

**Regional School Unit 78
School Board Meeting Agenda
May 14, 2020
at 6:00 p.m.
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Anthony Atkinson, Rangeley	Present	Virginia Nuttall, Rangeley	Present
Kathleen Catrini, Dallas Plt.	Present	Paul Reynolds, Rangeley Plt.	Present
Brian Delutio, Dallas Plt.	Present	Martha VanderWolk, Magalloway	Present
Amber Haley, Rangeley Plt.	Present	Aaron Vryhof, Rangeley	
Colleen Koob, Rangeley	Present	Clare Webber, Sandy River Plt.	
Sara Lacasse, Sandy River Plt.	Present	Lauren Farmer, Student Reps	
Deborah Ladd, Rangeley	Present	Autumn-Skye Williams, Student Rep	

Quorum: 839/1003

1. Call to Order 6:03PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance - waived
3. Adjustments to the Agenda - vote for capital improvements, and updated budget
4. Approval of Minutes of March 12, 2019
3/12/2020 minutes: Motion Kathleen Catrini; Seconded Deborah Ladd
9 Ayes, 1 abstention; Motion carries

3/16/2020 minutes Virginia Nuttall motion; Brian deLutio seconded
9 Ayes; 1 abstention; Motion carries
5. Public Comments

6. Chair, Superintendent, Principal and Student Representative Comments

Chair: Thank you to everyone for patience and stamina.

Superintendent: Acknowledgement of Teacher, School Nurses, and Principal's Appreciation.

DOE will provide further guidance on budget. July 14th is currently voting day. All districts are waiting for further guidance.

Maine is one of five states that has been approved for the recent CARES Funding Act. Amounts will be based on the Title grants received by districts. Application has not been provided to local districts at this time.

Meal program. Is it sustainable through the summer? RSU 78 is not a summer approved site. Could potentially be waived, but we are waiting for further information/guidance.

Opening of school for the 2020/2021 school year. Superintendents are expecting guidance on the reopening of schools from the DOE by the end of May. There is currently no set guidance. Currently there is no official guidance. In a holding pattern.

Graduation: Big question is how graduation will look. Tim Straub, senior class advisor, and Sonja Johnson, graduation coordinator, are working on a number of options. As soon as there is a definitive plan, it will be communicated. It is strongly encouraged for any plans to be submitted to the DOE for review by DOE and Maine CDC. Deadline for plans seems to be June 1.

School subsidy: has not changed at this time. If anything changes, Chris will let the board/administration know.

Principal: Calendar: hoping to have one for the next meeting (June). A draft has been sent to support staff rep. The draft calendar reflects a transition plan if we are back in the building for in person instruction. Some of the teacher workshop days from this year will flow into the coming year.

Custodial staff are repainting the gym. Doing the work themselves saved the district approx \$15,000. Looks great! They also tackled the bleachers and have sanded and refinished the bleachers. This is in addition to the necessary deep cleaning. Beginning to work through individual classrooms with teacher go ahead.

PreK and K registration began today. RLRS taking names and will get back to families when more information is available.

Staff concerns about COVID-19 - a document has been shared with staff so they can share their concerns. This document is reviewed at every admin meeting.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Policy Committee: - K. Catrini

Has not met. Hope to meet again in June. Kathy can coordinate with Colleen to set up a virtual meeting.

7.2 Finance Committee: B. deLutio

Met today at 4:00PM. Coming in a little under right now due to remote learning and not athletics. Jeff L raised a few facilities projects (reflected

below in the agenda). School Budget for 2020/2021 has been revised in light of economic hardships within the district. Reduced from a 6% increase to a 3.3% increase.

7.3 Facilities Committee - V. Nuttall

Jeff, Tony and Keith N and Keith J have been very hard at work!

7.4 Team Leader Report - S. Laliberte

teams have all been meeting on a weekly basis. Mostly meeting about remote learning and tweaking the plan to meet community needs/feedback.

Leadership Team has met twice and will meet again next week. Will start curriculum work and identifying top level standards within each subject.

Lunch program is going well and very successful.

7.5 Negotiations Committee - C. Koob

Continuing to meet. Getting closer to an end point.

8. Appointments, Resignations, and Nominations:

- Probationary teachers:
- Brittany Garcia - to 2nd year Probationary
- Kimberley Grant - to 2nd year Probationary
- Bridget Morton - to 2nd year Probationary

All three teachers recommended to the board for promotion to 2nd year of probation.

Motion: Brian deLutio; Seconded Kathleen Catrini
10 Ayes; unanimous vote; motion carries

9. Update on Remote Learning - G. Campbell / S. Laliberte

Elementary teachers provided packets for families and have been Zooming with families/students individually and in small groups.

Will spend the first few weeks back to assess students, followed by some workshop days to reflect and discuss student needs, interventions, etc... Anticipating a slide on return, but staff and administration feels like they have a good grasp on the plan to support students upon their return.

Middle School teachers are providing learning through Google Classroom. Engagement percentage is good. Ed Techs are also providing daily homework help for middle school students. Like elementary, will take the first two weeks to assess and provide closure before moving forward.

High School participation is around 50% of students doing some work. Team meetings are brainstorming ways to engage including alternative projects. A lot of students are working full time during this, or providing childcare for younger siblings. A lot of questions about credit recovery in the fall and how that will work with scheduling and student needs.

Sent out a survey to 6-12 parents last week. Feedback is good. Guardian feature in Google Classroom is useless and parents feel frustrated.

Internet access/quality is also a big issue.

Every day adjusting, tweaking, moving expectations to best meet kids needs.

Lucy Simonds, MS Team Lead: MS has moved to more project-based learning. Learning that a lot of middle schoolers are being asked to provide childcare for younger siblings during this time, so they need flexibility for their learning. Teachers are also hosting a purely social gathering for students to provide some level of social interaction.

Latest update for Zoom includes an annotation feature which has been helpful.

10. Action Items

- 10.1 Adjustment to budget - Motion to Approve 2020/2021 Budget
Reviewed changes to budget. If athletics do not happen in the fall, there may be some wiggle room there. At this time, no direction from MPA on fall sports. CARES Fund money could be used to re-add some of the positions that have been reassigned. Still a lot of unknowns for the fall.
Motion Brian deLutio; Seconded Kathleen Catrini
10 Ayes; unanimous vote; motion carries
- 10.2 Budget Warrants
Tabled until the June 2020 meeting.
- 10.3 Capital Improvement - Motion to Approve withdrawing up to \$8000 for capital improvements
Motion Deborah Ladd; Seconded Virginia Nuttall
10 Ayes; unanimous vote; motion carries
- 10.4 Set salaries for Administration and other personnel for 2020-2021 that begin on 7/1/20
Motion Brian deLutio; Seconded Virginia Nuttall
Finance committee discussed and approved.
10 Ayes; unanimous vote; motion carries

11. Adjourn at 7:13PM

Next meeting: Thursday, June 11, 2020

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.