REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 40

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Dr. Thomas Ambrose, Interim Superintendent Tom Gray, Assistant Superintendent Karen Pike, Business Manager TBD, Director of Special Services

Board of Directors Meeting Central Office Thursday, August 7, 2025 7:00 p.m.

Meeting URL: https://www.rsu40.org/live

School Board Members: Naomi Aho, Joshua Blackman, Noah Botley, Richard Butler, Danny Jackson, Randy Kassa, Tim McLaughlin, Rachael Morris, Leah Shipps, Benjamin Stickney, Nichole Taylor, Emily Trask-Eaton, Betsy Vanderploeg, Rachel Wilcox, Melvin Williams, Timothy Wood

Student Representative: Julia Hynd, Cecilia Jane (CJ) Pluecker, Elisah Stanton, (alternate)

Our Vision: Inspire students to achieve life-long success.

Our Mission: Graduate all students with the knowledge, skills and understandings needed for success in the 21st century.

Minutes

I. Call to Order: 7:02

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Declaration of Quorum: 1000 of 1000

C. Note Absences: none

D. Additions/Adjustments to the Agenda: none

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Minutes of July 17, 2025

Motion: Melvin Williams Second: Rachael Morris Vote: 876-0-12 (Joshua Blackman, Rachel Wilcox)

III. Superintendent and/or Chair Reports

- A. Board Chair's Report
- B. Superintendent's Report
- C. Business Manager's Report
- D. Student Representative's Report

IV. Audience with the Public

V. Action Items

A. Approve administrator nominations pursuant to policy GCFB/GCFB-R

1. Danielle Fagonde - Assistant Superintendent

Motion: Leah Shipps Second: Ben Stickney Vote: 890-0-110

(Noah Botley, Rachel Wilcox)

2. Penelope Christ - Director of Special Services

Motion: Noah Botley Second: Ben Stickney Vote: 945-0-55

(Rachel Wilcox)

3. Ashley Bissonnette - Assistant Director of Special Services

Motion: Joshua Blackman SecondMelvin Williams Vote: 945-0-55

(Rachel Wilcox)

4. Tekia Cox - Director of Adult Education

Motion: Melvin Williams Second: Naomi Aho Vote: 1000-0-0

B. Approve teacher nominations pursuant to policy GCFB/GCFB-R

1. Kimberly Purcell - Teacher - Union Elementary School

Motion: Rachel Wilcox Second: Ben Stickney Vote: 1000-0-0

2. Carly Steinbrick - Teacher - Medomak Valley High School

Motion: Tim McLaughlin Second: Melvin Williams Vote: 1000-0-0

3. Beth Zdrojowy - Teacher - Prescott Memorial/Union Elementary Schools

Motion: Noah Botley Second: Rachael Morris Vote: 1000-0-0

C. Approve delegate to the MSBA Annual Delegate Assembly

Motion for Danny Jackson to be the delegate

Motion: Rachel Wilcox Second: Emily Trask-Eaton Vote: 927-0-73

(Danny Jackson)

D. Approve alternate delegate to the MSBA Annual Delegate Assembly

Motion for Noah Botley to be the alternative delegate

Motion: Melvin Williams Second: Rachel Wilcox Vote: 945-0-55

(Noah Botley)

E. Approve to authorize a \$7,028,925 energy conservation project for the school facilities and related lease financing

Motion: Noah Botley Second: Leah Shipps Vote: 1000-0-0

VI. Committee Meetings

A. Finance - August 21st @ 4:30 p.m. - Central Office

B. Facilities - August 21st @ 5:30 p.m. - Central Office

- VII. Board Meeting August 21st @ 7:00 p.m. Central Office
- VIII. Region 8 Meeting August 27th @ 6:00 p.m. Mid-Coast School of Technology
- **IX. Adjourn**: 7:35

All meetings of the Board, except executive sessions, will be open to the public. All actions of the Board will be taken openly. The public and district employees are encouraged to attend Board meetings. A time for comments by visitors at Board meetings will be scheduled on the Board's agenda. Public input is welcomed but the Board Chair may limit discussion.