Regional School Unit 78  
School Board Meeting Agenda  
August 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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Quorum: 779/997

1. **Call to Order 5:59PM**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Adjustments to the Agenda**  
   Elimination Action Item 9.2 motion to approve overnight athletic stay. Will make arrangements for the game to occur without an overnight stay.

4. **Approval of Minutes for July 8, 2021.**  
   Motion Chris Farmer; Second Kathy Catrini  
   One edit:  
   Jessica Bottcher, chair facilities committee  
   Deb Ladd, also on facilities committee  
   Chris Farmer, chair finance committee  
   Unanimous; motion carries

5. **Public Comments**  
   Jacqueline Cook, speaking to oppose mask requirement in schools. Presented packet of paper information to board chair.  
   Mary Richards: there will be a Special Board meeting on August 24th to discuss masking.

6. **Chair, Superintendent, Principal and Student Representative Comments**  
   Chair: Meetings are live streamed to YouTube channel. Should anyone want to make public comment, they must be in person.

   August 31 breakfast sponsored by board for the teachers to welcome everyone back into the building. Participation by board is encouraged.

   School board workshop survey got low response. Board feels attendance is important to understand legal, procedural, ethical issues. Participation is strongly encouraged. Could board members arrive on 8/24 at 4:00PM and have workshop from 4:00-6:00PM, and then attend special board meeting at 6:00PM.

   Superintendent: Summer program “EYP” just wrapped up. Was most successful and well-attended summer program thus far. Students worked on intervention and credit recovery as needed. Coordinated with CIA to provide services for students. Thanks to Katie Willis, Kathy Remillard, Laura Cope, Jackie Haley and Janice Lowell for a great program.
School is hard at work on gathering information on upcoming school year and staying on top of new guidance from state. Survey response was robust. Survey was sent to parents, students in grades 7-12, and staff. Results are pretty split at this time.

Comment from Chris Farmer: appreciate the survey and gathering of input from community and taking the extra step. Not an easy decision.

What we know today, if children are riding the bus, they have to wear a mask. That has been mandated by the state as busses are considered public transportation. Communication will go out to community tomorrow with this information and will be asking parents to confirm if their child will be riding the bus or not.

School is in the process in putting Binax rapid testing in place.

Comment from Lindsey Savage: Implementing rapid testing. Some schools implemented it last year. RLRS decided not to pursue it at the time. Should staff or students show symptoms they will now have the option to do a rapid test at the school. Rapid testing is VERY different than pooled testing. Waiting for guidance on what a positive test will look like for close contact and quarantine requirements. No one will be tested without parental consent. 15 minutes turn around for test results. It will identify that an individual has COVID-19.

On pooled testing: At this time, RLRS has not applied for pooled testing. Considering it as an option. It's a CONSENTED test. No one would be tested without consent. Testing is done once a week. It's a PCR test that is sent to a lab with results in 48-72 hours. The goal is to pick up on asymptomatic cases. It is not a deep nose test. It's a regular swab test. If a pool comes back with a positive test, that pool then takes a rapid test. Those students who participate in pooled testing will not have to quarantine. Students who do not participate in pooled testing and are identified as a close contact will have to quarantine. There are different expectations for those who are vaccinated. Masks/no masks will impact identifying close contacts/quarantine requirements. Waiting on more information from the state on what is a close contact and what will be required for quarantine.

Waiting to hear from the state if remote school options will be available for quarantining students. At this time, that information is not available.

The goal is, and always has been, to get students in school, in person, as much as possible in as safe as possible environment.

Principal: July was mostly procedural stuff like updating handbooks and policies. PowerSchool has been built out for the new school year. Mrs L gave a key note speech at the semi-finals of the Maine State Teacher of the Year event. Shawn R and Seth at an ALICE training in Portland right now. Looking forward to seeing students in September!

7. Committee Reports


7.2 Finance Committee: - C. Farmer Met tonight at 5:00PM. Will be presenting one motion later on. Also, in board packets is a 5 year comparison. These documents are also online at the school website. Can see what's been impacting the budget. Second document shows how things shook out for the prior year, as well as financials to date. Will be able to set some funds aside for capital reserve as well as a few others. Looking forward to being fiscally minded but socially conscious.
7.3 Facilities Committee – J. Bottcher: New signs for new degree and updating emergency plan to include new egress. Discussed internet in the outdoor classroom and outdoor security. Still looking for a winter plow bid. Meetings are now the first Thursday of each month.
7.4 Negotiating Committee – M. Richards: Met with support staff negotiators and had a long session and came to a mutual agreement. Board will review contract in executive session this evening.

