

**Regional School Unit 78
School Board Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2022 6:00 p.m.
RLRS Multi-Purpose Room**

Kathleen Catrini, Dallas Plt		Danielle Lemay, Rangeley	P
Joanna Farrar, Dallas Plt	P	Joanne Dunlap, Rangeley Plt	P
Kayla Alexander, Rangeley	P	Amber Haley, Rangeley Plt	P
Wesley Dugan, Rangeley		Mary Richards-Chair, Sandy River Plt	P
Chris Farmer, Rangeley	P	Amber Frost-Grey, Sandy River Plt	P
Deborah Ladd-V.Chair, Rangeley	P	Angelica Chavaree-Wodward, Student Rep	

Quorum: 782/1003

1. Call to Order 6:03PM
Technical difficulties prevented a Google Meet option.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2022-2023
Deb Ladd nominates Mary Richards for Chair
Amber Haley seconds
Unanimous vote; motion carries

Mary Richards nominates Deb Ladd
Joanna Farrar seconds
Unanimous vote; motion carries
4. Adjustments to the Agenda

11.4 Consideration of middle school request for an overnight trip to Tanglewood, 9/22-9/23

11.5 Addition of administrative position that would report directly to the Student Services Team. Job description TBD.
5. Approval of Minutes for June 15, 2022 and Special School Board Meeting of June 28, 2022
Motion Kayla Alexander, Second Deb Ladd
Unanimous vote; motion carries
6. Public Comments
No comments at this time.
7. Heidi Deery – calendar
Sharing to make the board aware of the fall out due to the after labor day start. For high

school students attending Foster Tech, they will begin before the RSU78 school year starts. On the other end of the year, they are finished much earlier. Will have days when they are not in school.

Additionally, for RSU 78 students who are taking online college classes, those classes begin a week before the RSU78 school year. RSU78 has to provide support for those students via in person support in the building. Students, especially if this is their first online class, require a lot of support. Normally teachers are doing this during their workday. Now staff are asked to work beyond their contracted hours. This calendar change is impacting about half of high school students between both Foster Tech and UMaine schedules.

Chris Farmer: What resources do we need to make sure are in place to support these students before the school year begins? We don't want any student going into a situation where they are disadvantaged.

Mary Richards: Heidi Derry or Georgia Campbell please come back to the August board meeting to report out on what supports are in place and what the impact is on the staff.

Abby Thompson – MASL Spring Symposium & Annual Library Update

Abby attended and presented at the MASL Spring Symposium on Saturday, May 14, 2022. Presentation was "Get the Word Out: Advocacy Through Newsletters". Well attended and generated great discussion. Abby has since been asked to serve on the MASL Board and will attend the annual board members workshop on August 10, 2022. Abby also presented a "year in review" of the library and discussed goals for 2022-2023, which include more classroom collaborations and genrefying the fiction collection for easier student use.

Mary Richards: Abby also writes up our board minutes and shares them with the Highlander so there is a print record. Thank you, Abby.

8. Chair, Superintendent, Principal and Student Representative Comments
Chair: Amber Frost-Gray (Sandy River Plt), Danielle Lemay (Rangeley), welcome to the Board. Board workshop is Friday, August 19, 2022, 1-4pm. MSMA will walk through the legal responsibilities, looking at student data, and setting board goals for the coming school year.

Chris Farmer: Can we have the student achievement data by the August 9 board meeting?

Mary Richard: Yes. We will make that formal request, though I believe that is the understanding.

New board members need to join a committee and existing members can switch committees if they so choose. Three standing committees are Policy, Finance and Facilities. Negotiations committee will start up again in September to negotiate a three-year teacher contract.

Superintendent: First grade teacher Rebecca Ellis safely delivered a son, George Emmett Ellis on 6/29. Welcome to our newest member of RLRS.

On June 21/22, attended the School Safety Summit at Windham HS. The Maine DOE now has a Maine School Safety Center. Take away was to collaborate with area resources when planning for school safety, and that school safety is a top national security concern.

On June 26/27, attended the Commissioners Conference in Bar Harbor, ME. Great conference. Maine School Superintendents Association is hosting a women's leadership conference. One of 25 female superintendents accepted into the program. Will update the board as the program goes on.

Principal: not in attendance but notes shared by Superintendent Campbell
Principal Laliberte says "This week I will begin to dig into my summer work. First up is handbook revisions and digging into spring data. I will have a data overview ready for the August board meeting. Some teams have already had summer meetings, and the plans are underway for the start of school."

Student: n/a

9. Committee Reports

- 9.1 Policy Committee: - K. Catrini n/a
- 9.2 Finance Committee: - C. Farmer
- 9.3 Facilities Committee – D. Ladd
- 9.4 Curriculum Committee – Goal #2 – K. Catrini n/a
- 9.5 Negotiations Committee – M. Richards

10. Appointments, Resignations, Nominations and Transfers:
New appointment for Kevin Banfield: golf coach & bus driver

11. Action Items:

- 11.1 Orientation of Board for 2022-2023 MSMA: August 19, 2022
- 11.2 New Committee Assignments:
Please email Wendy Steward for your preferences.
- 11.3 Future Board Meetings
Board meetings are second Tuesday of every month, 6pm
- 11.4 Consideration of middle school request for an overnight trip to Tanglewood (4-H Camp, 9/22-9/23 Kelsey Orestis, annual middle school field trip. Has been on hold due to Covid. Tanglewood's focus is team building, problem solving and critical thinking. Great opportunity to re-learn how to work with each other and work with a common language and common strategies to build community. 24-hour supervision. Will need 8 chaperones who must be fingerprinted.
Motion Chris Farmer, Second Kayla Alexander

Chris Farmer: Has chaperoned. It's a great experience. Good one to start with.
Will the school pay for the fingerprinting?

Mary Richard: Yes. We have made a plan for that. The district will pay the cost for volunteers and parent chaperones.

Chris Farmer: We want to remove that barrier for families.

Kayla Alexander: I grew up doing 4H and think this is great.

Mary Richards: Is there an expense to the student?

Kelsey Orestis: None. It's part of the curriculum and there are no expenses to the students

Deb Ladd: What if a student opts not to attend? And will you come back to the board with students and share the experience?

Kelsey Orestis: If a student opts to miss out, we generally provide comparable work. Would have to get creative to problem solve if students choose not to go. We do try to make sure that if they can't attend they still get a similar experience and skills.

Unanimous vote; motion carries

11.5 Addition of a 1 year contract administrative position that would report directly to the Student Services Team. Job description TBA.

Motion Kayla Alexander, Second Chris Farmer

Chris Farmer: We currently do not have a guidance counselor and are looking for someone to serve in this capacity. We've received feedback that if we're going to entice someone to RSU78 candidates who want administrative support. Based on our financial condition we have the funds available to cover it without a budget impact.

Kayla Alexander: We also talked about the position helping the school secretary in the mornings and afternoons.

Unanimous; motion carries

12: Executive Session: Superintendent's Goals (1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(A))

Motion Kayla Alexander, Second Chris Farmer

Executive Session entered at 7:20PM

Motion to re-enter regular session Kayla Alexander; Second Chris Farmer

Reenter regular meeting 7:56PM

No action taken

Motion to adjourn Kayla Alexander, Second Deb Ladd

Adjourn 7:58PM

Next meeting: 08/09/2022

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