

**Regional School Unit 78
School Board Meeting Agenda
March 8, 2022 6:00 p.m.
RLRS Multi-Purpose Room**

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

Quorum: 815/997

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adjustments to the Agenda – no adjustments at this time.
One correction: agenda item 10.5 indicates a transfer. The figure should be \$40,000.

4. Approval of Minutes for February 8, 2022
Chair cast one – motion carries

5. Public Comments
No comments at this time

6. Presentations:
No presentation this evening

7. Chair, Superintendent, Principal and Student Representative Comments

Chair: Happy birthday to Superintendent Campbell!.Inquiry into moving the April 12th meeting to April 5th at 6:00pm. Finance committee will also move to April 5th at 5:00pm
Motion Kathy Catrini: Second Joanna Farrar

Unanimous vote: Motion passes.

Kudos to the Library Notes newsletter created and distributed by school librarian Abby Thompson. Teacher negotiations will be starting up soon. Please let Mary know if you are interested in serving on that committee.

Superintendent: Outdoor classroom is well on the way! Shawn Russell has created a website showcasing the classroom construction. Please check it out via the school's website and watch the video highlight reel. A lot of work has been put into planning this classroom over the past years: Sonja Johnson, Nini Christiansen, Nels Christiansen, Jeff Larochelle, Sheila Raymond, and many community members. Shared statement from Mrs Savage regarding changes in masking and testing protocols. Updated SOP from Maine DOE and Maine CDC came in at 4:30pm today and will be reviewed shortly. RLRS came in 4th place for WinterKids and won \$2500. Funds will go towards outdoor learning or school nutrition.

Principal: High School is working on Program of Studies and will bring it to the board for board approval by May 2022. Also working on getting more on the website in regards to curriculum and the Maine Learning Results. Will increase transparency with parents and community. K-5 working on selecting a new reading program and will present that to the board as well. March 18 is teacher workshop. Basing the day on teacher needs to wrap up the work done during the early release Tuesdays. March 15: RLRS fun day at Saddleback Mountain. More details coming soon. Rangeley Health and Wellness and the mountain have partnered with RLRS to make this happen.

Student Rep: Winter sports finished. Girls ski team placed 3rd in the Class B championships. Two RLRS boys raced and did well, though four are needed for a team. Girls basketball made it to second game of the playoffs; boys made it to the first game. Girls basketball received the Southern Maine Sportsmanship Award. Will field a high school softball team in the spring. Not enough interest for a baseball team.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Policy Committee: - K. Catrini
Will adjust meeting dates for April.

8.2 Finance Committee: - C. Farmer – Dissemination of 2022-2023 Budget
Did not meet today, though the budget is completed. Next meeting is 5:00PM on April 1st.

8.3 Facilities Committee – D. Ladd

Met last Thursday at 4:00PM. Middle school science lab bids went out. Thank you Jeff and Tony and Wendy for cleaning out the records in the storage room! Waiting for quotes for carpet replacement in the portable classroom along with library shelving. Investigation into keycard access has been put on the back burner. Current system works well for now. Investigation continues into solar panels as a way to offset rising energy costs.

8.4 Communications – Goal #1 – C. Farmer, J. Taylor

Working to have something to finalize at the April meeting. Staff and admin have been proactive and now working to codify it so that it complies with the state and it easy moving forward.

8.5 Curriculum Committee – Goal #2 – K. Catrini

Making great progress towards streamlining curricular goals and providing greater transparency.

9. Appointments, Resignations, Nominations and Transfers:

Resignations:

Teena Gusler (Special Education)

Timothy Straub (High School English)

Retirements: Doris Mitchell (35 years of service, current 5th grade teacher)

Robin George (28 years of service, current middle school ELA teacher)

10. Action Items:

10.1 2022-2023 RSU #78 Budget - \$5,212,960.96
PowerPoint presentation by Superintendent Campbell.
Motion Joanna Farrar, Second Karen Seaman
Unanimous vote, motion carries

