:

James Smith (varsity softball), Sean Danforth (middle school baseball), Trevor Gray (middle school softball), Jeff Laroche (varsity baseball), and Russ Brooks (Foster Tech Bus Driver)

## 9. Federal Grants Spending Report - G. Campbell

\$54,886 in ESEA/Title IA funds.  
Used to pay a portion of 3 Ed Tech III Title I salaries and benefits  
\$10,000 in ESEA/Title IVA.  
Used to pay for social/emotional curriculum, social worker, and STEM programming  
\$6,526 in ESEA/Title II.  
Used to pay for professional development and Leadership Team stipends  
\$11,913 in Title V - Small Rural Schools.  
Used to pay for technology upgrades and replace, repair or purchase new equipment  
\$51,988 in Special Education - Local Entitlement.  
Used to pay for some Special Ed Ed Tech salaries and benefits, and towards the cost of psychological services, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech therapy  
\$25,000 in GEAR UP.  
Used to pay for online credit recovery, dual enrollment

course fees, other online classes, middle school aspirations annual field trip, college campus visits, trade fair and college fair visits, and ELA and math professional development.

10. Maine Integrated Health Survey - Presentation by Healthy Community Coalition  
MIYHS gathers data from 5th through 12th graders in the greater Franklin County every two years.

If staff or community is interested in the data, please contact Georgia Campbell.

#### 11. Action Items

Costa Rica Trip - Kate Philbrick, high school Spanish teacher presented that the trip has been postponed for the time being. As soon as the trip is rescheduled, information will be brought back to the board.

##### 11.1 Motion to approve overnight field trip to Quebec

Kelsey Orestis, middle school Social Studies and 8th grade class advisor seeking for board approval to take 8th grade on annual trip to Quebec City. First trip was held in 1988 by Sherry Connally. June 3-5, 2020 Motion: Paul Reynolds Second: Martha VanderWolk MVW: Sees no reason not to approve and leave it to the discretion of the administration in light of potential travel restriction.

Unanimous vote; motion carries

##### 11.2 Motion to revise policy GF - Staff conduct with students

Motion: Kathleen Catrini Second: Sara Lacasse

Vote: Unanimous; Motion carries

##### 11.3 Motion to rescind IHBH - Alternative Education programs Motion:

Virginia Nuttall Second: Kathleen Catrini

Vote: Unanimous; motion carries

##### 11.4 Motion to revise ILA - Demonstrations of Learning/Student Assessment

Motion: Virginia Nuttall Second: Kathleen Catrini

Vote: Unanimous; motion carries

##### 11.5 Motion to adopt IMC - Guest speakers in schools

Motion: Deborah Ladd Second: Kathleen Catrini

Kathleen Catrini will check on missing word

Vote to approve with correction: Unanimous; motion carries

##### 11.6 Motion to revise ADC - Tobacco Use and Possession

Motion: Kathleen Catrini Second: Sara Lacasse

Vote: Unanimous; motion carries

##### 11.7 Motion to revise ADC-R - Tobacco use form

Motion: Paul Reynolds Second: Deborah Ladd  
Policies applies to anyone on school grounds.  
Vote: Unanimous; motion carries

11.8 Motion to Approval 2020/2021 Budget

Motion: Paul Reynolds Second: Anthony Atkinson  
Questions/Comments: Moved various capital reserve funds to fund  
new mental health professional positions.  
Vote: Unanimous; motion carries

Choose format for the warrant articles in June: adopt an open budget  
format (anyone can adjust the budget up or down in the public meeting),  
or a closed budget format (only allows the floor to let the board lower  
the budget). Motion for a CLOSED format for the budget hearings on  
June 2, 2020: Martha Vanderwolk Second: Paul Reynolds Vote: 9  
approve; 2 oppose. Motion carries for a CLOSED format.

Budget warrants have to be signed at May 14th board meetings.

June 2, 2020 is public hearing

June 9, 2020 is vote

June 11, School Board Meeting to adopt public vote

12. Adjourn at 7:31PM

Motion: Kathleen Catrini Second: Deborah  
Ladd Vote: Unanimous; motion carries

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 14, 2020

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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.**