

**Regional School Unit 78
School Board Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2023 6:00 p.m.
RLRS Multi-Purpose Room**

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/tpz-kieg-ivc>

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

Quorum:815 /997

1. Call to Order

5:59 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adjustments to the Agenda

- Executive session has been cancelled.

4. Approval of Minutes for February 14, 2023

- Motion to approve: Chris Farmer
- 2nd: Kayla Alexander
- Passed Unanimously

5. Public Comments

- None

6. Comments:

Chair

- Mary Richards: Mary was asked why the board had cancelled all the athletics at school. Rumor in community may be that the board does not support athletics. Mary clarifies that nothing is further from the truth. Board fully supports all athletic programs.
 - R. Greene would like to hear from the student reps

Superintendent

- Georgia Campbell:
 - Finance committee just ended. The budget has been approved in committee and will be going to the full board shortly.
 - She has applied for a title 1 summer programming grant of \$7500
 - Sincere thanks to Seth for all his hard work on Portrait of a Learner
 - She thanks the board for supporting Ski Tuesday professional development time. Also thanks to Saddleback & Joanne Dickson and all those involved
 - Mary suggests that a letter of thanks should go to Saddleback from the board & admin
 - Chris mentions Rotary also helps with the snacks and deserves thanks.
 - District is completing ALICE training regarding lockdown/evacuation emergency training. We have done a 2 hour in house initial training and are partnering up with SAD 58 at the teacher workshop on Friday. We will be doing professional development as well as gradespan ALICE training with the staff from SAD 58
 - Chris Farmer: How intense is the training. Is there a balance so we are not terrifying kids and giving them PTSD?
 - Seth will speak more to this when he presents to the board about this at a future meeting
 - Georgia: the training is different for each grade span

Principal

- Seth Laliberte:
 - ALICE training: The board will receive the 2 hour presentation that the staff received at a future meeting, likely over the summer. In general this training gives staff options and the permission to make decisions to keep everyone safe. It is all about situational awareness.
 - Ski Tuesday: was a collaborative effort with many partners. Full school day got postponed - hoping to do it next Tuesday, but there are a few factors still in play. Seth is making sure all the pieces work together.
 - Professional Development Friday at SAD 58: 3 of our staff are doing PD presentations as part of the workshops.
 - Quebec trip dates have been moved to May 24-26 due to serious bus driver shortage in the Spring
 - Portrait of a Learner: 19 people at last meeting. Narrowing down competencies. Working on Graphics. Next meeting on May 3rd
 - Maryam Emami was nominated for Franklin County Teacher of the Year and will be continuing the process.

- Sports - Bree Quimby made the Maine state ski team. Amelia Stokes and Bree Quimby both made the shoot-outs. High school softball only had 5 students sign up. Baseball has the kids but does NOT have a coach. Pitchers/Catchers start Monday the 20th. Official practices start March 27th. Seth does not have any answers for the lack of participation and the lack of coaches.
 - Chris asks whether we can offer credit to students for PE for extracurricular activities?
 - Seth says they are looking at that. He agrees it is a community problem not a school problem
 - Bob asks: Is there a connection between school and town/plantation activities? He feels it is unreasonable to expect the school to carry the burden.
 - Chris, Kayla & Bob both agree the feeder programs at the youngest level are critical for our MS & HS programs
- There is a group of students going to a round robin Volleyball tournament this weekend. Nancy Bessey has been working with Shiela to offer a bowling “club” that went for 4 days.
- Seth updates that changes to NWEA have made complications
 - Whole school taking it this month
 - 3-8, & 10 again in May

Student Representative

- Angelica Chevaree-Woodward
 - Bowling - Everyone signed up and then realized the first day was not good for them. They gave Nancy the feedback that Fridays worked really well. They were able to get a Magalloway student to go on Fridays. They really enjoyed it.
 - Puerto Rico trip is in 24 days
 - Juniors made progress today on prom planning. The new owners of the Farmhouse are letting them use the venue and providing drinks for free
- Nichole Lemay
 - Student Council had a pizza party with 3rd grade to celebrate their victory in the food drive
 - NWEA will be next week
- Cheyenne Avery
 - NHS applications were due last week and there were a LOT of students eligible to apply

