

**Regional School Unit 78  
School Board Meeting Minutes  
December 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Zoom link**

Join Zoom Meeting

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Kathleen Catrini, Dallas Plt		Karen Seaman, Rangeley	Pz
Joanna Farrar, Dallas Plt	Pz	Joanne Dunlap, Rangeley Plt	Pz
Kayla Alexander, Rangeley	Pz	Amber Haley, Rangeley Plt	Pz
Wesley Dugan, Rangeley	Pz	Mary Richards-Chair, Sandy River Plt	Pz
Chris Farmer, Rangeley	Pz	JoAnne Taylor, Sandy River Plt	Pz
Deborah Ladd-V. Chair, Rangeley	Pz	Mya Laliberte, Student Rep	Pz

Quorum: 913/1003

1. Call to Order 6:05PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adjustments to the Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes for November 9, 2021 and Special School Board Meeting of December 7, 2021  
Motion Kayla Alexander; Second Karen Seaman  
  
Chris Farmer, Motion for chair cast one  
No discussion  
Chair cast one: motion passes  
  
Motion for Special board meeting  
Motion Deb Ladd; Second Joanna Farrar  
Chair cast one: motion passes
5. Public Comments  
No public comments at this time

6. Presentations:

Levi Robinson of RHR Smith will present the 2020-2021 audit report  
RLRS is in the best financial shape it's been in. Funds are available to either transfer to reserves or reduce tax burden. Again, overall, RLRS is in good financial shape. No questions from Zoom at this time.

Katie Willis, G/T Students

Katie Willis, K-8 interventionist, works with RTI students and gifted & talented. Has formed a group of middle school students called Critical Thinkers and their initial big project: paper roller coasters.

Students Tristram Woodman (grade 6), Natalie Alves (grade 6), Shirley Truland (grade 8), and Perrin Lavallee (grade 8) all presented their roller coasters to the board.

See YouTube recording for full presentation.

Rowenna Hathaway, HS Presentation (rescheduled to January 2022 meeting)

Shawn Russell, RLRS External Communication Plan

Hard at work improving external communications at RLRS. Focus on existing system and making those platforms effective and efficient. Adding in more written communications including a monthly calendar of events that will be attached to the lunch menu, and Abby Thompson will be reporting board meetings out to the Highlander. Multiple changes and clean up to the website to help with clarity. Classroom pages are also in the process of being refreshed and updated. Shawn's excellent presentation on External Communication is available on the school website.

7. Chair, Superintendent, Principal and Student Representative Comments

Chair: Mary & Deb are hosting a cookie and coffee send off for staff at 12:15PM in the building on Wednesday. Board members are encouraged to attend.

Superintendent: Conversations with the Eustis school district and having students attend RSU 78 are ongoing. RLRS will be hosting a parent night for folks interested in sending their students to RSU 78. In response to current remote learning, additional safety precautions have been put in place for snack time and lunch time, including assigned seating. 6 positive cases in 14 days puts RLRS at outbreak status. Currently remote as a result. Monday pooled testing was robust and administration is reviewing the data. Additionally, DOE is updating the outbreak status definitions and that information will be communicated out shortly.

Lindsey Savage: PK-5 70% of students are enrolled in pooled testing, 6-12 65% of students are enrolled. 85% of staff are enrolled in pooled testing. In recent weeks, more families have enrolled, with participation in indoor winter athletics being a driver. However, 6 cases in the past 2 weeks. 14 students in quarantine as of 12/14/2021.

Georgia Campbell: Considering a number of factors when deciding when and how it is safe to return to in-person learning. Will send out communication on Wednesday about remote status.

Principal: Launched a new Instagram @principallaliberte to share what's going on in the building. Had a plan for winter athletics, and then school went remote. Will revisit once students are back in the building. In the building staff are hard at work on remote learning.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Policy Committee: - K. Catrini Committee met on 12/6. Kathy unable to attend today, so Mary will present the policies.

8.2 Finance Committee: - C. Farmer Reviewed financials and voted on allocating a stipend for communication through the end of the school year

8.3 Facilities Committee – D. Ladd Met on 12/2 going forward meeting at 4pm on first Thursday. Discussed current projects in the building. The operation system of the HVAC is outdated and will need updating. Will be getting bids for paving. Outdoor classroom is in progress. Please see video posted by Mrs Christensen sharing the updates.

8.4 Communications – Goal #1 – C. Farmer, J. Taylor Making solid progress towards improving external communications. Moving in the right direction. Hope to have more solid data to review at upcoming meetings to see what's successful and what needs improvement.

8.5 Curriculum Committee – Goal #2 – K. Catrini tabled until January meeting

9. Appointments, Resignations, Nominations and Transfers:  
Resignation: Jacqueline Haley, High School  
Ed Tech III/Interventionist

10. Action Items:

10.1 Consideration for extended early release time, Seth Laliberte  
Motion to approve 12:00PM early release on Ski Tuesdays  
Motion Deb Ladd; Second Kayla Alexander  
Chair cast one: motion carries

10.2 Consideration to revise policy IJJ-E-Citizen's Challenge of  
Educational and Library Media  
Motion Karen Seaman; Second Deb Ladd  
Chair cast one: motion carries

- 10.3 Consideration to rescind policy #IKAB – Report Cards/Progress Reports  
Motion Joanna Farrar; Second Joanne Dunlap  
Chair cast one: motion carries
- 10.4 Consideration to rescind policy #IKG – Transcripts  
Motion Karen Seaman; Second Joanne Dunlap  
Chair cast one: motion carries
- 10.5 Consideration to adopt policy #IKAB – Grading and Reporting of Student Progress  
Proposed revision to add parent/guardian  
Motion Chris Farmer; Second Karen Seaman  
Chair cast one: motion carries

#### Adjourn

Motion Karen Seaman; Second Chris Farmer  
Chair cast one: motion carries  
Meeting adjourned at 7:52PM

Next meeting: January 11, 2022

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