

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 64
Bradford Corinth Hudson Kenduskeag Stetson

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 1, 2025

The members of the Board of Directors of RSU 64 met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 31, 2025 in response to an agenda dated March 20, 2025 denoting a meeting date of March 24, 2025. This meeting was rescheduled due to weather. The agenda was distributed to members electronically.

Members Present: Rhonda Williams, Amy Bean, Julie Byers, Katherine Waite, Anne McLellan, Regina Creeley, Wanda St. Peter, Robert Young, Steven Ingalls, Curtis Chadbourne, Tonya Wozneak, Anne Kenneson, Rosalie Ainsworth, Kelsi McHugh- Speed, Emily Henderson, Jodi Brasslett

Student Representatives
Present: Aaron Dyer, Madison Kenneson

Student Representatives
Absent: None

Members Absent: James Connolly

Members Absent
Without Excuse: None

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

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rhonda Williams at 7:03 p.m. A roll call and check of attendance found a quorum of 16 members present, one member absent, and one vacancy (Bradford).

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second of Anne Kenneson, the Board voted to approve the draft minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting (March 17, 2025), Finance Committee Meeting (March 5, 2025), Policy Committee Meeting (February 24, 2025), and the Regular Monthly Board Meeting (February 24, 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 retirement from CCES Kindergarten Teacher Alice Allard.

Chair Williams called for Public Forum items. No items were presented.

Reports

Superintendent Sperrey updated members on the following administrative topics:

Maintenance

Mrs. Sperrey updated members on several ongoing maintenance items being addressed across the District. The Supervisor of Maintenance and Custodial Services position remains vacant.

Governor's Commission on School Construction

Commission members have completed tours of schools across the state, to include Central Community Elementary School on March 6, 2025, and have begun to draft the interim report for the Legislature. In consultation with the Governor, the Commission will continue their work into the fall and expects to include recommendations in a report at the conclusion of their work. The interim draft includes preliminary findings around cost, revenue and funding, renovation and maintenance, demographics and enrollment, capacity and collaboration, process, planning, design, and standardization of systems. The draft also includes potential strategies that continue to be under review within revenue/funding, and cost control/efficiency categories.

District Enrollment

District Enrollment (As of March 1, 2025)

CCES - 485 (+1)

CMS - 220

CHS - 292

Total = 997 (+1)

Administrator Reports

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

CHS Principal Dr. Rad Mayfield – Dr. Mayfield shared celebratory news about the CHS Drama Team winning the Class B State competition.

CHS Assistant Principal/AD Jared Foster – Mr. Foster updated members on E-Sports competition. The CHS team competed in the first round of state competition for the first time.

CMS Principal Dr. Sandra Cookson – Dr. Cookson updated members on the CMS student who came in 3rd place at the State Spelling Bee. Dr. Cookson also updated members on the need for repair to the sound board at CMS.

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

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

Curriculum Coordinator Monica Sabine – Mrs. Sabine updated members on the District's application for grant funding to support the elementary summer school program. The previous years' summer school programs have been funded with federal funding that is no longer available. Mrs. Sabine should know the status of the application by mid-April.

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

New Business

Discussion and Consideration of Calendar Waiver Request

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Anne Kenneson, members voted to direct the Superintendent of Schools to file a calendar waiver request with the Department of Education for October 24, 2024 (CHS Water Issue) and December 17, 2024 (CCES Water Issue).

Unanimous

Discussion and Consideration of New Elective Courses at Central High School for 2025-2026

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Amy Bean, members voted to approve the following course electives:

Introduction to Financial Accounting with Algebra and Statistics
Introduction to Sculpture
Fiber Arts
Art History
History of Rock
JMG – Extended Learning Opportunities/Work Study

Unanimous

Budget Update

Superintendent Sperrey and members of the Finance Committee provided an update to the current budget planning process.

All building level budgets have been entered into the draft budget.

It is expected the District will be receiving a total revenue allocation of \$11,046,854.17 from the State of Maine. This is \$156,485.48 more than last year. The subsidy to the District is projected to increase by \$190,970.35 and debt service will decrease by \$34,484.87 to \$1,784,173. The local portion of debt service will be reduced by approximately \$393 to \$20,125.