8. Appointments, Resignations, Nominations and Transfers:
Kimberley Hockmeyer, grade 4 teacher
23 years experience. MA in Ed from Lesley University in Cambridge MA, undergrad UNH. Experience ranges from grade 1 through 5, as well as Title I experience as teacher and director.

Roxanne Tanner, financial manager
Worked in HS central office for 20 years. And yes, she has a place to live.

Food Service Resignation: Brittany Moura resigned

K-5 line up for 2021/2022 school year:
Ashley Ferrar, PreK
Michelle Laliberte, K
Rebecca Ellis, 1
Alison Loud, 2
Bridget Morton, 3
Kimberley Hockmeyer, 4
Doris Mitchell, 5

Fall coaches
Varsity Soccer, Girls: Jeff Hawksley
Varsity Soccer, Boys: Rowenna Hathaway

Middle School Soccer, Girls: Chip Smith
Middle School Soccer, Boys: Lindsay Richards

Varsity Golf: Tim Straub

9. Action Items:
9.1 Motion to transfer $10,500.00 from Instruction in Article 1 – Pre-K Salaries to Student/Staff Support in Article 5 – Behavior/Therapist Salaries
Motion Chris Farmer; Second Joanna Farrar unanimous

9.2 Motion to approved overnight athletic stay at Vinalhaven

9.3 Motion to approve 2021-2022 Employee Handbook
Motion Chris Farmer; Second Jessica Bottcher unanimous

9.4 Motion to approve 2021-2022 Student & Parent Handbook and Code of Conduct
Motion Chris Farmer; Second Kathy Catrini
Seth Laliberte: complete attendance policy; updates to denial of credit procedure (page 14); clarified grade scale (page 28); communication if the bus transportation plan changes
Joanne Dunlap: edit to page 17
Unanimous; motion carries
9.5 Motion to approve 2021-2022 Interscholastic and Extracurricular Handbook
Jeff LaRochelle: Last year, teachers are required to update their grade books every 2 weeks, but eligibility is checked every week. Moving to checking academic eligibility every two weeks. Will communicate dates in advance.
AD/Principal have to review academic plan for homeschool students.
Motion Deb Ladd; Second Kathy Catrini
Unanimous; motion carries

9.6a Motion to approve revised policy IJNDB-E, Student Technology Protection Plan
Tabled until next regular board meeting

9.6b Motion to approve revised policy JJJ, Interscholastic and Co-Curricular Academic Eligibility
Motion Chris Farmer; Second Joanne Dunlap
Unanimous; motion carries

9.7 Motion to approve revised policy JLCA, Physical Examination of Students
Motion Joanne Dunlap; Second Jessica Bottcher
Unanimous; motion carries

9.8 Motion to adopt policy JHB, Truancy
Motion Chris Farmer; Second Kathy Catrini
Unanimous; motion carries

9.9 Motion to adopt policy IMG, Service Animals in Schools
Motion Chris Farmer; Second Deb Ladd
Unanimous; motion carries

9.10 Motion to rescind policy JEAA, Attendance
Motion Chris Farmer; Second Kathy Catrini
Unanimous; motion carries

9.11 Motion to rescind policy CBJ, Superintendent’s Termination of Employment
Motion Chris Farmer; Second Joanne Dunlap
Unanimous; motion carries

9.12 Motion to approve new apportionment plan
Motion Chris Farmer; Second Joanne Dunlap
unanimous vote; motion carries

9.13 Executive Session: Labor contract negotiation 1 M.R.S.A §405 (6)(D)
Motion Chris Farmer; Second Kathy Catrini
Unanimous vote; motion carries

Entered executive session at 7:35PM
Ended executive session at 8:01PM
Motion to re-enter meeting
Motion Chris Farmer; Second Kathy Catrini

9.14 Possible Vote upon exit of Executive Session
Motion to approve
Motion Chris Farmer; Second Jessica Bottcher
Unanimous vote; motion carrier

Adjourn 8:05PM
Motion Chris Farmer; Second Kathy Catrini

Special board meeting: August 24, 2021
Next regular board meeting: September 14, 2021
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