- 10.2 Adult Education – Raise \$13,996.00
Motion Karen Seaman, Second Joanna Farmer
Unanimous vote, motion carries
- 10.3 School Nutrition Program – Raise \$60,000.00
Motion Kathy Catrini, Second Chris Farmer
State mandate separates out lunch program. Meals will be free again for all students for the 2022-2023 school year. It's already in the budget, just has to be voted on separately.
Unanimous vote, motion carries
- 10.4 Capital Reserve – Transfer and authorize to expend \$100,000.00 from available fund balances for unexpected or emergency maintenance or repairs to Region School Unit facilities and equipment
Motion Joanna Farmer, Second Chris Farmer
Unanimous vote, motion carries
- 10.5 Special Education Reserve – Transfer and authorize to expend \$40,000.00 from available fund balances for unexpected/emergency special education expenses not included in the operating budget.
Motion Joanne Dunlap, Second Chris Farmer
Unanimous vote, motion carries
- 10.6 Student/Staff Support Reserve – Transfer and authorize to expend \$50,000.00 from available fund balances for unexpected/emergency student/staff support expenses not included in the operating budget.
Motion Joanna Farrar, Motion Chris Farmer
Unanimous vote; motion carries
- 10.7 Open or Closed Budget Format – Previously voted for Open format.
Recommended that **ALL** articles to be written in the Open format as the reserve articles were not written open in 2021-2022. Note: Open format allows for budget articles to be amended up or down at the budget hearing. Closed format only allows for budget articles to be amended down.
Motion for discrimination between operations account and reserve account and allow operational budget to be open and reserve accounts to be closed
Motion Chris Farmer, Second Kathy Catrini
Unanimous vote, motion carries
- 10.8 Consideration of the 2022-2023 School Year calendar
RTA approved the calendar yesterday.
Motion Kathy Catrini, Second Joanne Dunlap
Discussion about a before Labor Day start.
Motion to table the calendar until April 5th board meeting
Motion Kathy Catrini, Second Chris Farmer
Unanimous vote, motion carries
- 10.9 Consideration for an overnight field trip for Spanish III/IV and AP Art students
Presentation by Kate Philbrick, high school Spanish teacher
Motion Karen Seaman, Second Kathy Catrini
Unanimous vote, motion carries
- 10.10 Motion to adopt policy IMGB – Therapy Dogs in School
- 10.11 Motion to adopt policy IMGB-R – Therapy Dogs in School Standards and Procedures
- 10.12 Motion to adopt policy IMGB-E – Request Form for Therapy Dog
Motion to address three IMGB policies together
Motion Karen Seaman, Second Kathy Catrini
Unanimous, motion carries

- 10.13 Motion to adopt policy IJOC-E – School Volunteer Agreement
- 10.14 Motion to revise policy IJOC – School Volunteers
Motion to approve/adopt IJOC together
Motion Joanne Dunlap, Second Karen Seaman
Tabled until April 5 meeting
- 10.15 Motion to revise policy IMB – Teaching About Controversial Issues
Motion Karen Seaman, Second Joanne Dunlap
Unanimous, motion carries
- 10.16 Motion to revise policy IMBB – Exemption from Required Instruction
Motion Chris Farmer, Second Kathy Catrini
Unanimous, motion carries
- 10.17 Motion to rescind policy JGAA – Assignment of Students to Classes – Five Year
Olds
Motion Karen Seaman, Second Joanne Dunlap
Tabled until April 5 meeting
- 10.18 Motion to adopt GCGA-Substitute Teachers and Education Specialists
Motion Kathy Catrini, Second Joanna Farrar
Unanimous, motion carries
- 10.19 AC -Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action
- 10.20 ACAB - Harassment and Sexual Harassment of School Employees
- 10.21 ACAB-R Harassment and Sexual Harassment and Title IX Complaint Procedures
Motion for AC, ACAB, ACAB-R
Motion Karen Seaman, Second Joanna Farrar
Unanimous, motion carries
- 10.22 BEDH-Public Participation at Board Meetings
Motion Karen Seaman, Second Joanne Dunlap
Unanimous, motion carries
- 10.23 EBCA - Comprehensive Health and Safety Emergency Management Plan
Motion Joanne Dunlap, Second Joanna Farrar
Unanimous vote, motion carries
- 10.24 JK - Student Discipline
Motion Joanne Dunlap, Second Karen Seaman
Unanimous vote, motion carries
- 10.25 JLCB-Immunization of Students
Motion Joanne Dunlap, Second Kathy Catrini
7 ayes, 3 nays; motion carries

Adjourn 7:51PM

Motion Karen Seaman, Second Joanna Farrar
Unanimous, motion carries

Next meeting: April 5, 2022

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