

**Regional School Unit 78  
School Board Meeting Minutes  
February 14, 2023 5:30 p.m.  
RLRS Multi-Purpose Room**

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/bif-hftw-zoi>

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Kathleen Catrini, Dallas Plt	x	Joanne Dunlap, Rangeley Plt	x
Joanna Farrar, Dallas Plt	x	Amber Haley, Rangeley Plt	x
Kayla Alexander, Rangeley	x	Mary Richards-Chair, Sandy River Plt	x
Karen Seaman, Rangeley	x	Robert Greene, Sandy River Plt	x
Chris Farmer, Rangeley	x	Angelica Chavaree-Woodward, Student Rep	x
Deborah Ladd-V. Chair, Rangeley	x	Cheyenne Avery, Student Rep	x
Danielle Lemay, Rangeley	x	Nichole Lemay, Student Rep	x

Quorum: 1003/1003

1. Call to Order  
5:30 - called to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adjustments to the Agenda: Items 5 & 6 are eliminated as they are no longer necessary
4. Executive Session: Consultations between school unit and its attorney 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(E)
  - Motion Chris Farmer - 2nd - Kayla Alexander; Unanimous
  - adjourn to conference room - 5:31PM
  - Reenter meeting at 6:21pm
    - motion to resume - Kayla Alexander, 2nd Chris Farmer; Unanimous
5. ~~Executive Session: Personnel Matter 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A)~~  
~~5.1 — Action Item: Board will take action on personnel matter~~
6. ~~Executive Session: Contract Proposal Discussion 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(D)~~  
~~6.1 — Possible board action in regards to contract proposal discussion~~
7. Approval of Minutes for January 10, 2023
  - Motion - Chris Farmer
  - 2nd- Kayla Alexander
    - Deb: correction: Amend end of executive session from last meeting to 7:59pm rather than 7:29.
  - Approved with correction unanimously.

8. Presentation from Rowenna Hathaway "Catalyzing Change in High School Math"
9. Public Comments- NONE
10. Chair,
  - Mary: Joanne Chapman was a previous board member/chair, and has passed away. There will be a celebration of life at Bald Mountain camps in June.
  - Winterkids: Mary came and sat in on the assembly yesterday where the students found out they won 3rd place.

Superintendent,

- Budget finalization is happening. No bottom lines right now. Everyone is working to bring a "needs" budget not a "wants" budget
- Snow Days - currently going to June 21. Georgia gives logistical reasoning behind not doing remote snow days. Reimbursement for food services has tied our hands. Some discussion as to offering food in house or delivery if we called a snow day for safety. Also issues for access to technology. Hot spots are a large cost. Inequity for staff. Loss of instructional time.
  - Chris asks - have there been discussions about extended hours or gaining days back?
  - Georgia says yes, there have been discussions.
  - Seth says, we have only had 3 snow days.
  - Danielle says - we have to go 175 days. Period. If we start earlier, we end earlier.
  - Kayla asks why we don't have snow days built in
    - Seth says it is optics, it does not change the actual end date.
  - Georgia cautions that there are statutes that add limitations to school days vs. graduation, as well as other things.
  - Angelica asks about benefits to starting before Labor Day vs. After.
    - Mary asks them to hold that conversation for a future meeting but requests their input.

Principal

- MS kids were extremely excited and engaged with the trip to Foster Tech.
  - In the future, we may need to look at funding this type of programming
- First Portrait of a Learner tomorrow 4:30-7pm (finally)
- Changing up his weekly videos. Will now be "Laker News" - turn the reigns over to the kids more. biweekly.

Student Representative Comments

- Girl Scout cookies!
- College courses are starting
- Signups for baseball/softball
- KV music festival
- Chorus meeting after school to prepare for Six Flags trip.
- MS students toured foster tech and participated here.
- Puerto Rico trip held the Spanish dinner.
- Seniors are talking about graduation logistics and counting down
- Sophomores took a tour at Foster Tech. Some kids are signing up and some are holding off until senior year.
- Sophs are selling kettle corn for a class fundraiser

- Student council is also doing a fundraiser

11. Committee Reports

11.1 Policy Committee: - K. Catrini

- Feb 6th meeting. Many action items upcoming. March 6th next meeting 3PM

11.2 Finance Committee: - C. Farmer

- went over several items. Waiting for budget. Everything seems to be on track for this year. Looking at historical costs with an eye to preserving student experiences

11.3 Facilities Committee – D. Lemay

- Postponed. Nothing new on agenda. Next meeting March 2nd

11.4 Curriculum Committee – Goal #2 – K. Catrini

- Met Feb 6th, Reviewed goals, set new goals.
  - Seth: many goals are met. Went over the curriculum page on the website. They link to the state standards & DOE website. Talked about choosing priority standards. This is time consuming work. May want to look at other models. Some of the work has already been done. Trying to increase transparency.

11.5 Negotiations Committee – J. Dunlap

- Negotiations are ongoing. Progress is happening. We will continue to negotiate. Group is meeting weekly.

12. Appointments, Resignations, Nominations and Transfers:

- Appointments: Emily Austin - Ed Tech 3, special Ed. Highly qualified; Beth Carol, will start as soon as fingerprinting is complete, graduate of University of Vermont- Ed Tech 3, special Ed. Special ed is fully staffed again.
- Resignation: Michelle Laliberte has resigned. Georgia reads her letter.
- Retirements: Ann Parrett - Ed Tech 3, with RSU78 18 years.; Janet Welch
- Kim Snow has decided to step down and move into a more part time role. Her position has been posted

13. Action Items:

13.1 Approval of Overnight Out of State Field Trip for Honors US History Class to Boston, MA

- R. Greene - motion; C. Farmer 2nd. Unanimous.

13.2 Approval of the Program of Studies Handbook

- Kayla Alexander Moved, 2nd Danielle Lemay
  - D. Ladd - grammar notes - will send notes to be corrected. Question: Community service requirement is gone?
- Seth: It was removed a few years ago. It did not match our current graduation requirements. Students are encouraged but not required.
  - Approved unanimously.

13.3 Motion to revise the following policies

Chris Farmer - Motion to approve all 6 revisions and 3 rescinded policies (13.3 & 13.4) in one motion.

Kayla Alexander 2nd

Unanimously approved

DJ-Bidding/Purchasing Requirements  
EEAA-Overnight/Out of State Field Trips  
EEAA-A – Overnight/Out of State Contract  
EEAEAA-R – Drug and Alcohol Testing of School Bus Drivers  
GBN – Family and Medical Leave  
GCDK – Professional Personnel Selection Standards and Procedures

- 13.4 Motion to rescind the following policies  
GBN-R1 – Family and Medical Leave Administrative Procedure  
GBN-R2 – Maine Family Medical Leave Administrative Procedure  
GCQCA-E – Authorization to Disclose Information

Adjourn  
Motion Kayla Alexander  
2nd Danielle Lemay  
7:28 pm

Next meeting: 03/14/2023

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