



Regional School Unit 24 Board of Directors Meeting
 Tuesday, April 5, 2011, 6:30 p.m.
 Ellsworth High School
 Cafeteria

MINUTES

Superintendent S. Wayne Enman
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Board Members

Present		Name	Town	Weighted Votes	Voting %
Yes	No				
✓		Julie Curtis	Eastbrook	364	1.88%
✓		Michelle Dewitt	Ellsworth	2358	12.21%
✓		Richard Gray	Ellsworth	2358	12.21%
✓		Harold "Tug" White	Ellsworth	2358	12.21%
	✓	Jennifer Shorey	Franklin	1447	7.49%
✓		Annie Perry	Gouldsboro	2027	10.49%
✓		Michael Bierman	Hancock	2293	11.87%
✓		Brett Jones	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%
				17,357	89.86%

Student Representatives School

✓	Elizabeth Webster*	EHS
✓	Katie Whitney	EHS

A. The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m. by Board Chair Michael Pinkham

B. Adjustments to Agenda

- a. Addition of agenda item F.2 – Consideration of approval Snow Day make-up plan
All other agenda items move down numerically accordingly
- b. Addition of agenda item F.1.c- Consideration of approval Travel Request- Marie Bertothy, BHS 8th grade trip, Boston, May 25-28
- c. Move Original Agenda Item F.8 (EHS & SIG Grant) up to position F. 2
All other agenda items move down numerically accordingly
- d. Move Original Agenda Item F. 7 (Admin. Contracts) down to Item F.10 and change the language to read "Report from Personnel Committee"
- e. Removal of Agenda Item F. 9- Report from Policy Committee and Policy JJIE

C. The motion to approve the minutes of the March 15 Board meeting as written was made by Member Jeffrey Alley and seconded by Member Michelle Dewitt.

**Vote: Yes: 12 No: 0 Absent: 2 (JS, RB) Abstain: 1 (HW) Student: Yes
Total Votes in Favor: 14,999 Votes Opposed: 0 Votes Abstaining: 2,358**

D. No report given from the Board Chair

E. Report given from the Superintendent which included a discussion regarding the PreK program, the EHS Show Choir winnings, budget information sessions and the following:

a. **Resignations**

1. Mike Hammer, Principal, Hancock Grammar School, effective 6/30/11

b. **New Hires**

1. Elizabeth B. Beardsley, Adult Ed. Instructor

2. Susan M. Campbell, School Secretary, Beech Hill School

3. Harold "Tug" White, New Ellsworth Representative, RSU24 Board of Directors

F. Business

1. Travel Request-

a. **The motion to approve the travel request of Paul Kerwuck/Michele Wilson, HGS, 8th Grade Trip, May 27-29, to Montreal, Canada, was made by Member Geoff Zentz and seconded by Member Annie Perry.**

**Vote: Yes: 12 No: 0 Absent: 2 (JS, RB) Abstain: 0 Student: Yes
Total Votes in Favor: 17,357 Votes Opposed: 0**

b. **The motion to approve the travel request of Amy Boles, HCTC, SkillsUSA National Competition, June 19-25, to Kansas City, pending adequate fund-raising, was made by Member Dick Gray and seconded by Member Julie Curtis.**

**Vote: Yes: 12 No: 0 Absent: 2 (JS, RB) Abstain: 0 Student: Yes
Total Votes in Favor: 17,357 Votes Opposed: 0**

c. **The motion to approve the travel request of Marie Bertothy, BHS, 8th Grade Trip,**

May 25-28, to Boston, was made by Member Jeffrey Alley and seconded by Member Julie Curtis.

**Vote: Yes: 12 No: 0 Absent: 2 (JS, RB) Abstain: 0 Student: Yes
Total Votes in Favor: 17,357 Votes Opposed: 0**

2. Presentation by Katrina Kane, Assistant Superintendent, followed by the motion to apply for and adopt the Transformation Model of the School Improvement Grant for Ellsworth High School, which was made by Member Annie Perry and seconded by Member Jeffrey Alley.

