

**RSU21 BOARD MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2009  
7:00 P.M.  
KENNEBUNKPORT FIRE STATION**

**Attendance:** Chairperson, Maureen King; Vice Chairperson, Tim Hussey. Directors: Pam Richard-Wuerthner, Norm Archer, Bob Domine, Kevin Knight, Art Leblanc (arrived 7:15); Leia Lowery (absent); Jack Reetz, John Sharood (arrived 7:25); James Smith, and Gayle Spofford. Student Representatives: John E. Price and Chloe Littell Simpson.

**IV. BOARD SPECIAL REPORT**

Assistant Superintendent Manuel presented MEA data for Grades 3-8. The PowerPoint and other data, such as dropout rates, will be available on the district website soon ([www.rsu21.net](http://www.rsu21.net)). This will be the last year for MEA testing, the district will be using NECAP (New England Common Assessments Program). Arundel was added to the Kennebunk/Kennebunkport scores this school year (2008-2009). All Maine 11<sup>th</sup> grader are now required to take the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test).

Presented was the AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) data. Mildred L Day School, Kennebunk Elementary School, Sea Road School, and Kennebunkport Consolidated School made AYP. The middle school did not make AYP in the area of math for one specific sub-group. The high school did not make AYP in the area of reading and math for one specific sub-group.

AP (Advanced Placement) testing was shared. In 2009, 109 students took the AP test and 167 tests were given. There were four students that were 2009 AP Scholars with Distinction, earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. There were nine students that were AP Scholars with Honors for an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. There were 16 students named as AP Scholars for scoring 3 or higher on 3 or more exams.

Dr. Manuel also shared the IB statistics. There will be 58 students taking 144 tests in May. Last May, 14 students took 14 tests. In 2009-2010, 34% of the juniors and seniors are IB Certificate students and 4% are IB Diploma students. The ultimate goal, in five years, is to have 70% of students taking the certificate program and 10% the diploma program.

Graduating statistics were shared: 56% went to four year colleges; 16% to two year colleges; 2% to one year colleges, 1% technical colleges; 3% military service, and 22% the work force.

It was also reported that 35.3% of high school, and 34% of middle school students play sports.

Information on students attending private school was shared.

Director Reetz asked that homeschooling data be compiled.

Superintendent Dolloff pointed out that data, such as what was presented, needs to be used to drive instruction and curriculum design.

**VI. AGENDA ADJUSTMENT**

**Alpine Skiing Program** - Thor Nielson, athletic director, reported students in the ski club wanted to be recognized as a varsity team by their school. As a club they can only enter competitions as individuals and they would like to be represented as a team. The parents will fund the program, including the stipend for the coach, and provide transportation. The coach stipend will be funneled through the payroll department at RSU21. The team will be covered under the district insurance umbrella, as they were last year with no additional cost. Superintendent Dolloff wanted to make it clear that the team would be administered by the school, and the athletic director would hire the coach and oversee the scheduling. **MOTION MADE TO ADOPT THE APPLICATION FOR THE ALPINE SKI PROGRAM TO BECOME A TEAM (NORM ARCHER), SECONDED: (BOB DOMINE). VOTED: 10-1 (ABSTENTION BY JIM SMITH). STUDENT VOTE: 2-0.**

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Facilities Committee** - Director Smith reported on the last meeting held November 12. Naoto Inoue of SunGen/Solar Center, LLC presented a proposal to supply electrical power to the district for 20 years at a lower rate than CMP. No decision was made, and no action by the board was taken, it is a business model to look at in the future. Dan Cecil, Harriman Associations will meet with the committee on November 24 at 7:00 a.m. for a Special Facilities Meeting to discuss the utilization study. Operations Manager, Tom Maines resigned at this meeting.

**B. Fundraising Lists** – The fundraising lists will be posted on the district website ([www.rsu21.net](http://www.rsu21.net)) so the community and board can see what is going on with fundraising and where the funds go.

**C. Legislative Update** - The legislature will have a discussion on curtailment and budget this week. The governor has announced a larger curtailment with another 6% added. The exact impact for each school system has not been received to date. There was a discussion, by the school board, on the need for a lobbyist in Augusta this year. The board decided to not have a lobbyist this year and will reconsider next year. Chairperson King, with her role at MSBA, and Superintendent Dolloff will follow what is going on in Augusta. **MOTION WAS MADE TO NOT ENGAGE A LOBBYIST FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR (NORM ARCHER), SECONDED: (GAYLE SPOFFORD). VOTED: 11-0. STUDENT VOTE: 2-0**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Alpine Skiing Program was moved under Agenda Adjustment.**

**B. December 21 School Board Meeting** - The Board cancelled the December 21 School Board Meeting.

**IX. UPDATE FROM SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR**

**X. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Superintendent Dolloff thanked Dr. Manuel and his assistant Shelly Allen for all the work they did on the H1N1 clinic. He also thanked the nurses and the many volunteers.

Superintendent Dolloff accepted the resignation of Tom Maines and thanked him for his service.

**AT 8:20 P.M. A MOTION WAS ENTERTAINED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING LABOR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE TEAMSTERS UNION AND THE TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION PURSUANT TO 1 MRSA (405) (6) (D) (MAUREEN KING), MOVED: (JOHN SHAROOD), SECONDED: (JIM SMITH). VOTED: 11-0.**

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:15 p.m., no motions were made.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION MADE TO ADJOURN AT 8:15 P.M. (TIM HUSSEY), SECONDED: (JIM SMITH). VOTED 11-0.**