



Regional School Unit 24 Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, December 20, 2011, 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%
N/A	N/A	Position Open	Winter Harbor	975	5.05%
Totals				18,340	94.95%

Students Present: ✓ Kate Lynn Whitney, EHS ___ Hannah Gignoux, SMHS
 ✓ Kathryn Dickens, EHS ___ Jacqueline Cormier, SMHS

- A. The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Board Chair Julie Curtis.
- B. There were no adjustments to the agenda.
- C. **The motion to approve the minutes from the December 6 Board meeting as written was made by Member Randy Bragg and seconded by Member Tug White.**
Vote: Yes: 13 No: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0
Total Votes in Favor: 18,340 Opposed: 0 Abstaining: 0 Open Position: 975
- D. Report from the Board Chair- no report was given
- E. Report from the Superintendent
 Superintendent Suzanne Lukas reported on Governor Paul LePage's visit to HCTC on Monday, December 19. The Governor and Senator Brian Langley spent time in each program, asking both students and teachers questions. The Department of Education called this morning informing

us that the story covering the Governor's visit in the Bangor Daily News went "national".

At the January 3 Board of Directors meeting, Ms. Lukas would like to discuss Superintendent Goals with the Board. A handout was given to each Board Member for review.

F. Business

1. Revisit of Student Request regarding Graduation Dates

Student Representative Kate Lynn Whitney spoke to the Board requesting a decision regarding the EHS Senior proposal to graduate on June 8 rather than June 15. Member Dick Gray made a motion that both EHS and SMHS graduate on June 7 & 8, which was seconded by Member Michelle Dewitt. However, after much discussion, Member Michelle Dewitt withdrew her second, followed by the withdrawal of the original motion by Member Dick Gray. Student Representative Kate Lynn Whitney agreed that Seniors would make up any days lost to weather as necessary.

A new motion to move the EHS graduation to Friday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m. was made by member Dick Gray and seconded by Member Michelle Dewitt. Vote as follows:

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>				

2. Discussion of the 2012-13 School Year Calendar

The Superintendent distributed copies of a draft RSU24 2012-13 School Year Calendar to Board Members (Copy on file with original minutes in Central Office). In an effort to extend available student day options in case of weather, she suggested that the first day of school be also the first day for seniors as well. There are no graduation dates listed on this draft and shows the school year ending with one Professional Day rather than two. She will be introducing this calendar to the Leadership Team tomorrow, 12/21, for their feedback as well, before bringing it back to the full board for their decision in January. Board Member Randy Bragg would like some feedback regarding early dismissal Friday PLC's at the next meeting if possible.

- 3. Update from Education Programming Committee given and consideration of instructional materials
 - a. **The motion to accept the recommendation of an Anatomy textbook for SMHS and Social Studies resources, grades 8-10, was made by Member Janet Wilpan and seconded by Member Chuck Hodge.**
Vote: Yes: 12 No: 1 (LW) Absent: 0 Abstain: 0
Total Votes in Favor: 17,090 Opposed: 1250 Abstaining: 0 Open Position: 975
 - b. **The motion to accept the recommendation of a English Language Arts program, 9-12, was made by Member Janet Wilpan and seconded by Member Chuck Hodge.**
Vote: Yes: 13 No: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0
Total Votes in Favor: 18,340 Opposed: 0 Abstaining: 0 Open Position: 975
- 4. Update given by the Finance & Budget Committee which included the announcement of election of Member Michelle Dewitt as Committee Chair. The next Committee meeting will be January 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Central Office
- 5. Update given by the Facilities & Transportation Committee which included discussion on the QSC Bond. The Committee would like to invite all Board members to attend the next meeting January 10. The time of that meeting has been changed from 6:30 to 5:30 p.m. Members will be interviewing contractors from Honeywell, Siemens and Trane and would like to present to the full Board a contractor for consideration at the next second Board meeting in January.
- 6. Update given by the Strategic Planning Committee. There will be a meeting Thursday, January 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the Central Office. All Board Members are invited to attend.

G. Board Review of Meeting

- H. Upcoming Meetings:
 - Wednesday, December 21, 5:00 p.m., Policy Comm., Central Office
 - Tuesday, January 3, 6:30 p.m., Board Meeting EHS
 - Thursday, January 5, 5:30 p.m., Strategic Planning Comm., Central Office
 - Time Change:** Tuesday, January 10, 5:30 p.m., Facilities/Transportation, Central Office
 - Tuesday, January 17, 5:30 p.m., Ed Programming, SMHS
 - Tuesday, January 17, 6:30 p.m., Board Meeting SMHS
 - Tuesday, January 24, 6:30 p.m., Finance & Budget, Central Office
 - Tuesday, January 31, 5:30 p.m., Personnel Comm., Central Office

- I. **The motion to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. was made by Member Michelle Dewitt and seconded by Member Janet Wilpan.**
Vote: Yes: 13 No: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0
Total Votes in Favor: 18,340 Opposed: 0 Abstaining: 0 Open Position: 975

Respectfully Submitted,

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Superintendent of Schools