

**RSU BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009
KENNEBUNKPORT FIRE STATION**

Attendance: Chairperson, Maureen King (arrived at 7:10 p.m.); Vice Chairperson, Tim Hussey. Directors: Pam Richard-Wuerthner, Norm Archer, Bob Domine, Kevin Knight (absent), Art Leblanc, Leia Lowery, Jack Reetz, John Sharood, James Smith and Gayle Spofford. Student Representatives: John E. Price and Chloe Littell Simpson.

V. CONSENT AGENDA ITEM(S)

A. Approval of October 5, 2009 School Board Minutes – MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES SEPARATELY SO THE BOARD CAN DISCUSS THE OVERNIGHT TRIPS (GAYLE SPOFFORD), SECONDED: (NORM ARCHER). VOTED: 10-0. STUDENT VOTE: 2-0.

VI. AGENDA ADJUSTMENT(S)

B. Approval of School Newspaper and Yearbook Staff NYC Trip to Columbia University's Scholastic Press Association Annual Conference – Rambler advisor Molly Pierce; editor in chief, Phil Hussey, and managing editor, Garrett Valls explained why the trip was important to the growth of the *Rampage*. The focus for the paper this year will be distribution and design. They would like the *Rampage* online so parents would have more access.

John DeSimone, advisor for the yearbook, would like the staff to go on this trip to learn more about yearbook design and to get ideas from other parts of the country. Mr. DeSimone is looking for Board approval to move forward with planning this trip. If the staff does not receive the grant from the Education Foundation, they may not take the trip. **MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE APPLICATIONS FOR THE SCHOOL NEWSPAPER AND THE YEARBOOK STAFF TO ATTEND THE COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY'S SCHOLASTIC PRESS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE (GAYLE SPOFFORD), SECONDED: (JOHN SHAROOD). VOTED: 10-0. STUDENT VOTE: 2-0.**

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Strategic Planning – This will be reported with Leia Lowery arrives at the meeting.

B. Policy Committee -

Second Readings for the following policies:

- Programs or Items Necessitating Appropriation of Funds - DBG
- Fiscal Year - DBB
- Delegation of Authority - DF
- Inventory - DID
- Auditor's Reports - DIE
- Bidding/Purchasing Requirements - DJ
- Bid Procedures
- RFP Procedures
- Approval of Purchases - DJA
- Expenditure of Funds - DKC
- Disposal of District Property – DN

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF THE ABOVE POLICIES (JIM SMITH), SECONDED: (JOHN SHAROOD). VOTE: 11-0. STUDENT VOTE: 2-0.

First Reading of Section E Support Services Policies

- Chemical Hazards – EBAA
- Pest Management – ECB
- Bomb Threats – EBCC
- School Cancellation – EBCD
- AED's – EBCF
- Privately Owned Property in Schools – ECAD
- Surveillance Cameras – ECAE
- Use of School Owned Property – EDC
- School Lunch Credit – EFD
- Competitive Food Sales – EFE
- Copyright – EGAD
- Off-Air Videotaping – EGAD-R

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ABOVE POLICIES FOR A FIRST READING WAS ENTERTAINED BY (MAUREEN KING), MOVED BY (JIM SMITH), SECONDED BY (JOHN SHAROOD). VOTED: 11-0. STUDENT VOTE: 2-0

First Reading of Required Policies as recommended by MSMA

- Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan – EBCA
- Family Care Leave – GBO
- Home Schooling – IHBG
- Instructional and Library-Media Materials Selection (Replaces IJL) – IJJ
- Student Submission to Surveys – ILD
- Reintegration of Students from Juvenile Correction Facilities – JLDDBG

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ABOVE POLICIES FOR A FIRST READING (TIM HUSSEY), SECONDED BY (JACK REETZ). VOTED 11-0. STUDENT VOTE: 2-0.

