REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 40

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Steve Nolan, Superintendent Tom Gray, Assistant Superintendent Karen Pike, Business Manager Karen Brackett, Director of Special Services

Board of Directors Meeting Central Office Thursday, April 17, 2025 7:00 p.m.

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

School Board Members: Naomi Aho, Erik Amundsen, Joshua Blackman, Noah Botley, Danny Jackson, Randy Kassa, Tim McLaughlin, Rachael Morris, 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 Ouorum: 927 of 1000
 - C. Note Absences: Melvin Williams
 - D. Additions/Adjustments to the Agenda: None
- II. Consent Agenda Approve Minutes of April 3, 2025

Motion: Noah Botley Second: Tim McLaughlin Vote: 872-0-55

(Nichole Taylor)

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. Reports from Administrators
- V. Audience with the Public

VI. Executive Session 1 M.R.S §405(6)(D) - Negotiations with Administrator Group

Motion: Brooke Simmons Second: Julie Swindler Vote: 927-0-0

In: 7:13 Out: 7:31

Action as a result of executive session: Motion to approve the collective bargaining agreement for the administrator group beginning July 2025 through June 2028: Julie Swindler

Second: Rachel Wilcox

Vote: 927-0-0

VII. Action Items

A. Approve a teacher nomination pursuant to policy GCFB/GCFB-R

1. Amanda Little - Teacher - Friendship Village School

Motion: Julie Swindler Second: Tim MacLaughlin Vote: 927-0-0

- B. Approve policles for $1^{\rm st}$ reading as recommended by the Policy Committee and pursuant to policy BG
 - 1. AC Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action
 - 2. ACAA Harassment of Students
 - 3. ACAA-R Student Discrimination/Harassment and Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure
 - 4. ACAB Harassment of Employees
 - 5. ACAB-R Employee Discrimination/Harassment and Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures

Motion to approve items 1-5: Ben Stickney

Second: Erik Amundsen Vote: 412-363-152 (Joshua Blackman, Noah Botley, Randy Kassa, Tim McLaughlin, Leah Shipps, Rachel Wilcox) (Rachael Morris, Brooke Simmons, Nichole Taylor)

6. III - Selection of Educational Materials

Motion to approve: Ben Stickney Second: Leah Shipps Motion Withdrawn Motion to table and return to the policy committee: Ben Stickney

Second: Randy Kassa Vote: 872-0-55 (Nichole Taylor)

7. IJJ-E - Citizen's Challenge of Educational Media Form

Motion to table and return to the policy committee: Ben Stickney

Second: Rachel Wilcox Vote: 872-0-55 (Nichole Taylor)

8. JJE - Student Fundraising Activities

Motion to approve: Ben Stickney Second: Noah Botley Vote: 872-0-55

(Nichole Taylor)

9. KE - Public Concerns and Complaints

Motion to approve: Ben Stickney Second: Rachel Wilcox Vote: 830-0-97

(Brooke Simmons, Nichole Taylor)

C. Approve FY '26 proposed budget

Motion to approve the FY'26 proposed budget for the amount approved by the Budget Committee of \$40,815,359: Julie Swindler

Second: Noah Botley Vote: 816-111-0

(Naomi Aho, Tim MacLaughlin)

Motion to create reserve funds for Improvement of Instruction for \$750,000, Special Education local entitlement for \$650,000, and Food Service for \$500,000: Julie Swindler Second: Noah Botley Vote: 785-73-69 (Joshua Blackman)(Leah Shipps)

VIII. Committee Meetings

A. Policy - May 1st @ 5:30 p.m. - Central Office

- **IX. Board Meeting** May 1st @ 7:00 p.m. Central Office
- X. Region 8 Meeting April 30th @ 6:00 p.m. Mid-Coast School of Technology
- **XI. Adjourn:** 8:24 p.m.

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