



Regional School Unit 24 Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, January 3, 2012, 6:30 p.m.

Ellsworth High School

Cafeteria

MINUTES

Superintendent Suzanne Lukas

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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%
✓		Nancy Glista	Franklin	1447	7.49%
✓		Chuck Hodge	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%
✓		Lynne Witham	Sullivan	1250	6.47%
✓		James Buteau	Waltham	293	1.52%
✓		Howard Willingham	Winter Harbor	975	5.05%
Totals				19,315	100%
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Students Present: ___ Kate Lynn Whitney, EHS ✓ Hannah Gignoux, SMHS
 ___ Kathryn Dickens, EHS ___ Jacqueline Cormier, SMHS

- A. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Board Chair Julie Curtis.
- B. There were no adjustments to the agenda.
- C. **The motion to approve the minutes of the December 20 meeting, with the following change of item F.1- "Graduation date voting- Geoff Zentz-opposed (1122 votes), Janet Wilpan- approved (277 votes)", with the corrected voting shown below, was made by Member Geoff Zentz and seconded by Member Dick Gray.**

Vote: Yes: 13 No: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 1 (HW)
Total Votes in Favor: 18,340 Opposed: 0 Abstaining: 975

Corrected voting on Item F.1:

Name	Votes	In Favor	Opposed	Abstain
Julie Curtis	364	✓		
Michelle Dewitt	2358	✓		
Richard Gray	2358	✓		

'Tug' White	2358	✓		
Nancy Glista	1447			✓
Chuck Hodge	2027		✓	
Mike Bierman	2293	✓		
Brett Jones	1682	✓		
Randy Bragg	511	✓		
Janet Wilpan	277	✓		
Geoff Zentz	1122		✓	
Lynne Witham	1250	✓		
James Buteau	293	✓		
POSITION OPEN	975	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total Votes	18, 340	13,744	3,149	1,447
Student Rep	N/A			
<i>This motion passes</i>				

C. Monthly report given by the Board Chair Julie Curtis which included the introduction of new Winter Harbor representative Howard Willingham and a request to all administrators to please make the final school year calendar known to all staff to ensure communication of holidays, vacations and early releases to the parents.

E. Report given by Superintendent Suzanne Lukas announcing the passing of former SMHS Math Teacher John Guidi, asking for a moment of silence from all those present.

F. Business

1. **The motion to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation of Kylie Bragdon as the half-time Pathways teacher for SMHS was made by Member Lynne Witham and seconded by Member Geoff Zentz.**

**Vote: Yes: 14 No: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain:
Total Votes in Favor: 19,315 Opposed: 0 Abstaining: 0**

2. **Review of upcoming 8th grade trips, district-wide**

Report of upcoming 8th grade trips were given by the following schools and will be formally presented to the Board at a later date:

Cave Hill School- 9 students will be going on the grade 8 trip this year to Springfield, MA, for a 4-day trip. The cost will be approximately \$6360. Fundraisers included and to include- Fish Fry, 50/50 raffles, Concessions, Bottle Drive. Using a West’s Transportation Bus.

Ella Lewis School- 10 students will be going this year for a 2-day trip to Boston which will be primarily educational. The cost will be roughly \$3500. Fundraisers to include -Chinese auction, town meeting supper. They have already collected \$2500. They will be renting a van from Town Auto for transportation.

Mountain View School- 28-30 students will be attending the 8th grade trip which will be a 4-day trip to North Adams, MA, over the Memorial Day weekend, total cost will range between \$12-15,000, depending on their choice of bus (school or charter). Their fundraisers include a safe dodge-ball tournament, bottle drives, dances, bake sales. \$7000 has already been raised.

Hancock Grammar School- There will be 30 students going to Montreal this year for three days at a cost of approximately \$10,000. Fundraisers will include a Kayak drawing. Discussing a vehicle rental from Old Town Bus.

Lamoine Consolidated School- This year 20 8th grade students will be going to New Hampshire to an indoor water park for one day at a cost of approximately \$2100. Fundraisers included dances, bottle drives. They have already raised \$2300. They will be taking an RSU school bus.

Peninsula Consolidated School- There will be 20 students and four adults going to Boston for a 2-day educational field trip at a cost of approximately \$9000. They have already raised \$12,000. They will be taking a bus from West’s Transportation.

Ellsworth Elementary Middle School- This year 82 8th graders will be going to FunTown for one day at a cost of approximately \$1350. They will be taking a school bus and using the 8th grade teachers as chaperones. Fundraising includes their annual catalog sale and activity nights.

- a. **Travel Proposal- Brenda Jordan, Cave Hill School, May 31-June 3, Springfield, MA.**
The motion to approve the formal travel proposal of Brenda Jordan for the Cave Hill School go to Springfield, MA, May 31-June 3, 2012, was made by Member Randy Bragg and seconded by Member Janet Wilpan.
Vote: Yes: 14 No: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain:
Total Votes in Favor: 19,315 Opposed: 0 Abstaining: 0

3. **The motion to enter into Executive Session A, pursuant to MRSA Title 1, Section 405 (6)(A), for the purpose of discussing Superintendent goals, was made by Member Randy Bragg and seconded by Member Geoff Zentz.**
Vote: Yes: 14 No: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain:
Total Votes in Favor: 19,315 Opposed: 0 Abstaining: 0
Time In: 6:48 p.m. Time Out: 7:07 p.m.

4. No action was taken

5. **The motion to enter into Executive Session A, pursuant to MRSA Title 1, Section 405 (6)(D), for the purpose of discussing DEEA/RSU Board tentative agreement was made by Member Randy Bragg and seconded by Member Michelle Dewitt.**
Vote: Yes: 14 No: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0
Total Votes in Favor: 19,315 Opposed: 0 Abstaining: 0
Time In: 7:08 p.m. Time Out: 7:23 p.m.

- G. **The motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. was made by Member Randy Bragg and seconded by Member Lynne Witham.**
Vote: Yes: 14 No: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0
Total Votes in Favor: 19,315 Opposed: 0 Abstaining: 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Nelia A. Lake
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Superintendent of Schools