

**Regional School Unit 78
School Board Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2023 6:00 p.m.
RLRS Multi-Purpose Room**

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/bkf-aoyw-fex>

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

Quorum: /1003

1. Call to Order: 5:57 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adjustments to the Agenda

- The High School presentation by Darleen Woodman will take place next month.

4. Approval of Minutes for March 14, 2023

- Motion to approve: Chris Farmer
- 2nd: Karen Seaman
- Passed Unanimously

5. Public Comments

- None

6. Presentations:

- High School -
 - Darlene Woodman - This presentation will take place next month.
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7. Chair, Superintendent, Principal and Student Representative Comments

Chair:

- Best wishes to Shawn Russell with regard to healing from his surgery.
- Thank you to those who put time in the process for negotiations. They worked very hard. Thanks to Georgia, Deb Ladd, Bob Greene and Joan Dunlap.
- Take time to walk the halls and see the great projects that are displayed throughout the High School.

Superintendent

- [Georgia Campbell](#)
 - Congratulations to [Shawn Russell](#) for being one of the 10 finalists for the RISE award.
 - After April vacation Georgia will interview for a kindergarten position. There are two applicants.
 - The mini van on order should be here any day.
 - Georgia will later do a presentation on the budget.

Principal

- [Seth Laliberte](#)
 - Shout out to Jeff. He is driving the bus to Magalloway daily due to the shortage of bus drivers, and is helping out so much.
 - Varsity Baseball is underway with games starting in May. The team is coed.
 - Maryam Emami has been nominated for teacher of the year, and she is in the final 64.

Student Representatives

- No Students

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Policy Committee: - K. Catrini Policies have been reviewed and we are now on a 3 year cycle.

8.2 Finance Committee: - C. Farmer No meeting tonight. Tracking great this year. Georgia, Roxanne and Wendy are doing great. The county is barely done with their budget. We led well by example. The taxpayer impact will be minimal.

8.3 Facilities Committee – D. Lemay We are meeting later this month. Met on the 24th of March. \$84,900 for the bus we have bought. The new bus will be delivered soon.

8.4 Curriculum Committee – Goal #2 – K. Catrini They have not met yet. Plans are to meet in June.

8.5 Negotiations Committee – D. Ladd and J. Dunlap A huge thanks to Georgia Campbell, Mary Richards, and Bob Greene for work well done. They have given the final proposal to the teachers and are waiting for their response.

9. Appointments, Resignations, Nominations and Transfers:

Title 1

- Georgia Nominated [Jason Aceto](#) as Interim Title 1 teacher for the duration of this year. He is in the process of obtaining certification and Georgia has spoken with the Department of Education and they have assured her that the certification will be approved.

Kitchen

- April Freeman is now our Kitchen Assistant. April worked in Rangeley school back in the 1980's. Kim Snow continues to work part time.

Middle School Math

- Ian West has been hired for Middle School Math. Ian is from Jackman, and he is finishing up at Orono on his masters. He has great ideas on how to promote Middle School Math.
- Motion to approve the hire of both the Middle School Math and Interim Title 1 teaching positions was made by Chris Farmer, seconded by Joan Dunlap. Passed Unanimously.

Coaches

- Patrick Sullivan, Varsity Baseball
- Lindsey Savage, Middle School Softball
- Shawn Russel, Middle School Baseball.

10. Action Items:

- Georgia Campbell displayed her presentation on the RSU 78 Budget 2023/2024. There was discussion throughout the presentation.

10.1 2023-2024 RSU #78 Budget – \$5,468,266.24

Motion by Chris Farmer, seconded by Danielle Lemay. Passed unanimously.

10.2 Adult Education – Raise \$13,945.00

Motion by Chris Farmer. seconded by Amber Haley. Passed unanimously.

10.3 School Nutrition Program – Raise \$10,000

Motion by Chris Farmer, seconded by Joanne Dunlap. Passed unanimously.

10.4 Capital Reserve – Raise and authorize to expend \$50,000 for unexpected or emergency maintenance or repairs to Region School Unit facilities and equipment

Motion by Chris Farmer, seconded by Joanna Farrar. Passed unanimously.

Facilities/Maintenance Reserve – Transfer and authorize to expend \$7147.50 from available fund balances for unexpected/emergency expenses not included in the operating budget.

Motion by Chris Farmer, seconded by Kayla Alexander. Passed unanimously.

- 10.6 Regular Instructional Reserve – Transfer and authorize to expend \$7147.50 from available fund balances for unexpected/emergency expenses not included in the operating budget.

Motion by Kayla Alexander, seconded by Danielle Lemay. Passed unanimously.

- 10.7 Open or Closed Budget Format – Previously voted for Open format. Recommended that ALL articles to be written in the Open format. 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.

Motioned by Chris Farmer that we have an Open Format, seconded by Joanna Farrar. Passed unanimously.

- 10.8 Consideration of the 2023-2024 School Year calendar

Motioned by Chris Farmer, seconded by Kayla Alexander, to approve the calendar as presented with a provision that parents can reach out to administration if they feel they need time around Labor Day and next year the board is to receive two calendars representing a start date before Labor Day and a start date after Labor Day. Both Joanna Farra and Kayla Alexander abstained. Motion Passed.

- 10.9 Consideration to approve an overnight senior class trip to a Boston Red Sox game on May 16, 2023

Motioned by Chris Farmer, seconded by Danielle Ladd. Passed unanimously.

- 10.10 Consideration to rescind policy IHBI-Course Screening and IJND-RB – Parent/Guardian Agreement to Publish Student Information on Rangeley Lakes Regional School's website.

Motioned by Joanne Dunlap, seconded by Joanna Farrar, Passed unanimously.

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn: Chris Farmer
- 2nd: Danielle Lemay
- Adjourn at 7:46 PM

Next meeting: 05/09/2023

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