



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

Tuesday, January 25, 2011, 6:30 p.m.

Ellsworth High School Cafeteria

299 State Street, Ellsworth

**MINUTES**

**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%
✓		Leigh Guildford	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%
6:51		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%
				18,047	93.43%

No Student Representatives were present

- A. The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Board Chair Michael Pinkham.
- B. Adjustments to Agenda
  - Removal of Agenda Item F.3- Approval of EHS Survey
  - Addition of Agenda Item F.9- Executive Session A- pursuant to MRSA Title 1, Section 405 (6)(E), for the purpose of discussing negotiations
  - Addition of Agenda Item F.10- Action(s) regarding Executive Session A
  - Remaining agenda items move down numerically
- C. **The motion to approve the minutes from the January 4 RSU Board Meeting as written and presented was made by Member Annie Perry and seconded by Member Geoff Zentz.**  
**Vote: Yes 11 No: 0 Absent: 3 (RB,JB,JA) Student: No students**  
**Total Votes in Favor: 17,536 Votes Opposed: 0 Votes Abstaining: 0**
- D. Report given by the Board Chair

E. Report given from the Superintendent that included new hires and resignations, Cave Hill School update, heating issues, audit concerns, and EHS accreditation

F. Business

1. Public Comment: *“What would you like to see in a Superintendent?”*  
**In: 6:57                      Out: 7:04**  
 The following ideas and comments were shared:  
 Need experience in a large district  
 Strong educational background  
 Diversity of educational experience  
 Commitment to stay the course  
 There cannot be any invisible kids  
 Conscience of drop-out issue  
 Must have vested interest in community  
 Must have kids best interest first
  
2. **The motion to approve the travel request from Todd Emerson, SMHS, to go to Washington, D.C., March 25-31, 2011, was made by Member Annie Perry and seconded by Member Jennifer Shorey.**  
**Vote: Yes 12   No: 0   Absent: 2 (JB,JA)   Student: No students**  
**Total Votes in Favor: 18,047   Votes Opposed: 0   Votes Abstaining: 0**
  
3. **The motion to approve Form I (agreement on appropriate bargaining unit) for RSU24 Bus Drivers was made by Member Annie Perry and seconded by Member Geoff Zentz.**  
**Vote: Yes 12   No: 0   Absent: 2 (JB,JA)   Student: No students**  
**Total Votes in Favor: 18,047   Votes Opposed: 0   Votes Abstaining: 0**
  
4. Update given on Beech Hill School issues to include the scheduling of a special executive session at the February 15 Board meeting to review options
  
5. Report given from the Facilities/Transportation Committee
  
6. Report given from the Finance/Budget Committee
  
7. **Executive Session B, pursuant to MRSA Title 1, Section 405 (6)(A), for the purpose of discussing superintendent search process was made by Member Annie Perry and seconded by Member Jennifer Shorey.**  
**Time In: 7:29 p.m.      Time Out: 8:58 p.m**
  
8. **The motion to approve the following people as members of the Superintendent Search Committee was made by Member Annie Perry and seconded by Member Brett Jones: Michael Pinkham, Michelle Dewitt, Dick Gray, Annie Perry, Geoff Zentz, Mike Bierman, Janet Wilpan, Brett Jones, Katrina Kane, Brenda Jordan...plus one teacher to be chosen by the DownEast Educators Association and a high school principal to be elected by the Administrative Team.**  
**Vote: Yes 12   No: 0   Absent: 2 (JB,JA)   Student: No students**  
**Total Votes in Favor: 18,047   Votes Opposed: 0   Votes Abstaining: 0**

- 9. The motion to enter into Executive Session A- pursuant to MRSA Title 1, Section 405 (6)(E), for the purpose of discussing negotiations, was made by Member Annie Perry and seconded by Member Geoff Zentz.**

**Time In: 9:01 p.m. Time Out: 9:25 p.m.**

**Vote: Yes 12 No: 0 Absent: 2 (JB,JA) Student: No students**

**Total Votes in Favor: 18,047 Votes Opposed: 0 Votes Abstaining: 0**

**No action taken**

- 10. The motion to adjourn at 9:26 p.m. was made by member Annie Perry and seconded by Member Dick Gray.**

**Vote: Yes 12 No: 0 Absent: 2 (JB,JA) Student: No students**

**Total Votes in Favor: 18,047 Votes Opposed: 0 Votes Abstaining: 0**

Respectfully Submitted,

Nelia A. Lake  
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Superintendent of Schools