



Regional School Unit 24 Board of Directors Meeting
 Tuesday, March 15, 2011, 6:30 p.m.
 Sumner Memorial High School
 Sullivan

MINUTES

Interim Superintendent Dr. Henry C. Ashmore
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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%
XXX	XXX	Position Open	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		16,957	87.79%

	<u>Student Representatives</u>	<u>School</u>
✓	Deanna Watson	SMHS

- A. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Board Chair Michael Pinkham.
- B. The following adjustments to the agenda were reviewed:
 - Addition of Agenda Item E.b.5- Henri Gignoux, Science Teacher, SMHS, effective 4/8/11
 - Addition of Agenda Item F.1.c- Travel Request, Susan Capwell, UMaine LGBT Student Weekend, April 8-10, Machias
 - Addition of Agenda Item F.2- Skills USA Report, HCTC Director Amy Boles
- C. **The motion to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2011 RSU Board Meeting was made by Member Randy Bragg and seconded by Member James Buteau.**
Vote: Yes: 9 No: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 4 (JC,JS,AP,JA) Student: Yes
Total Votes in Favor: 12,154 Votes Opposed: 0 Votes Abstaining: 4813 Open Seat: 2358
- D. No report from the Board Chair

E. Report given from the Superintendent which included the weekly report and the following:

a. New Hires/Transfers

1. Patricia Bickford- P/T Student Driver
2. Roger Chandler- P/T Student Driver

b. Resignations

1. Kristen Braun, transfer from PT Librarian at Mountain View & Cave Hill to FT Ed Tech III, Ellsworth High School
2. Norma-Jean Senechal, Special Education Teacher, Mountain View School
3. Robin Veysey, Ed. Tech, Lamoine Consolidated School, effective 5/1/11
4. Henri Gignoux, Science Teacher, SMHS, *effective 4/8/11*

F. Business

1. Travel Requests-

- a. The motion to approve the travel request of Chris Sandberg, SMHS, to attend the State Student Council Convention, May 25-26, Castine, was made by Member Geoff Zentz and seconded by Member Jennifer Shorey.**

Vote: Yes: 12 No: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 1 (DG) Student: Yes

Total Votes in Favor: 14,599 Votes Opposed: 0 Votes Abstaining: 2358

Open Seat: 2358

- b. The motion to approve the travel request of Liza Fyrberg, EHS, to attend the State Student Council Convention, May 25-26, Castine, was made by Member Brett Jones and seconded by Member Jennifer Shorey.**

Vote: Yes: 13 No: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0 Student: Yes

Total Votes in Favor: 16,957 Votes Opposed: 0 Open Seat: 2358

- c. The motion to approve the travel request of Susan Capwell, EHS, to attend UMaine LGBT Student Weekend, April 8-10, Machias, was made by Member Jeffrey Alley and seconded by Member Annie Perry.**

Vote: Yes: 13 No: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0 Student: Yes

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2. Skills USA Report- Amy Boles, Director HCTC. Congratulations to all those students who competed.

3. Presentation given- RSU24 Administrator SMART Goals Update by Katrina Kane and Administrators

4. The motion to approve SMHS Course Changes as presented by Principal Tom Wissink was made by Member Geoff Zentz and seconded by Member Jennifer Shorey.

Vote: Yes: 13 No: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0 Student: Yes

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5. The motion to approve Draft 4 of the 2012 School Year Calendar was made by Member Dick Gray and seconded by Member Jeffrey Alley.

Vote: Yes: 13 No: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0 Student: Yes

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6. The motion to table the decision regarding the students and education plan of the Beech Hill School until further research can produce proof of a building ownership agreement and further options explored, was made by Member Randy Bragg and seconded by Member Dick Gray. Voting as follows:

Name	Votes	In Favor	Opposed	Abstain
Julie Curtis	364	✓		
Michelle Dewitt	2358	✓		
Richard Gray	2358	✓		
OPEN SEAT	2358	NA	NA	NA
Jennifer Shorey	1447		✓	
Annie Perry	2027	✓		
Richard Malaby	2293	✓		
Brett Jones	1682		✓	
Randy Bragg	511	✓		
Janet Wilpan	277		✓	
Geoff Zentz	1122		✓	
Michael Pinkham	1250	✓		
James Buteau	293	✓		
Jeffrey Alley	975		✓	
Total Votes	16,957	11,454	5503	
EHS Std. Rep				
SMHS Std.Rep.		✓		

The motion to table item upheld.

- 7. Report from Facilities/Transportation Committee and **the motion to approve the purchase of two (2) additional Blue Bird buses from GMC for \$88,000 each was made by Member Geoff Zentz and seconded by Member Dick Gray.**

**Vote: Yes: 13 No: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0 Student: Yes
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- 8. Report given from Finance/Budget Committee

- 9. **The motion to enter into Executive Session, pursuant to MRSA Title 1, Section 405 (6)(A), for the purpose of discussing superintendent search was made by Member Brett Jones and seconded by Member Michelle Dewitt.**

**Vote: Yes: 13 No: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0 Student: 0
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Time In: 9:45 p.m. Time Out: 10:17 p.m.**

G. Board Member Review of Meeting

- H. **The motion to adjourn at 10:25 p.m. was made by Member Jeffrey Alley and seconded by Member Annie Perry.**

**Vote: Yes: 13 No: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0 Student: 0
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Respectfully Submitted,

Nelia A. Lake
Administrative Assistant to the
Superintendent of Schools