Voting as follows:

Name	Votes	In Favor	Opposed	Abstain
Julie Curtis	364	✓		
Michelle Dewitt	2358		✓	
Richard Gray	2358	✓		
Harold White	2358	✓		
Jennifer Shorey	1447	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
Annie Perry	2027	✓		
Mike Bierman	2293		✓	
Brett Jones	1682		✓	
Randy Bragg	511	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
Janet Wilpan	277	✓		
Geoff Zentz	1122	✓		
Michael Pinkham	1250	✓		
James Buteau	293	✓		

Jeffrey Alley	975	✓		
Total Votes	17,357	11,024	6,333	
EHS Std. Rep			✓	
<i>This motion passes</i>				

3. **The motion to approve the Snow Day Make-Up Calendar, allowing Superintendent to work out details with DEEA, was made by Member Dick Gray and seconded by Member Jeffrey Alley.**
Vote: Yes: 12 No: 0 Absent: 2 (JS, RB) Abstain: 0 Student: Yes
Total Votes in Favor: 17,357 Votes Opposed: 0

4. **The motion to approve a new Assistant Track Coach position at SMHS for a stipend of \$1500 was made by Dick Gray and seconded by Annie Perry.**
Vote: Yes: 12 No: 0 Absent: 2 (JS, RB) Abstain: 0 Student: NA
Total Votes in Favor: 17,357 Votes Opposed: 0

5. **The motion to approve the following:** “That under and pursuant to the provisions of the laws of the State of Maine, Regional School Unit 25 (the “Unit), be authorized to apply for a Federal Distance Learning and Telemedicine grant or grants administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (“Department”) or its affiliates to implement distance learning programs and be authorized in the name and on behalf of the Unit to execute and deliver all documentation, requisitions and certifications required by the Department or its affiliates to complete the application forms and to fund such grant or grants, including Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Agreements (“Agreements”), in such form as the Superintendent of the Unit may approve and to take such other lawful actions as said Superintendent deems advisable for such grant or grants to be awarded to the Unit and properly administered in accordance with the Agreements.”, **was made by Member Julie Curtis and seconded by Member Annie Perry.**
Vote: Yes: 12 No: 0 Absent: 2 (JS, RB) Abstain: 0 Student: NA
Total Votes in Favor: 17,357 Votes Opposed: 0

6. **The motion to approve the SMHS delay of self-study process for NEASC (accreditation) was made by Member Julie Curtis and seconded by Member Jeffrey Alley.**
Vote: Yes: 12 No: 0 Absent: 2 (JS, RB) Abstain: 0 Student: NA
Total Votes in Favor: 17,357 Votes Opposed: 0

7. After further review, the following motions and amendments were enacted regarding the status of the students and Education Plan of the Beech Hill School for the 2011-2012 school year:
 - a. **A motion to amend and correct the minutes of the March 15 RSUB meeting to include in Agenda Item F.6 the wording “Table the decision to extend school choice to Mariaville parents at a cap of a \$7,006 tuition per student annually”, was made by Member Jeffrey Alley and seconded by Member Annie Perry.**
Vote: Yes: 12 No: 0 Absent: 2 (JS, RB) Abstain: 0 Student: NA
Total Votes in Favor: 17,357 Votes Opposed: 0

 - b. **A motion to refer back to the approved motion of October 5, 2010, which reads: “Move to record the intent of the RSUB to move all K-8 Mariaville students to one or more other RSU24 schools beginning with the 2011-2012 school year and to request the superintendent present to the Board by November 2010 a draft plan to accommodate the transfers for the 2011-2012 school year” and to authorize the Superintendent to continue to pursue Option 1 of the Otis/Mariaville Plans as presented, was made by member Dick Gray and seconded by Member Julie Curtis.**

- c. A motion to amend the previous motion to read, “ Amend to remove Dick Gray’s Motion and to allow Mariaville residents to choose another RSU school or the Beech Hill School”, was made by Member Brett Jones and seconded by Member Geoff Zentz.

Voting as follows:

Name	Votes	In Favor	Opposed	Abstain
Julie Curtis	364		✓	
Michelle Dewitt	2358	✓		
Richard Gray	2358		✓	
Harold White	2358	✓		
Jennifer Shorey	1447	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
Annie Perry	2027	✓		
Mike Bierman	2293	✓		
Brett Jones	1682	✓		
Randy Bragg	511	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
Janet Wilpan	277	✓		
Geoff Zentz	1122	✓		
Michael Pinkham	1250		✓	
James Buteau	293	✓		
Jeffrey Alley	975	✓		
Total Votes	17,357	13,385	3,972	
EHS Std. Rep		NA	NA	
<i>The motion to amend passes</i>				

- d. A motion to amend the previous motion to include a tuition cap of \$6,802, was made by Member Jeffrey Alley and seconded by Member Brett Jones.

