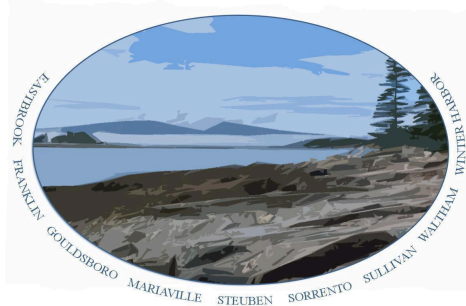


Regional School Unit 24



Regional School Unit 24 Board of Directors Meeting

June 14, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
Sumner Memorial High School

ADA Notice

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Public Participation

The public is invited to comment on any agenda item as it is being considered by the Board. The chair may place time and other restrictions on such participation. The public is asked to contact Superintendent Michael Eastman (422-2017) for consideration of issues not on this agenda.

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Meeting Minutes

Superintendent Michael Eastman

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Board Members

Present		TOWN	NAME	VOTES	% of Votes
Yes	No				
x		Eastbrook	Jennifer Des Jardin	424	5.6%
x		Franklin	Roy Gott	1567	20.7%
x		Gouldsboro	Susan Dickson-Smith	1703	22.5%
	x	Mariaville	Julia Sheehan	472	6.2%x
x		Sorrento	Janet Wilpan	279	3.7%
x		Steuben	Keith Goldfarb	1129	14.9%
x		Sullivan	Andrea St. George Jones	1219	16.1%
	x	Waltham	Mercy Hardison	332	4.4%
x		Winter Harbor	Jeffrey Alley	461	6.1%
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				7,586	100.00%
		Student Reps	Moira Sankey		
			Eliza Schaad		

A. **Call to Order** at 6:31PM

B. **Adjustments to the Agenda**

- # 10 - Policy Committee Update - Second Read and adoption of policies

C. Approval of the May 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the May 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes was made by Member Jeff Alley and seconded by Member Keith Goldfarb.

Votes in Favor: 6782 Opposed: 0 Absent: 804 Abstain: 0

This motion passes

D. Approval of the May 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the May 25th, 2022 Meeting Minutes was made by Member Jeff Alley and seconded by Member Keith Goldfarb.

Votes in Favor: 5215 Opposed: 0 Absent: 804 Abstain: 1567

This motion passes

E. Report from the Board Chair

There was no report from the Board Chair.

F. Report from the Superintendent

Superintendent Eastman expects the results of the referendum to be available tomorrow (6/15). Once those results are available, he will pass the information along to the Board members. It was noted that Franklin had requested more ballots. Mr. Eastman stated how packing up for the new school had started and that there will be "obstacles" in regard to getting everything into the building on time, but was optimistic and looking forward to moving in.

G. Business

1. Employee Recognition

Superintendent Eastman recognized 3 employees in the district by reading a short piece about each of them that had been written by their direct supervisors. The three employees who were recognized at the meeting were Valerie Sprague, Bethany Greenlaw and Alex Forni. Mr. Eastman closed by thanking each of these employees for their dedication to the district.

2. Student Representative Report

Student representative Moira Sankey thanked everyone on the board for making it possible for them to be a part of the meetings and for giving them the opportunity to have students' voices heard. Student representative Eliza Schaad spoke to thank Mrs. Greenlaw for everything she had done. Board members thanked both Moira and Eliza for being a part of these meetings.

3. Ella Lewis Healthy Acadia Grant

Ella Lewis has been awarded a \$1,400 mini grant from Healthy Acadia to purchase winter equipment (e.g., snowshoes, sleds, recess equipment). Permission is requested to accept this grant.

A motion to accept the \$1,400 grant from Healthy Acadia was made by Member Andrea St. George Jones and Seconded by Member Janet Wilpan

Votes in Favor: 6782 Opposed: 0 Absent: 804 Abstain: 0

This motion passes

4. District CNA & Title 1 Funding Update

Mrs. Spulding discussed Title 1 funding explaining that she has submitted the funding application with hopes that the middle school will also be covered under the Title 1 umbrella. Mrs. Spaulding went over the goals for the year and was excited to report that many goals had been met during the year. Title Funds go towards salaries and benefits

for interventionists across schools as well as programs used in schools. These funds have been used to cut down the curriculum budget this year and also to help summer school. Virtual High School will still be offered (Title 4). Member Jeff Alley asked about Virtual High School - do we pay a flat fee upfront or pay by course? Mrs. Spaulding said we pay for 13 seats whether they are used or not however have not been utilized so work is being done to promote the courses offered by the virtual high school.