C. Maine School Board Association

1. Delegate Assembly - There was a discussion on the four resolutions that will be presented at the MSBA Delegate Assembly during the conference: 4.14 - Tabor II: The Taxpayers Bill of Rights II; 4.15 - Excise Tax Reduction; 4.13 – Teacher Retirement Cost-Shift, and A Resolution to *Provide Equitable Access and Funding to Gifted and Talented Instructional Programs in Maine Schools*. Directors Archer, Smith and Domine did not believe the Excise Tax Reduction Resolution was related to education. Director Spofford explained this resolution would pit important services, such as road repair, against k-12 education. **MOTION: TO ACCEPT ALL FOUR RESOLUTIONS AS ACCEPTED AND VOTED BY THE DELEGATE ASSEMBLY (GAYLE SPOFFORD), SECOND: (JACK REETZ). VOTED: 9-0 (OPPOSED: NORM ARCHER AND BOB DOMINE). STUDENT VOTE: 2-0.**

2. Other - Chairperson King distributed fall conference clinic information to the Board. She explained she is on the Diploma Partnership Program Extension of the Diploma Program Committee, and this committee is discussing one of the biggest challenges is high school diploma reporting. The commissioner would like to move all high schools to standard diplomas.

D. Communication Committee – Director Archer discussed the function of this committee. Director Domine will draft a summary statement of purpose. The committee will meet the third Friday of the month at 12:30 at Duffy’s Restaurant. The committee will report, at the next board meeting, the research they are doing on board policies regarding communications. The committee would like to involve the district parent groups, and the newspapers in their meetings.

E. Facilities Committee – Mr. Barnes reported that eight/nine proposals were submitted for the Facilities Utilization Study project. Superintendent Dolloff crafted a mechanism to score the submitted proposals, and the Facilities Committee reviewed and scored them. The three proposals selected are (in no particular order): Harriman Associates, AECOM, and Portland Design Team. The three companies have been invited to interview with the Facilities Committee on October 27. The Facilities Committee will then make a recommendation to the full board at the November 2 Board Meeting. The interviews will be open to public but the Facilities Committee will be the only participants asking questions.

F. Strategic Planning Update - Director Lowery reported the group reviewed a beginning version of Core Beliefs which will be re-worded by Tim Hussey. Kennebunk resident Henry Bourgeois, executive director of Maine Compact for Higher Education and Kennebunkport resident Gabby Greken, who writes for Teach for America, have shown an interest in joining the group. The committee is looking for help in developing a strategic plan and will hear presentations from Great Schools Partnership with Duke Albanese, and another with Judy Enright from Future Search.

The group met again on October 5 and October 7 to hear the presentations. The committee decided to recommend Duke Albanese from Great Schools Partnership. **MOTION: THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE GREAT SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP TO HELP WITH THE STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR RSU21 (LEIA LOWERY).** There was a discussion on the process, which will take about six months. The cost will be per diem. **SECONDED: (NORM ARCHER). VOTE: 11-0. STUDENT VOTE: 2-0.**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Green Club at Kennebunk High School – **MOTION: TO APPROVE THE GREEN CLUB AT KENNEBUNK HIGH SCHOOL (TIM HUSSEY), SECONDED: (PAM RICHARD-WUERHNER). VOTE: 11-0. STUDENT VOTE: 2-0.**

B. Approval of Nerdfighters Club at Kennebunk High School– **MOTION: TO APPROVE THE NERDFIGHTERS CLUB AT KENNEBUNK HIGH SCHOOL (JOHN SHAROOD), SECONDED: (NORM ARCHER). VOTE: 10-0 (JACK REETZ ABSTAINED). STUDENT VOTE: 2-0.** Director Lowery would like the clubs to update the board in the next couple of months.

IX. UPDATE FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

Chairperson King wanted to congratulate Director Reetz on being seated on the York County Budget Board.

X. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Superintendent Dolloff congratulated the Educational Foundation for their fundraising phone-a-thon last week.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

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: (JIM SMITH), SECONDED: (JACK REETZ). VOTED 11-0. STUDENT VOTE: 2-0.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

NO MOTIONS MADE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. MOTION: TO ADJOURN AT 9:05 P.M. (JIM SMITH), SECONDED: (GAYLE SPOFFORD). VOTE: 11-0. STUDENT VOTE: 2-0.

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