Discussion FY26 Budget

The Finance Committee is discussing several items for budgetary consideration:

- Increases in contractual costs for transportation, professional, and support staff.
- Increases in contractual costs for snow removal and maintenance agreements.
- Contingency – The contingency line in the draft budget has been removed given the District's position with reserve accounts. This has reduced the budget by \$40,000.
- Equipment – The lines for a new truck and lawn mower have been removed given the Finance Committee's ongoing conversations about equipment purchases potentially coming from reserve accounts so the draft budget will represent the lowest assessment increases possible to each town. This reduced the budget draft by \$70,000.
- Staffing – A kindergarten position has been removed given the notice of retirement and enrollment in Kindergarten next year appears not to necessitate a fifth teacher.
- Heating Fuel – The District has locked in a fuel price for FY26 of \$2.70/gallon for #2 heating fuel. Any additional tariffs would be paid for separately.
- Electricity – The current draft budget includes the same amounts budgeted for electricity in FY25.
- Health Insurance – The current draft continues to maintain a 10% increase placeholder. The most recent communication from the MEA Benefits Trust indicated a top ceiling increase of 14%. Districts will be notified on or before April 11, 2025 of their individual premium increases.

The Finance Committee will meet April 10, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the Superintendent's Office

The Finance Committee and Municipal Officers will meet April 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the CCES cafeteria

Upon the motion of Steven Ingalls and second by Tonya Wozneak, members directed the Superintendent of Schools to pursue the purchase of a new maintenance truck with capital equipment reserve funding.

Unanimous

Annual Evaluation of Administrators and Negotiations of Administrative Contracts and Salaried Employees – Executive Session under 1 MRSA 405§(6)(A)

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

Unanimous

Time Entered: 8:17 p.m.

Time Returned: 9:39 p.m.

Upon the motion of Jodi Brasslett and second by Amy Bean, members voted to approve the recommendation of the Negotiations Committee pertaining to salary and benefit increases and a one-year extension to all administrative contracts to include building principals, assistant principals, Curriculum Coordinator, Special Education Director, Superintendent of Schools, and employees falling under policy as presented.

Unanimous

Personnel Approvals and Acknowledgements

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Anne Kenneson, members approved the recommendation of the Hiring Committee for Continuing Contract Teachers for 2025-2026:

<i>Central Community Elementary School:</i>	<i>2024-2025 Assignment</i>
Sally Batchelder	Grade 3
Kelley Bean	Grade 4
Jamie Birmingham	Grade 2
Anna Bryer	Art Teacher
Lynn Chubbuck	Music
Pamela Clukey	Grade 2
Marcie Coffin	Grade 4
Carolyn Donaldson	Grade 2
Stephanie Fogler	Grade 3
Casee Hart	Grade 5
Bonnie Harvey	Grade 4
Lee Jack	Kindergarten
Marcilla Jackson	Grade 5
Natalie Knowlton	Guidance Counselor
Lyndsey Lavoie	Grade 3
Natasha Mandigo	School Nurse
Ginna Marsh	Grade 1
Melissa Morissette	Grade 4
Jennifer Noel	Kindergarten
Adrienne Pelkey	Grade 1
Shannon Perkins	Grade 3
Sherri Poulin	Grade 5
Melissa Reardon	Special Education
Stephanie Reynolds	Math Interventionist
Marissa Rivard	Kindergarten
Christal Ryder	Grade 1
Kendra Sanborn	Reading Recovery
Laura Shorey	Grade 4
Lisa Swett	Kindergarten
Tabitha Trafton	Reading Recovery

Cortney Wesley
Marie Wheeler

Grade 2
Special Education

Central Middle School:

Renee Batchelder
Amy Bickerstaff
Gary Collins
Beth Cook
Tara Lewis
Tammy McCarthy
Tracy McKay
Derek McKinley
Lindsey Peterson
Michael Roman
Michael Viani

Guidance
Grade 7 Social Studies
Special Education
Grade 6 Science
Grade 6 Math
Grade 8 ELA
Special Education
Grade 7 ELA
Grade 6 ELA
Grade 8 Math
Grade 6 Social Studies

Central High School:

Scott Bickerstaff
Sherry Blanchard
Anne Bowman
Terri-Lynn Broad
Corey Coffin
Daniel Furlong
Cary Libby
Peter Marsh
Robert Pomeroy
Raymond Sprague
Casey Twist
Karen Ward

English
Guidance Counselor
English
Science
Social Studies
English
Social Studies
Special Education
Social Studies
Math
Library Media Specialist
Special Education

Itinerant:

Andria Bacon
Jennifer Fall
Jennifer McKenzie
Jennifer Soares
Lori Weiss
Jessica Williams

Music/Band
Social Worker
Technology Integrator
Speech Therapist
Nurse
Art

Unanimous

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

CMS "B" Baseball Coach – Gary Collins

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Amy Bean, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by,



Rhonda Sperrey
Secretary