5. 2022-2023 School Calendar Modification

Mr. Eastman explained that since an agreement with Nickerson & O'Day was signed, it moved the occupancy date up which is the reason for the changes (everything was pushed out a week).

A motion to approve the modified 2022-2023 school calendar was made by Member Keith Goldfarb and seconded by Member Andrea St. George Jones.

Votes in Favor: 6782 Opposed: 0 Absent: 804 Abstain: 0

This motion passes

6. New Teacher Nominations

Mr. Eastman read bios on 6 of the new hires and then asked the Board to approve the new teacher nominees.

- *Kimberly Procko - Interventionist at ELS
- *Matthew Walton - Social Studies Teacher at Sumner Middle School
- *Haley Estabrook - Science Teacher at PNS
- *Lisa Clark - Art Teacher at Sumner Middle/Sumner High School
- *Kitt Rivers - Industrial Arts - Sumner Middle/Sumner High School
- *Danielle Bichard-Ranco - Special Ed Teacher at Sumner Middle School

A motion to approve the new teacher nominations as presented was made by Member Keith Goldfarb and seconded by Member Jeff Alley.

Votes in Favor: 6782 Opposed: 0 Absent: 804 Abstain: 0

This motion passes

Member Jeff Alley questioned what the "emergency certification is". Mr. Eastman explained that it gives employees what he believes to be 3 years to finish all expectations to become fully certified to teach; Mr. Eastman will look into it further to be sure.

7. Temporary Waiver of Policy DN

Mr. Eastman explained that due to the move to the new school, there will be a lot of items that will be sold from the current schools and asked that the Board temporarily waive Policy DN.

A motion to waive Policy DN - School Personal Properties Disposition was made by Member Keith Goldfarb and seconded by Member Janet Wilpan.

Votes in Favor: 6782 Opposed: 0 Absent: 804 Abstain: 0

This motion passes

8. Educational Programming Committee Update

Member Janet Wilpan discussed that the committee had met this evening. Sumner Assistant Principal, Rick Dube spoke on behalf on Chelsea Bull in regard to introducing a Japanese Language course for students to take. There would be no effect on the teaching schedule nor on the budget for that course.

A motion to accept Japanese as a language course was made by Member Keith

Goldfarb and seconded by Member Susan Dickson-Smith.

Votes in Favor: 6782 Opposed: 0 Absent: 804 Abstain: 0

This motion passes

Member Jenn DesJardin asked how much it would cost - Mr. Eastman stated that it was a small amount and he would get the exact amount. Member Andrea St. George Jones raised a question about a French class, Mr. Eastman stated that the desire to have a French course had dwindled, however that there would be French offered next school year. Student Rep Moira Sankey spoke to say that she was one of the last students to take a class in the French program and said that it's a wonderful class and would highly recommend it to students. Student Rep Eliza Schaad also spoke to say that as someone who had taken Chinese as a language for 11 years, she felt that it was great that Japanese would be offered to students at Sumner.

The next topic of discussion was in regard to the change in content of the PIs for science classes. This change will allow for various disciplinary core ideas of scientific practices for the next generation science courses.

A motion that we adopt the new science PIs was made by Member Keith Goldfarb and seconded by Member Susan Dickson-Smith.

Votes in Favor: 6782 Opposed: 0 Absent: 804 Abstain: 0

This motion passes

Member Andrea St. George Jones asked if the change in the science PIs was a result of middle school going to semester class? It was stated that the biggest driving force was to align the 6-12 curriculum and to have the middle school build on curriculum to connect with the high school curriculum.

Items for the next Educational Programming meeting would be reviewing economics textbooks, and further conversation about preschool. The next meeting date is TBA.

9. Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement between RSU 24 and Downeast Support Professionals Association

Mr. Eastman stated there was an Education Technician negotiation meeting held last week that took about 2 hours. He pointed out Article 12 regarding health insurance. Alignment of this health insurance was aligned with the other contracts to help retain employees. There are a lot of "clean up" and grammar edits. Junetienth was added as a recognized holiday as long as school is in session. Leave to care for family members was changed from 40 hours to 120 hours. Mr. Eastman discussed Article 14 - Earned Paid Leave law, the language mirrors what has been used in other contacts. An agreement was made on the rate of pay scale which is competitive to other schools in the county.

A motion to ratify the contract between RSU 24 and Downeast Support Professionals Association was made by Member Jeff Alley and second by Member Keith Goldfarb.

Votes in Favor: 6782 Opposed: 0 Absent: 804 Abstain: 0

This motion passes

10. Policy second read and adoption

- JHB - Truancy
- JKE-R - Expulsion Guidelines

Member Andrea St. George Jones said that there had not been a lot of changes to JHB-Truancy, but ones made mainly to adhere to state laws. There have been no changes since the first read.

There have been no changes to JKE-R since the first read.

A motion to approve Policies JHB - Truancy and Policy JKE-R -Expulsion Guidelines for second read and adoption was made by Member Keith Goldfarb and seconded by Member Jeff Alley.

Votes in Favor: 6782 Opposed: 0 Absent: 804 Abstain: 0

This motion passes

H. Public Comment

Elizabeth Moriarty - Sorrento: Spoke regarding SMHS's mission statement as listed on the schools website. Her concern is in regard to preparing students for higher education and our school coming in low in both state and nationwide in ranks. Ms. Moriarty read off statistics on how SMHS fits in amongst other schools in the state. Ms. Moriarty claimed that SMHS was in the bottom 50% of the schools in the state and would like to see SMHS succeed as we move into the new building.

I. Board Review of Meeting

Member Andrea St. George Jones thanked our student reps especially regarding their work on the dress code that had been done earlier in the year.

Member Janet Wilpan stated that she enjoyed hearing the employee recognition at meetings and also thanked both student representatives for sharing their voice with us. She thanked Jessica Spaulding for her work. She also expressed her excitement about the new Japanese course as well as the change in the science curriculum.

Member Keith Goldfarb thanked all of the staff for their work this year and hopes they have a restful summer. He echoed a "thank you" to Jessica Spaulding stating that he had heard great things about her at the Ella Lewis school this year.

Member Jeff Alley wanted to recognize the Summer Softball team and their great year as well as the Sumner track team, saying that they had done an outstanding job. Lastly, he acknowledged the last graduation ceremony at the current SMHS building and went on to thank Sumner Principal JT Green, Assistant Principal Rick Dube and all of the custodial staff. In closing, he wanted to acknowledge the speech made by Sumner Alumni Eric Herlan saying that he enjoyed it.

J. Future Meetings

June 21, 5:30 p.m. - Facilities and Transportation Committee at DSF

July 12, 6:30 p.m. - RSU Board of Directors Organizational Meeting

K. Executive Session, pursuant to MRSA, Title 1, Section 405 (6)(A), for the purpose of conducting the annual evaluation of the Superintendent.

A motion to enter into Executive Session, pursuant to MRSA, Title 1, Section 405 (6)(A), for the purpose of conducting the annual evaluation of the Superintendent at 7:26pm was made by Member Jeff Alley and seconded by Member Andrea St. George Jones.

Votes in Favor: 6782 Opposed: 0 Absent: 804 Abstain: 0

This motion passes

Out of executive session at 8:20pm

A motion to give a \$500 scholarship to each student representative was made by Member Keith Goldfarb and seconded by Member Jennifer DesJardin.

Votes in Favor: 6782 Opposed: 0 Absent: 804 Abstain: 0

This motion passes

L. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm was made by Member Keith Goldfarb and seconded by Member Jennifer DesJardin.

Votes in Favor: 6782 Opposed: 0 Absent: 804 Abstain: 0

This motion passes