



Regional School Unit 24 Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, February 7, 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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No Student Representatives were present

- A. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Board Chair Julie Curtis.
- B. **Adjustments to Agenda**
Move agenda item F.8 up to item F.1....all other agenda items move down numerically
Include "Job Descriptions" in agenda item F.1.a -Food Service Personnel.
- C. **Approval of January 17 Minutes**
The motion to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2012 meeting as written was made by Member Randy Bragg and seconded by Member Michelle Dewitt.
Vote: Yes: 14 No: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 1 (JB)
Total Votes in Favor: 19,022 Opposed: 0 Abstaining: 293 Absent: 0
- D. **Report from the Board Chair**
There was no report from the Board Chair

E. Report from the Superintendent

The Superintendent reported the following Budget Committee schedule and items for discussion:

February 15- the Committee will review secondary programming

February 29- the Committee will review elementary programming

March 15- the Committee will review District-wide programming including Special Ed, Gifted and Talented, Health, IT, Curriculum and Assessment

March 28- the Committee will review Adult Education, System Administration, Transportation, Facilities, Debt Service, and School Nutrition

All meetings will be held in the District Conference Room of the Central Office at 6:30 p.m.

There is a new club at Ellsworth High School entitled the Student Writers Alliance Group that will be meeting on Tuesdays and will be facilitated by teachers Phil Wormuth and Carol Ericksen-Buss. We are looking forward to the work this group will be doing.

The NECAP scores have been released. There will be a full presentation to the Board at the March meeting. RSU24 is showing growth on the NECAP in the percentage of students meeting standards in both reading and mathematics. Writing, which has only been tested at grades 5 and 8 for two years, is also showing growth.

F. Business**1. Update from the Personnel Committee and consideration of the following:****a. Food Service Personnel- Pay and Benefits Consideration**

The motion to approve the Food Service Personnel job descriptions, pay and benefits proposal was made by Member Michelle Dewitt and seconded by Member Howard Willingham.

Vote: Yes: 14 No: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

Total Votes in Favor: 19, 315 Opposed: 0 Abstaining: 0 Absent: 0

b. Teaching Principal – Job Description, Pay and Benefits Consideration

The motion to approve the Teaching Principal job description, pay and benefits proposal was made by Member Michelle Dewitt 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 Absent: 0

c. Central Office Support Staff- Pay and Benefits Consideration

The motion to approve the Central Office Support Staff pay and benefits proposal was made by Member James Buteau 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 Absent: 0

2. New Hire Recommendation

The motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of Danielle Wells as the Grade 6 teacher at the Ella Lewis School was made by Member Randy Bragg and seconded by Member Geoff Zentz.

Vote: Yes: 14 No: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

Total Votes in Favor: 19, 315 Opposed: 0 Abstaining: 0 Absent: 0

3. Plans for Alternative Education programming at Ellsworth High School- Renee Thompson

Presentation- Brian Smith, Dwayne Conway, Carolyn Ericksen-Buss, Marsha Bartley

A brief Powerpoint presentation was given to the Board regarding plans for an Alternative Education Program at Ellsworth High School. The program will be for students who are not

successful in the traditional learning environment, but are committed to completing their education. It is projected that EHS will be able to offer this program beginning March 1.

4. Travel Proposal

The motion to accept the travel proposal of HCTC to attend the SkillsUSA Competition overnight, March 15-16, in Bangor, ME, was made by Member James Buteau and seconded by Member Geoff Zentz.

Vote: Yes: 14 No: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

Total Votes in Favor: 19, 315 Opposed: 0 Abstaining: 0 Absent: 0

5. Twenty-first Century Expansion Grants opportunity- Susan Smith and Dawn McPhail

(Presentation and handout- *Twenty-first Century Expansion Grants Opportunity*)

The Maine Department of Education has just announced the release of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for 21st Community Learning Center expansion grants. The grant is due on March 23, 2012. Presenters are asking for permission to apply.

The motion to authorize Susan Smith and Dawn McPhail to apply for the 21st Century Expansion Grant was made by Member Dick Gray 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 Absent: 0

6. Football Update - David Bridgham and Dwayne Crawford

(Presentation and handout- *RSU24 Estimated Football Program Expenses*)

An update was given regarding football within the RSU from David Bridgham and Dwayne Crawford (Coach). There were forty students playing this year. Results have been positive and successful. SY 2013 is the projected date to advance into the varsity program. All expenses are going as planned and have been satisfied by the Ellsworth Football League.

The motion to extend the contract between RSU24 and the Ellsworth Football League for one year was made by Member Randy Bragg and seconded by Member Geoff Zentz.

Vote: Yes: 14 No: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

Total Votes in Favor: 19, 315 Opposed: 0 Abstaining: 0 Absent: 0

7. 2012-13 School Calendar discussion and possible consideration of adoption-Suzanne Lukas

(Handouts- *2012-13 School Calendar-Draft Only, Suzanne Lukas Calendar Information, DEEA Proposed 2012-13 School Year Calendar Questions/Comments*)

After much discussion, the following motion was submitted for consideration:

The motion to accept the RSU24 2012-13 Calendar as written was made by Member James Buteau and seconded by Member Geoff Zentz. Voting 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	✓		
Howard Willingham	975	✓		
Total Votes		8334	10,981	
Student Rep	N/A			
<i>This motion does not pass</i>				

The following motion was submitted for consideration:

The motion to approve the RSU24 2012-2013 Calendar as written with the addition of the graduation dates of June 13 and 14, 2012, the last day of school subject to weather days, was made by Member Dick Gray and seconded by Member Nancy Glista. Voting 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	✓		
Howard Willingham	975	✓		
Total Votes		13,380	5635	
Student Rep	N/A			
<i>This motion passes</i>				

8. Update from the Facilities & Transportation Committee

An update was given from the Facilities and Transportation Committee which included their report regarding the Mariaville Transportation contract. The RSU will add \$1600 to the current contract to keep Mott’s Bus Service running through the rest of the school year. This enables the RSU to plan ahead for next year when Mott’s Bus Service will no longer be transporting students.

9. Update from the Finance and Budget Committee

An update was given from the Finance and Budget Committee including the report from the first meeting held Wednesday, February 1 which covered an introduction into the budget process. The Committee will meet every other Wednesday with the specific agenda topics as reported out in the Superintendent’s report of these minutes.

10. Update from the Strategic Planning Committee

An update was given from the Strategic Planning Committee which included their research into the availability of community television access for the broadcasting of the RSU Board meetings, using the newspaper to share RSU information, and the creation of RSU video “spots” by the HCTC students for broadcasting on the RSU website and possibly public access television. The Committee would like to see a brief workshop added to the next meeting to review the vision and mission statements for Board members.

G. Board Review of Meeting

H. Adjourn

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. was made by Member James Buteau and seconded by Member Geoff Zentz.

Vote: Yes: 14 No: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

Total Votes in Favor: 19, 315 Opposed: 0 Abstaining: 0 Absent: 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Nelia A. Lake

*Administrative Assistant to the
Superintendent of Schools*