

**RSU BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2009
KENNEBUNK TOWN HALL**

Attendance: Chairperson, Maureen King, Vice Chairperson, Pam Richard-Wuerthner. **Directors:** Norm Archer (absent), Bob Domine, Tim Hussey, Kevin Knight, Art Leblanc (absent), Leia Lowery, Jack Reetz, John Sharood, James Smith and Gayle Spofford. **Student Representatives:** John E. Price and Chloe Littell-Simpson (absent).

V. CONSENT AGENDA ITEM(S)

A. Approval of July 20, 2009 School Board Minutes

B. Nomination of K-3 Elementary Spanish Teacher, Genevieve O'Connell

C. Donation of the "Go Green Project" at Consolidated School by Nate and Shannon Gordon

D. Resignation of Lisa Haith, Half-Time Science Teacher at Kennebunk High School - DIRECTOR SPOFFORD MOVED THE MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR LOWERY, AND VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE BOARD. Chairperson King thanked the Gordon's for their donation to the Go Green Project.

VI. AGENDA ADJUSTMENT(S)

VII. OLD BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Policy Committee Report

a. First Reading of Section EE – Transportation Policies

b. First Reading of Section CHCAA – Student Handbooks

Discussion: Director Reetz had questions on EEA Transportation Department Policy and Procedure. He pointed out that this policy did not address the transportation needs of the Thornton Academy Middle School busing, yet it did address the high school busing. Chairperson King said the Policy Committee discussed eligible resident children from the district and this also covered Arundel students because they are residents of the district. Director Reetz pointed out the policy only discussed busing within the district. Chairperson King explained even though Thornton Academy was not within the boundaries of the district it was still within the district. Director Reetz said the policy still did not cover the geography of busing within the district. Superintendent Dolloff said that works could be added to the policy to satisfy this. Director Reetz also had a concern about the handbooks. He wondered if graduation behavior protocol should be addressed in this document. He would also like to see a bullet on communicable diseases. Chairperson King pointed out the items in the handbooks are state mandated, and not a lot of other policies are added on as requirements. She said these additions could be acceptable if the Board wanted to get involved. She further explained the Board did not have a policy on student graduation behavior but it was an administrative practice, and generally the Board doesn't get involved. Director Reetz thought it was a good point and it was best to leave this at the administrative level. Superintendent Dolloff will check the high school handbook when presented to him about graduation requirements. Chairperson King thinks this is not a Board process but an administrative process and there is nothing in policy about graduation behavior, but there is an understanding that students behave at graduation as they do on fieldtrips, etc., and that covers everything. She explained the Policy Committee has never had that as a policy issues, and it has never been requested by the high school for the Board to address this issue. All the above policies will be posted on the school website under draft policies for all to review. There will be a date set, soon, for public input on the sections on transportation policies before next the reading. There have been changes in the Arundel transportation policy, specifically walking changes.

CHAIRPERSON KING ENTERTAINED A MOTION FOR A FIRST READING OF THE ABOVE POLICIES, MOVED BY DIRECTOR SPOFFORD, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR SMITH, AND VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE BOARD.

B. Human Resources Update – Chairperson King said the committee had their first meeting with the teamsters about week and half ago. She will fill the Board in, during an Executive Session, or they can wait until there is more substance to discuss. Director Spofford asked if the teamsters and the committee exchange a list of topics. Chairperson King said the committee had the teamsters list, but they did not have the committee's list. Director Spofford would like to request an Executive Session after this meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. UPDATE FROM SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

Chairperson King reported that 46 states have signed onto the Common Core State Standards Initiative. It is looking more and more like federal standards and will she will keep the Board updated. The Commissioner of Education, Susan Gendron, is now president of the Council of Chief State Officers which is the organization for all the state school commissioners. The state just held a state dropout seminar and had almost 300 people that attended, and she is waiting to get more information on that. Chairperson King asked for suggestions for Board Retreat. Director Spofford had previously sent a question about looking at a new mission statement for the Curriculum/Design Team, she wondered if this should happen at the committee level or at the retreat, and asked the Board to think about it. Director Hussey asked to include on the agenda how to approach a strategic planning process.

X. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The Board is setup to meet for their retreat from 9-3 at the Conservation Trust in Kennebunkport on August 18, 2009. Harry Pringle, district attorney, is scheduled for the first hour or so. Michael Scarpone, a resident of York County, who works with a greater Boston management consultant group is very interested in working with the Board on strategic planning

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Superintendent Dolloff said a motion needs to be made for the purpose of discussing labor contract negotiations between the Board of Education and the Teamsters Union pursuant to IMRSA (405) (6) (D). **AT 7:25 PM, DIRECTOR SMITH MADE THE MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR HUSSEY, AND VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE BOARD.**

THE BOARD CAME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:40 PM; NO ACTION WAS TAKEN AT THE TIME.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

DIRECTOR SMITH MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIRPERSON PAM RICHARD-WUERTHNER, AND VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE BOARD.

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