

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 64
Bradford Corinth Hudson Kenduskeag Stetson

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 25, 2025

The members of the Board of Directors of RSU 64 met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 24, 2025 in response to an agenda dated February 19, 2025. The agenda was distributed to members electronically.

Members Present: Rhonda Williams, James Connolly, Amy Bean, Julie Byers, Katherine Waite, Anne McLellan, Regina Creeley, Wanda St. Peter, Robert Young, Steven Ingalls, Curtis Chadbourne, Tonya Wozneak, Anne Kenneson

Student Representatives
Present: Aaron Dyer, Madison Kenneson

Student Representatives
Absent: None

Members Absent: Rosalie Ainsworth, Kelsi McHugh-Speed, Emily Henderson, Jodi Brasslett

Members Absent
Without Excuse:

Others in Attendance: Superintendent Rhonda Sperrey, administrators, and members of the public.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rhonda Williams at 7:01 p.m. A roll call and check of attendance found a quorum of 13 members present, 4 members absent, 2 student representatives present, and one vacancy (Bradford).

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second of Amy Bean, the Board voted to approve the draft minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting (February 3, 2025), Policy Committee Meeting (January 30, 2025), Regular Monthly Meeting (January 27, 2025) and the Hiring Committee Meeting (January 27, 2025) and to place the minutes on file as part of permanent Board records.

Unanimous

Petitions and Communications

The Board is in receipt of a letter of resignation from CCES Ed Tech I Madison Bellatty, E-Sports Advisor Bram Dennis, District Driver James Russell, and District Maintenance Supervisor Ryan Bickford.

Chair Williams called for Public Forum items.

Reports

Superintendent Sperrey updated members on the following administrative topics:

Governor's Commission on School Construction

The Commission has scheduled a tour of four recently constructed public schools across the State of Maine. Commission members will be visiting Central Community Elementary School on Thursday, March 6, 2025.

Budget Update

The Finance Committee met on Monday, February 3, 2025. Members reviewed the Comparison Budget Sheet for FY26 noting increases in the budget for next year will necessitate an increase in local assessments. Members reviewed the ED 279 report and discussed the implications of increased costs associated with new contracts for teachers and support staff personnel, Paid Family Medical Leave, maintenance agreements, heating fuel and electricity. The Finance Committee will meet again on Thursday, March 6, 2025.

District Enrollment

District Enrollment (As of February 1, 2025)

CCES - 484 (-4)

CMS - 220 (-1)

CHS - 292 (-4)

Total = 996 (-9)

Administrator Reports

Administrator reports are distributed to Board members prior to the monthly meeting.

CHS Principal Dr. Rad Mayfield – Dr. Mayfield shared Valedictorian Katie Miller and Salutatorian Emma Byers have been announced. Also, five Central High School students will be competing in Skills USA competition on March 14, 2025.

CHS Assistant Principal/AD Jared Foster – Mr. Foster updated members on the organization of spring sports at Central High School.

CMS Principal Dr. Sandra Cookson – Dr. Cookson updated members on the CMS Cheer team's recent win at the school competition hosted by Ellsworth. Dr. Cookson also noted Central Middle School had two students place in the county spelling bee. Kytanna Loring placed first in the county bee; Bennett Ainsworth placed fourth.

CCES Principal Michael Glynn – Mr. Glynn had nothing to add.

CCES Assistant Principal Nicole Evans – Mrs. Evans had nothing to add.

Curriculum Coordinator Monica Sabine – Mrs. Sabine encouraged Board members to tour UTC if they have not recently done so. CHS sophomore students toured UTC before the February break which gave them all an excellent opportunity to see programs available to them during their junior and senior years.

Special Education Director David Nason – Mr. Nason had nothing to add to his report.

New Business

Board Education Item: CTE Curriculum Crosswalk and Equivalency Agreements

Dr. Mayfield presented timely information about the CTE curriculum crosswalks and equivalency agreements that will be coming to the Board for their consideration as part of the interlocal agreement revision process within Region 4 – UTC.

No action was taken.

Approval of Proposed 2025-2026 School Calendar

Policy Committee Chair Amy Bean presented information about the proposed 2025-2026 School Calendar.

Upon the motion of Amy Bean and second by Tonya Wozneak members approved the 2025-2026 School Calendar as recommended by the Policy Committee.

Unanimous

Review of Removal of Current Existing Policies/Regulations

Upon the motion of Amy Bean and second by Tonya Wozneak, members approved the recommendation of the Policy Committee to remove Policies/Regulations:

AC – Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action
ACAA – Harassment of Students
ACAA-R1 – Student Discrimination/Harassment Complaint Procedure
ACAA-R2 – Student Sex Discrimination/Harassment Complaint Procedure
ACAB – Harassment of Employees
ACAB-R1 – Employee Discrimination/Harassment Complaint Procedure
ACAB-R2 – Employee Sex Discrimination/Harassment Complaint Procedure
JIE – Pregnant Students

Unanimous

Upon the motion of Amy Bean and second by Wanda St. Peter, members approved the recommendation of the Policy Committee to adopt Policies/Regulations:

AC – Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action
ACAA – Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students
ACAA-R – Student Discrimination/Harassment and Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures
ACAB – Harassment and Sexual Harassment of School Employees
ACAB-R Employee Discrimination/Harassment and Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures

Unanimous

Request for Drama Club Overnight Trip

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Amy Bean, members approved the request from the CHS Drama Club for an overnight trip should it become necessary for state level competition.

Unanimous

Request for Key Club Overnight Trip

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Anne Kenneson, members approved the request from the CHS Key Club for an overnight trip to attend the Key Club District Educational Conference in Portland, Maine.

Unanimous

Sanding and Plowing Bid Award for 2025-2026 through 2027-2028

Upon the motion of Katherine Waite and second by Anne Kenneson, members approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee to award the Sand and Plowing contract for 2025-2026 through 2027-2028 to Justin Libby & Sons, Inc.

Unanimous

Pellet Bid Award for Central Community Elementary School

Upon the motion of Curtis Chadbourne and second by Tonya Wozneak, members approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee to award the Pellet Bid for 2025-2026 to Maine Woods Pellet Company in the amount of \$245 per ton, delivered.

Unanimous

Executive Session 1 MRSA §405(6)(A)

Upon the motion of Anne Kenneson and second by Wanda St. Peter, members voted to enter Executive Session.

Time Entered: 7:32 p.m.

Time Returned: 7:42 p.m.

Upon the motion of James Connolly and second by Anne Kenneson members voted to ratify the agreed upon addendum to the RSU/MSAD 64 Support Service Personnel Association Agreement to reflect the impact of MRS Title 20-A § 4016 – Minimum Hourly Wage for Educational Technicians and Other School Support Staff.

Unanimous

Personnel Approvals and Acknowledgements

Members acknowledged Superintendent Sperrey's Schedule B appointments for 2024-2025:

E-Sports Advisor – Cary Libby
Elementary Basketball Coach – Jamie Russell
“A” Baseball – Mike Roman
“A” Softball – Katrina Hedges
“B” Softball – Leonard Dorion
CMS Outdoor Track – Peter Marsh
CMS Outdoor Track Assistant – Justina Miles
JV Baseball Coach – Doug Depew
Varsity Softball – Shawna Neal
Varsity Outdoor Track – Mike Viani
Varsity Outdoor Track Assistant – John White

Upon the motion of Amy Bean and second by Wanda St. Peter, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by,


Rhonda Sperrey
Secretary