

**Regional School Unit 78  
School Board Meeting Minutes  
August 8, 2023 6:00 p.m.  
RLRS Multi-Purpose Room**

Time zone: America/New York

Google Meet joining info

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Kathleen Catrini, Dallas Plt	X	Joanne Dunlap, Rangeley Plt	x
Joanna Farrar V-Chair, 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	
Deborah Ladd, Rangeley	x	Cheyenne Avery, Student Rep	
Danielle Lemay, Rangeley	x	Nichole Lemay, Student Rep	

Quorum: /1003

1. Call to Order

TIME: 6:00 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adjustments to the Agenda: NONE

4. Approval of Minutes for July 11, 2023

Motion: Chris Farmer

2nd: Kayla Alexander

Passes Unanimously

5. Public Comments: NONE

6. Chair: Mary Richards:

- Thanks for responding to the email for committee assignments. Finance – Chris Farmer is chair again. Mary and Joanna will try to attend all of the committee meetings that they

can, being chair and vice chair. Karen Seaman, Kayla Alexander, and Danielle Lemay will continue to serve.

- Danielle Lemay will continue to chair the facilities committee. Deb Ladd and Chris Farmer will continue to serve.
- Kathleen Catrini will continue to chair the policy committee. Joanne Dunlap and Amber Haley will continue to serve.
- Robert Greene will chair the support staff negotiations this year, and the committee will include Joanne Dunlap, Deb Ladd, Mary Richards, Seth Laliberte, and Georgia Campbell.
- Dates: Teacher & staff breakfast is August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM. Joanna Farrar is planning to cater it.
- September 20<sup>th</sup> is the Drummond & Woodsum law seminar, 9:00 – 2:30. The board will pay for folks to attend. This is generally at the Augusta Civic Center. Mary spoke highly of the conference.
- October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> is the MSMA conference. This is generally at the Augusta Civic Center. Vendors and information related to schools and policies, giveaways, etc.
- Board meetings will start earlier starting in September. Facilities will be 4:00-5:00 on the Tuesday of board meetings, Finance will be from 5:00-5:30, and the board meetings will start at 5:30. Policy stays the same.

Superintendent: Georgia Campbell

- Our Consolidated Application for Title funds has been completed and is awaiting substantial approval. We should be getting that notification anytime. We are being awarded \$63,347.68 down \$4,221.97 over last year. These funds cover some salaries and benefits for our Title I staff and professional development for staff. You always have a voice in how these monies are spent, most notably around budget.
- RLRS hosted a STEAM camp for kids, founded and directed by Lindsey Coker. The program ran from July 24-August 3<sup>rd</sup> for 5-9 year olds. I heard nothing but great things from the students about how fun it was. Annie, who taught, was energetic and very excited to be working with the kids.
- Our Extended Year Program ends on Thursday. This program was funded by a federal grant. It ran five weeks this summer, Tuesday-Thursday. There were 26 students recommended by their teachers and 20 attended, grades 1-5, 7,8 and 10. Sarita Crandall directed the program and did an excellent job. In addition to her there was another teacher and two support staff that worked the program. Sarita and I debriefed today about how she felt the program went and she stated that, "for the majority of students that attended on a regular basis, they were successful and some of the students said that they feel more prepared going into the upcoming school year."

Principal: Seth Laliberte

- Videos will come back at some point during the start of the school year. Team meetings are happening this week, the building is busier. Jeff's crew is working hard to get the building ready. Classrooms are finished, working on hallways.
- High school was awarded a \$3000 food grant. Going forward with a greenhouse and composting bins. Working to expand our gardening, and applying for another grant.
- COPS grant is moving forward. RJ Goan is almost finished with a building assessment, and when they are, we will know what we need to purchase with funds from the grant. There is a 25% school match, and these items will be discussed at the board level.
- We have eight new students so far this year. We currently have a total of 47 students in the high school, and the population has shifted somewhat toward the elementary and middle school students.
- A unique time in the building. Many new teachers, new products for curriculum to provide offerings that we couldn't provide in the past.
- Chris Farmer had a question about students acquiring college credit by way of AP or ECE classes. Seth reported that students who were enrolled in AP classes took the AP tests, and scored 3's and 4's. Chris noted how important and valuable it is for students to collect college credit in high school, and how important Heidi Deery was to making this happen.

## 7. Committee Reports

### 7.1 Policy Committee: - K. Catrini

- Met July 31<sup>st</sup>. Continuing to stay current. Working on the policies that were last reviewed in 2020. Next meeting is August 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:00.

### 7.2 Finance Committee: - C. Farmer

- Didn't meet this week. Roxanne is working on the audit. Now that tax bills are out, Chris provided some insight to why there is such a large increase. This increase is caused by many factors, but significant factors are a partial re-evaluation, there is a new TIF directive, and the Franklin County budget had a fairly substantial increase.

### 7.3 Facilities Committee – D. Lemay

- Did not meet last month. New middle school science room bid.

## 8 Appointments, Resignations, Nominations and Transfers:

- Transferring:
  - Donna Brown – Interim Kindergarten to Title I
  - Lily Webber – Part Time Elementary Art to Kindergarten
- Nominating:
  - Elizabeth Thompson Part Time Elementary Art, Part Time Ed Tech
- Resignations:
  - Emily Austin Ed Tech (taking a teaching position elsewhere)
  - April Freeman Kitchen Assistant
- Appointments:
  - Monique Cunningham – Ed Tech in Kindergarten
  - David Rodway – Middle School Boys Soccer Coach
  - Kelsey Knof – Bus Driver

8.1 Motion to provide Elizabeth Thompson a Part Time Art / Part Time Special Education Ed Tech III position  
Motion: Chris Farmer  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Deb Ladd  
Unanimously

Discussion on open positions. Support staff has many openings. There is an opening for a bus driver position.

## 9 Action Items:

### 9.1 Bid for Middle School Science classroom

- Discussion on bid. Chris and Robert want to be sure that proper insurances are provided from the LLC before the work starts on Friday and that the scope of work is clear.
- Danielle was curious about timeline. Jeff feels confident that it will be finished before the start of school, but we do have options if it is not.

Motion to accept bid  
Motion: Bob Greene

2<sup>nd</sup>: Danielle Lemay  
Unanimously

9.2 Consideration to rescind policy ADC - TOBACCO USE AND POSSESSION

9.3 Consideration to rescind policy ADC-R - TOBACCO USE AND POSSESSION  
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

Motion to rescind policies ADC - TOBACCO USE AND POSSESSION and ADC-R -  
TOBACCO USE AND POSSESSION ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

Motion: Joanne Dunlap  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Deb Ladd  
Unanimously

9.4 Consideration to adopt policy ADC - TOBACCO USE AND POSSESSION  
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

This new policy covers electronic smoking devices, which wasn't covered in previous  
policies.

Motion: Joanne Dunlap  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Kathleen Catrini  
Unanimously

Adjourn

Motion: Kayla Alexander  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Danielle Lemay  
Unanimously  
6:50

Next meeting: September 12, 2023 with a time change at 5:30 PM.

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