7. Committee Reports - Mary asks the board to keep reports short & sweet due to storm so everyone can get home safely.

7.1 Policy Committee: - K. Catrini

- Met on March 6 - bringing 2 action items tonight, Mon April 3 - next meeting

7.2 Finance Committee: - C. Farmer

- Met today - looked at final draft of budget. Voted to send to board. Will be voted to next level at April board meeting. Admin will be working on narrative to go with the budget and Georgia will do a formal presentation in April. Public comments welcome at all future meetings. Can submit questions or comments in advance by email to Chris Farmer or Georgia Campbell. Challenges include inflation and increasing costs as well as meeting student needs.
- April 11 - budget to board

- May 9th board signs the warrants
- June 13th town votes
- June 14th Board meeting to certify the votes (in lieu of Tuesday meeting)

7.3 Facilities Committee – D. Lemay

- Met March 9 - talked about paving road, lot & sidewalk. (Jeff is finding out if it is town sidewalk or school's). Science room furniture approved. Still looking at options for 14 passenger buses. May need to get a used one. Looked at getting Jeff a new tractor (this was budgeted for several years ago). Wall work for MS science room has had no bids - putting it out wider for bids.

7.4 Curriculum Committee – Goal #2 – K. Catrini

- Will meet in May or June

7.5 Negotiations Committee – D. Ladd and J. Dunlap

- Have been meeting weekly. Still progress being made. Still making progress. Meeting again tomorrow.

8. Appointments, Resignations, Nominations and Transfers:

- Katie Willis is leaving us. Georgia read her letter.

9. Action Items:

9.1 Motion to revise policy GCFB – Recruiting and Hiring of Administrative Staff

- Changing language in last paragraph to match MSMA.
- Motion to approve: Kayla Alexander
- 2nd: Joanna Farrar
- Passed Unanimously

9.2 Motion to revise policy IHAAB-R – Referral/Prereferral of Students with Disabilities

- Required policy. Decided to revise our policy to match MSMA. Better structured and easier to follow.
- Motion to approve: Kayla Alexander
- 2nd: Joanna Farrar
- Discussion:
 - Bob- is there any significant difference in the intent between the policies?
 - Cathay says no. All essential information is addressed
 - Chris Farmer: Pg 4 - Insert "RSU 78" for "school's name"
 - Chris Farmer - This should have been a rescind & replace since this is a global replacement. Otherwise it should have been given to the board as a strike-through document.
 - Joanna - Clarifies that they would like the adopted dates at the bottom should be edited to say adopted today.
- Kayla Rescinds her motion to approve
- Chris Farmer motions to rescind the current policy and adopt this new policy as of March 14, 2023, as well as fix the "RSU 78" wording on page 4.
- 2nd - Kayla Alexander

○ Passed Unanimously
9.3 Consideration of the 2023-2024 School Year calendar RTA approved on February 17, 2023

- Motion to approve: Deb Ladd
- 2nd: Kayla Alexander
- Discussion:
 - Student Council & RTA voted unanimously to start before Labor
 - 55% before/45% after
 - Angelica: Conflicts between college semesters. No support for students. This year semester 1 overlapped with college semester 2 starting.
 - Extensive conversation ensued. Please review meeting video for detailed discussion. General concerns around:
 - Board wanted both options & more information
 - Calendars aligning with SAD 9 & College courses,
 - ideas about changing vacation dates,
 - starting before Labor Day vs after.
 - Moving graduation by 1 week
 - Some board members express desire to accept recommendations of RTA and Student Council
- **Does not pass** 6 FOR (433 pts) need 500 for quorum
- Mary has asked that any board member with specific information requests send those Georgia.

~~10. Executive Session: Negotiation Update 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(D)~~

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn: Bob Greene
- 2nd: Danielle Lemay
- Adjourn at 7:40

Next meeting: 04/11/2023

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