



**Regional School Unit 24 Board of Directors Meeting
Special Session**

Tuesday, April 28, 2009, 6:30 p.m.
Mountain View Elementary School

MINUTES

Board Member Attendance

Present		Name	Town	Weighted Votes	Voting %
Yes	No				
√		Julie Curtis	Eastbrook	364	1.88%
	√	Alice Dow	Ellsworth	2358	12.21%
√		Richard Gray	Ellsworth	2358	12.21%
√		Leigh Guildford	Ellsworth	2358	12.21%
√		Jennifer Shorey	Franklin	1447	7.49%
√		Annie Perry	Gouldsboro	2027	10.49%
√		Richard Malaby	Hancock	2293	11.87%
√		Jonathan Morren	Lamoine	1682	8.71%
√		Randy Bragg	Mariaville	511	2.65%
√		Janet Wilpan	Sorrento	277	1.43%
√		Geoff Zentz	Steuben	1122	5.81%
√		Michael Pinkham	Sullivan	1250	6.47%
√		James Buteau	Waltham	293	1.52%
√		Jeffrey Alley	Winter Harbor	975	5.05%
Totals				16,957	100%

- A. Presentation by Hosting School – Mountain View Elementary
Principal Bill Dove presented Board Members with a guided tour of the facility.
- B. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by board chair Michael Pinkham at 6:53 p.m.
- C. Adjustment(s) to Agenda
Superintendent’s nomination of Christine Roy as EHS Art Teacher added to Meeting Business, Item E 1.
Addition of Item E.2- Motion for RSU 24 to join the MSMA Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund.
Correction to April 14 minutes- Item H. 8, *Possible action regarding an agreement with Otis school Committee*, should reflect one negative vote, Alice Dow, making the final tally: (16, 957 Yes), (2,358 No)

D. Approval of April 14, 2009 minutes

The motion to approve the April 14, 2009, minutes as written/corrected and presented was made by Member Jeffrey Alley and seconded by Member Randy Bragg.

Vote: 13 Yes (16,957)

0 No

1 Absent (2358)

E. Meeting Business

1. Nomination of Ms. Christine Roy as new EHS Art Teacher.

EHS Principal Bill Connors introduced Ms. Roy to the Board. Ms. Roy elaborated on her experience, fielding questions from the Board. **The motion to accept Superintendent Bill Webster's nomination of Ms. Roy as the new EHS Art Teacher, effective with the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year, first year probationary contract, was made by Member Jeffrey Alley and seconded by Member Jon Morren.**

Vote: 13 Yes (16,957)

0 No

1 Absent (2358)

2. Proposed motion for RSU 24 to join the Maine School Management Association Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund.

The motion for the following was made by Member Jeffrey Alley and seconded by Member Julie Curtis:

“To authorize the Regional School Unit 24 to enter into a trust agreement, between the Maine School Management Association Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund and Regional School Unit 24, effective July 1, 2009, and to make contributions to the Trust Fund on behalf of employees. Further move that our school unit meet its’ obligation to provide unemployment compensation on its employees, through reimbursing method, by participating in the Maine School Management Association Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund, and further move that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to create a new account with Maine School Management Association Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund. The Superintendent is further authorized to enter into an agreement to administer our unemployment compensation program with Maine School Management Association on behalf of Regional School Unit 24.”

Vote: 13 Yes (16,957)

0 No

1 Absent (2358)

3. Report from the Policy Committee and first reading of Policy *JFBB-T – Internal School Choice Policy K-12* (attached).

After much discussion, the motion to accept *Policy JFBB-T- Internal School Choice Policy K-12* in first read format was made by Member Dick Gray and seconded by Member Jeffrey Alley.

Vote: 13 Yes (16, 957)

0 No

1 Absent (2358)

- 4. Input for Finance Committee regarding soliciting bids now for audit beginning 2009-10.
 In an effort to better prepare for a 2010 audit, a bid now is suggested. No objection was raised.

- 5. Presentation on Ellsworth experience regarding early release on Fridays and possible action regarding 2009-2010 school calendar (attached).
 CCK Prinicipal Amy Peterson-Roper, EHS Assistant Principal Amy Boles and EHS Principal William Connors presented information regarding Professional Learning Communities (PLC) and the PLC experience in the Ellsworth School system over the past year. **The draft of RSU 24 2009-2010 was presented for approval and, after much discussion, the motion to approve the 2009-2010 RSU24 School Calendar as presented and written, was made by Member Dick Gray and seconded by Member Leigh Guildford.**

Vote: 7 Yes (10,022)
6 No (6,935)
1 Absent (2358)

Name	Votes	In Favor	Opposed
Julie Curtis	364		√
Alice Dow	2358	ABSENT	
Richard Gray	2358	√	
Leigh Guildford	2358	√	
Jennifer Shorey	1447		√
Annie Perry	2027		√
Richard Malaby	2293		√
Jonathan Morren	1682	√	
Randy Bragg	511		√
Janet Wilpan	277	√	
Geoff Zentz	1122	√	
Michael Pinkham	1250	√	
James Buteau	293		√
Jeffrey Alley	975	√	
	19,315	10,022	6,935

- 6. Possible action regarding central office lease space.
 Superintendent Bill Webster presented the Board of Directors with options available for Central Office space. **With consideration of the possible repeal of the school consolidation and also in an effort to further investigate best case scenarios for the Central Office location, the motion was made by Member Jeffrey Alley and seconded by Member Jennifer Shorey, to authorize Superintendent Bill Webster to negotiate a one-year lease with the Mill Mall for no more than \$7 per foot.**

Vote: 13 Yes (16,957)
0 No
1 Absent (2358)

- 7. Nomination by Superintendent of probationary teachers
The motion to nominate RSU24 Probationary Teachers as presented and written, was made by Member Jeffrey Alley and seconded by Member Annie

Perry. **Vote: 13 Yes (16,957)**
0 No
1 Absent (2358)

- 8. Possible Executive Session I called, pursuant to Title 1, Section 405(6)(C) of the Maine Revised Statutes, for the purpose of discussing school leadership at the Cave Hill School.

The Board of Directors chose not to enter Executive Session and proceeded to agenda item E.9.

- 9. Possible nomination of school leadership at the Cave Hill School.

The motion to nominate Cathy Lewis to be interim principal of the Cave Hill School for the year beginning July 1, 2009, at the rate of \$350 per day, and to nominate Brenda Jordan to be interim assistant principal beginning November 1, 2009, at the rate of \$250 day, all to be accomplished within the 2009-2010 budget to be approved for the school was made by Member Jeffrey Alley and seconded by Member Julie Curtis .

Vote: 13 Yes (16,957)
0 No
1 Absent (2358)

- F. Other reports from and charges to Board Committees or associated committees
Minutes from the following committees were presented: Finance/Budget, Personnel and Policy.

- G. Next Meeting: May 5, 2009, Committee meetings, Union 92 Central Office, 6:30 p.m, beginning with all Board members participating in Finance Committee meeting.

Next Board Meeting: [Monday](#), May 18, 2009

Possible agenda items: Second reading of School Choice Policy, Insurance Bid approval, Budget approval

- H. Board Member Comments/Review Meeting

Member Rich Malaby- prefers not to vote on agenda item being viewed for the first time

Annie Perry- “ “

Julie Curtis- “ “

- I. **The motion to adjourn at 8:58 p.m. was made by Member Jeffrey Alley and seconded by Member Rich Malaby.**

Vote: 13 Yes (16,957)
0 No
1 Absent (2358)