

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

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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 Seman, Rangeley	x	Robert Greene, Sandy River Plt	x
Chris Farmer, Rangeley	x	Angelica Chavaree-Woodward, Student Rep	
Deborah Ladd-V. Chair, Rangeley	x	Cheyenne Avery, Student Rep	
Danielle Lemay, Rangeley	x	Nichole Lemay, Student Rep	

Quorum: 997/997

1. Call to Order
 - Time: 5:59
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2023-2024
 - Movement from Chris Farmer for Mary Richards as Chair
 - 2nd Robert Greene
 - Passed Unanimously
 - Mary Richards moves for Joanna Farrar as Vice-Chair
 - 2nd Kayla Alexander
 - Passes unanimously
4. Adjustments to the Agenda
 - Mary explains that some items under “action items” are not actual action items, but rather procedural
 - 11.1 will be done during the board chairperson comments, not as an action item
 - Add new 11.1 Action item to reallocate funds
5. Approval of Minutes for June 14, 2023
 - motion: Kayla Alexander
 - 2nd Chris Farmer
 - Passed Unanimously

6. Public Comments

- NONE

7. Presentations:

Portrait of a Learner-Seth Laliberte

- Seth explains the process that the design team went through and presents the final product. He explains the competencies and discusses future actions. See video for full details.

8. Comments:

Chair : Mary Richards:

- Aug 8th - starting meeting at 4:30 with new board workshop from 4:30-6:00 prior to the regular board meeting
 - Focus on effective team behavior and being a cohesive team
- Orientation of the Board:
 - Mary reviews the code of ethics and reminds board members that they will sign a new one this year.
 - Robert Greene: under section I (criticizing employees), it seems that many comments of this nature tend to go through the chair to the superintendent.
 - Mary states that personnel issues generally do not come to her until there is an issue that needs to come through the board. They go to Georgia first.

Superintendent: Georgia Campbell:

- Committee for comprehensive needs assessment met today to review current demographics and data. Must be completed prior to Title1 application, which is due Aug 1st. Board will receive a digital copy of CNA after committee has finished reviewing. She will be working on the Title 1 application next
 - This funding mostly just covers the salary for Title 1.
 - Anyone can give input on use of title funds

Principal Seth Laliberte:

- RE: Comprehensive needs assessment: the year went well and he is excited about getting back to issues that are important to education
- NWEA data is showing gaps in achievement data have widened in the most recent testing at the national level
 - Seth will be digging in to NWEA data soon. A big part of what he wants to do this year will be looking into data and our programming
- Safety Audit of the building is ongoing.
- SHAWN Russell - gives wifi update
 - Outdoor wifi project has been completed (funding from ESSER and grants). There is now wifi in the exterior areas of the grounds (fields, outdoor classroom). Also did upgrades in the server room and network upgrades.

Student Representative

- N/A

9. Committee Reports

9.1 Policy Committee: - K. Catrini

- No meeting this month due to holiday. Next meeting Monday July 31st at 3PM

- 9.2 Finance Committee: - C. Farmer
- Met today. Reviewed the progress from last year and the budget process. Looked at surplus due to co-curricular programs, as well as special education surplus. Facilities spent over budget, so they will be proposing an action item re-allocating funds between these accounts
- 9.3 Facilities Committee –D. Lemay
- Summer work: update on current summer projects, painting and facilities maintenance
 - Fuel tank: still determining whether it needs to be replaced. May be able to go with a smaller tank at much lower cost.
 - Still working on walkway lights
 - Quote for paving: will fill in cracks and short term fixes, with larger paving job including sidewalk to be completed next summer

10. Appointments, Resignations, Nominations and Transfers:

NONE

11. Action Items:

~~11.1 Orientation of Board for 2023-2024 MSMA~~

11.1 Action item to move \$75,000 from Special Ed to Facilities and \$25,000 from other instruction to facilities

- Motion Joanna Farrar
- 2nd Kathy Catrini
- Passed unanimously

11.2 New Committee Assignments:

- Mary asks that all board members email her with at least one committee they would like to be on and whether anyone wants a leadership role.
Committees: Finance, Policy, Building Facility

11.3 Future Board Meetings

- Mary: Keep meetings on Tuesdays at 6.
- Chris - Can we consider a 5:30 meeting?
 - Discussion.
- **Starting in September:** Facilities will meet before board meetings 4-5pm, followed by Finance meetings 5-5:30pm. Board meetings to start at 5:30

11.4 Approval of 2023-2024 Handbooks:

- Student & Parents Interscholastic & Extracurricular

- Move to accept with amendment below: Danielle Lemay
- 2nd: Kathy Catrini
- Discussion: Language with respect to when students can use cell phones was not reflecting current use in
 - Seth asks that they add “as approved by the principal or designee.”
 - Vote: passed Unanimously
- Employee Handbook
 - Move to accept: Kathy Catrini
 - 2nd: Kayla Alexander
 - Discussion: On last page, under retention policy, language has been clarified
 - Vote: passed Unanimously
- Student & Parent and Code of Conduct
 - Move to accept: Kayle Alexander
 - 2nd: Danielle Lemay
 - Discussion: No major changes, except removing graphics on front
 - Seth: page 11 is not in addition to anything else we are doing, it is just being added to this handbook because it was already in the other one.
 - Danielle Lemay: Student release form to parents at away games form is unclear. Danielle will recommend changes and meet with Georgia
 - Vote: passed Unanimously

Adjourn

- Move to adjourn at 6:56: Chris Farmer
- 2nd: Karen Seaman
- Vote: passed unanimously

Next meeting: 08/08/2023 - 6PM

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