



Regional School Unit 24 Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, October 27, 2009, 6:30 p.m.
 Sumner Memorial High School Cafeteria
 2456 US Hwy.1, Sullivan

MINUTES

Board Members

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				19,315	100%
				18,745	97.5%

- A. The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Board Chair Michael Pinkham.
- B. Adjustments to Agenda*
 - Item 12: Change to Discussion on role of Student Representatives
 - Addition of Item 13- Executive Session to discuss Board duties and relationships
- C. **The motion to approve the minutes of September 22 and October 6 meetings was made by Member Jeffrey Alley and seconded by Member Jon Moren.**
Vote: 11 Yes 0 No 2 Abstentions (J. Shorey/M. Pinkham) 2 Absent Total Votes:16,048
- D. No report was given by the Board Chair.
- E. The Superintendent's Report included an H1N1 update Assistant Superintendent Katrina Kane, highlights of the MSMA Conference, meeting with Commissioner Gendron, and audio-visual grants received by EHS, SMHS, HCTC and EEMS.
- F. Reviews of Administrative Reports.

G. Meeting Business

1. Presentation – NEASC Accreditation Presentation- Michael Eastman, Chris Sandburg and Andie Jones
2. **The motion to accept Travel Request #1- Presented by Kathleen Toole, Overnight-In State, Peer Leadership Conference/Anti-Tobacco Summit, November 9-11, in Augusta, was made by Member Jeffrey Alley and seconded by Member Julie Curtis.**
Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 2 Absent Total Votes: 18,745
3. **The motion to accept Travel Request #2- Presented by Amy Boles, Overnight-In State, SkillsUSA Leadership Conference, November 1-2, in Augusta, was made by Member Alice Dow and seconded by Member Jeffrey Alley.**
Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 2 Absent Total Votes: 18,745
4. **The motion to approve the nominations Board Representatives- Alice Dow, Dick Gray and Annie Perry, and Parent Representatives- Dottie Vashon and Wendilee O'Brien, to serve on the Drop-out Prevention Committee was made by Jon Morren and seconded by Jeffrey Alley.**
Vote: 11 Yes 0 No 2 Absent Total Votes: 18,745
5. **The motion to approve the nomination of Dick Gray to serve as Board Representative on the Hancock County Technical Center Advisory Committee was made by Member Jeffrey Alley and seconded by Member Jennifer Shorey.**
Vote: 11 Yes 0 No 1 Abstention (D. Gray) 2 Absent Total Votes: 16,387
6. **The motion to accept the proposal by the firm of Horton, McFarland and Veysey to provide audit/consulting services for three years at a fee of \$19,500 for 2009-2010, with maximum increases of 2.5% for the second and third years, was made by Member Alice Dow and seconded by Member Jeffrey Alley.**
Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 2 Absent Total Votes: 18,745
7. **The motion to approve the Board going “on record” with the following statements regarding Ellsworth Railroad crossings involving Downeast Scenic Rail was made by Member Jeffrey Alley and seconded by Member Geoff Zentz:**
 - a. **The use of a 3-mile stretch that goes no where should not constitute a rail-line activation. The deed covenants should only be activated in the event of a true rail revival with passenger or freight service between, at least, Ellsworth and Brewer.**
 - b. **The cost of all Ellsworth railroad crossings should be borne by Downeast Scenic Rail.**

Vote: 11 Yes 0 No 1 Abstention (L. Guildford) Total Votes: 16,387

- 8. Update on proposed lease and bond-funding for the Ellsworth Elementary-Middle School. Superintendent will have draft lease available for Board review at the November 17 Monthly Meeting.
- 9. October Enrollment Report reviewed.
- 10. Discussion of the future of the Beech Hill School and RSU24’s responsibilities. No recommendations given.
- 11. The motion to adopt the following policies was made by Member Geoff Zentz and seconded by Member Alice Dow:**

- BDA- Board of Directors Organizational Meeting**
- GCAAB- School Physician**
- IHAI-E – Live/Outside Work Project Request Form**
- IJJ-E –Challenge of Instructional Materials Form**
- ILD- Student Surveys, Analyses, Testing or Evaluations**
- IMBB – Exemption from Required Instruction**
- JICA – Student Dress Code**
- JKD – Suspension and Readmission of Students**

Vote: 11 Yes 1 No (D. Gray- JICA: Student Dress Code) 2 Absent
Total Votes: 16,387

- 12. Discussion on role of student representatives included the recommendation that a first-read policy be created involving voting weights, etc., for future adoption by the RSU24 Board of Directors.
- 13. Pursuant to MRSA Title 1, Section 405(6)(A), an Executive Session was called for the purpose of discussing Board duties and relationships. The motion to enter was made by Member Jeffrey Alley and seconded by Member Rich Malaby.**
Time In: 8:29 p.m. Time Out: 10:03 p.m.
Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 2 Absent Total Votes: 18,745

H. Next Meeting: November 3, 6:30 p.m., RSU-24 Special Board Meeting (if needed) and, Committee meetings at Ellsworth Elementary-Middle School.
 Note: This is election night, but early Board discussions favored continuing our regular schedule.

I. No Board Member Comments/Reviews of meeting were made.

J. The motion to adjourn at 10:04 p.m. was made by Member Annie Perry and seconded by Member Julie Curtis.
Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 2 Absent Total Votes: 18,745

Respectfully submitted,

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