Voting as follows:

Name	Votes	In Favor	Opposed	Abstain
Julie Curtis	364		✓	
Michelle Dewitt	2358	✓		
Richard Gray	2358		✓	
Harold White	2358	✓		
Jennifer Shorey	1447	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
Annie Perry	2027	✓		
Mike Bierman	2293	✓		
Brett Jones	1682	✓		
Randy Bragg	511	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
Janet Wilpan	277	✓		
Geoff Zentz	1122	✓		
Michael Pinkham	1250	✓		
James Buteau	293	✓		
Jeffrey Alley	975	✓		
Total Votes	17,357	14,635	2,722	
EHS Std. Rep		NA	NA	
<i>The motion to amend passes</i>				

- e. **The final motion to read, “Allow Mariaville residents to choose another RSU school or Beech Hill School at a tuition cap of \$6,802”, was made by Member Jeffrey Alley and seconded by Member Brett Jones.**

Voting as follows:

Name	Votes	In Favor	Opposed	Abstain
Julie Curtis	364		✓	
Michelle Dewitt	2358	✓		
Richard Gray	2358		✓	
Harold White	2358	✓		
Jennifer Shorey	1447	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
Annie Perry	2027	✓		
Mike Bierman	2293	✓		
Brett Jones	1682	✓		
Randy Bragg	511	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
Janet Wilpan	277	✓		
Geoff Zentz	1122	✓		
Michael Pinkham	1250		✓	
James Buteau	293	✓		
Jeffrey Alley	975	✓		
Total Votes	17,357	13,385	3,972	
EHS Std. Rep		NA	NA	
<i>This motion passes</i>				

- 8. Report given from the Finance/Budget Committee, followed by the following motion:
A motion to recommend that by December 31, 2011, a five-year plan will be Proposed that will consider the restructuring of the district, including buildings, programs, services and the way all activities are conducted was made by Member Michelle Dewitt and seconded by Member Annie Perry.
Vote: Yes: 10 No: 1 (JA) Absent: 2 (JS, RB) Abstain: 1 (MB)
Total Votes in Favor: 14,089 Votes Opposed: 975 Votes Abstaining: 2293

- 9. Report given from the Personnel Committee, followed by the following motions:
 - a. **The motion to extend the following Administrator contracts by one year:**
 Darlene Falabella, Michael Eastman, Jim Newett, Amy Boles, Amy Peterson-Roper, Brenda Jordan, Ann McCann, Jill Cohen, Renee Thompson
was made by Member Jeffrey Alley and seconded by Member Annie Perry
Vote: Yes: 12 No: 0 Absent: 2 (JS, RB) Abstain: 0 Student: NA
Total Votes in Favor: 17,357 Votes Opposed: 0
 - b. **The motion to approve a new grant-funded position of Secondary Instructional Leader was made by Member Jeffrey Alley and seconded by Member Annie Perry.**
Vote: Yes: 12 No: 0 Absent: 2 (JS, RB) Abstain: 0 Student: NA
Total Votes in Favor: 17,357 Votes Opposed: 0

- 10. **The motion to enter into Executive Session A, pursuant to MRSA Title 1, Section 405 (6)(A), for the purpose of Personnel issue, was made by Member Annie Perry and seconded by Member Jeffrey Alley.**
Vote: Yes: 12 No: 0 Absent: 2 (JS, RB) Abstain: 0 Student: NA
Total Votes in Favor: 17,357 Votes Opposed: 0
Time In: 9:53 p.m. Time Out: 10:12 p.m.

- 12. No action taken regarding Executive Session A

13. **The motion to enter into Executive Session B, pursuant to MRSA Title 1, Section 405 (6)(A), for the purpose of Personnel issue, was made by Member Jeffrey Alley and seconded by Member Annie Perry.**

Vote: Yes: 12 No: 0 Absent: 2 (JS, RB) Abstain: 0 Student: NA

Total Votes in Favor: 17,357 Votes Opposed: 0

Time In: 10:13 p.m. Time Out: 10:26 p.m.

14. No action taken regarding Executive Session B

15. **The motion to enter into Executive Session C, pursuant to MRSA Title 1, Section 405 (6)(A), for the purpose of discussing negotiations (Bus Driver, Custodial, and Teacher) was made by Member Annie Perry and seconded by Member Julie Curtis.**

Vote: Yes: 12 No: 0 Absent: 2 (JS, RB) Abstain: 0 Student: NA

Total Votes in Favor: 17,357 Votes Opposed: 0

Time In: 10:27 p.m. Time Out: 10:46 p.m.

16. No action taken regarding Executive Session C

H. Board Member Review of Meeting

- I. **The motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 p.m. was made by Member Jeffrey Alley and seconded by Member Annie Perry.**

Vote: Yes: 12 No: 0 Absent: 2 (JS, RB) Abstain: 0 Student: NA

Total Votes in Favor: 17,357 Votes Opposed: 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Nelia A. Lake,
Administrative Assistant to the
Superintendent of Schools