

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 40

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Board of Directors Meeting Union Elementary School Thursday, August 1, 2024 7:00 p.m.

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

School Board Members: Julia Abernethy, Naomi Aho, Erik Amundsen, Joshua Blackman, Noah Botley, Joseph Henry, Danny Jackson, Randy Kassa, Leah Shipps, Brooke Simmons, Benjamin Stickney, Julie Swindler, Nichole Taylor, Emily Trask-Eaton, Rachel Wilcox, Melvin Williams

Student Representative: Christopher Harris, Julia Hynd, Cecilia Jane (CJ) Pluecker (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: 7:00 p.m.**
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Declaration of Quorum: 958 of 1000
 - C. Note Absences: Joseph Henry
 - D. Additions/Adjustments to the Agenda: None

Motion to extend the audience with the public by six (6) minutes so all speakers signed-up can speak

Motion: Emily Trasks-Eaton Second: Rachel Wilcox Vote: 526-432-0
(Naomi Aho, Joshua Blackman, Noah Botley, Randy Kassa, Brooke Simmons, Nichole Taylor, Melvin Williams)

- II. Consent Agenda - Approve Minutes of July 18, 2024**
Motion: Melvin Williams Second: Randy Kassa Vote: 824-0-124
(Julia Abernethy, Joshua Blackman)

- 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 teacher nominations pursuant to policy GCFB/GCFB-R

- 1. Laetitia Brundage - Teacher - Miller School
- 2. Kayla Donlin - Teacher - Union Elementary School

Motion: Brooke Simmons Second: Naomi Aho Vote: 958-0-0

- B. Approve fall cheering club for Medomak Middle School pursuant to policy JJ

Motion: Brooke Simmons Second: Nichole Taylor Vote: 958-0-0

- C. Rescind action taken on June 6, 2024 to approve the deletion of policy [ACAAA - Transgender and Gender Expansive Students](#)

Motion: Julie Swindler Second: Leah Shipps

Motion to move the question: Melvin Williams Vote: 885-73-0
(Danny Jackson)
Vote: 568-390-0

(Naomi Aho, Joshua Blackman, Noah Botley, Randy Kassa, Nichole Taylor, Melvin Williams)

VI. Committee Meetings

~~A. Finance - August 15th @ 5:30 p.m. - Central Office (meeting canceled)~~

VII. Board Meeting - August 15th @ 7:00 p.m. - Central Office

VIII. Executive Session 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(A) - Discussion of a Personnel Matter

Motion: Melvin Williams Second: Noah Botley Vote: 958-0-0

In: 8:35 p.m. Out: 9:08

Action as a result of executive session: Motion to grant an exception to policy BCC because hiring for this vacancy is in the best interest of RSU 40 and appropriate measures may be taken to avoid a conflict: Julie Swindler

Second: Randy Kassa Vote: 733-128-97
(Melvin Williams, Noah Botley) (Brooke Simmons, Nichole Taylor)

IX. Adjourn: 9:11 p.m.

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