

**REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 19  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES**

**July 19, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jennifer Watson,, Samantha Brown, Christopher Easton, Evelyn Hickey, Fred Hickey, Susie Hopkins, William MacDonald, Robin McNeil, Don Mendell, Winn Price, Kenneth Sands, Chad Stratton, Shawn Coots, Corinna Caron, Paul Carter, Jody Mullis, Jason Scholten, Erik Stitham

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**TOTAL MEMBERS PRESENT:** 964

**TOTAL MEMBERS ABSENT:** 34 (Etna Vacancy)

**Others Present:** RSU #19 Staff, Teachers, Community members, and Students.

**I. Opening of Meeting**

A. Flag Salute was rendered.

B. Board Reorganization

1. Election of Chair

Evelyn Hickey nominated Susie Hopkins for Board Chair seconded by Don Mendel. Erik Stitham nominated Robin McNeil for Board Chair, seconded by Chad Stratton. Motion was made by Fred Hickey, seconded and voted for nominations to cease. Robin McNeil was declared Board Chair by a vote of 10 for her and 8 for Susie Hopkins.

2. Election of Vice-Chair

Eric Stitham nominated Susie Hopkins for Board Vice-Chair. Ken Sands nominated Bill McDonald for Board Vice-Chair. Don Mendell was nominated by Paul Carter for Vice Chair.

Paul Carter nominated Christopher Easton for Vice-Chair, seconded by Chad Stratton and voted unanimously for with Christopher Easton abstaining.

3. Appointments to Committees – Discussion was held.

C. Adjustments to Agenda

V. Old Business add:

B. BAN

VI. New Business under

D. Staff Resignations add:

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| 1. Janis Devine, SPED Ed Tech III at SEB | Retiring |
| 2. Jen Nash, Music/Band at SEB           | Personal |

G. Staff Nomination add:

1. Lori Merrow Principal at N/P
2. Liz Mares Special Education Director
3. St. Albans Coverage

Discussion of Supt hiring during the months of July and August

D. Approval of Minutes of June 21, 2016 Regular Board Meeting Adjustments to Minutes of June 21, 2016 Regular Board Meeting

- (1) A motion was made by Fred Hickey , seconded by Chris Easton and voted 608 for and 152 **abstaining (change)** (Bill MacDonald, Don Meldell, Chris Easton) to approve the board minutes of May 16, 2016. Motion passed.
- (2) Fred Hickey made a motion to grand 12 week leave of absence from 8/29/16 to 11/18/16 to Jennifer Massow, an Ed Tech III, seconded by **Chad Stratton (change)** and voted unanimously.

A motion was made by Fred Hickey to accept the June 21, 2016 Board minutes with adjustments, seconded by Evelyn Hickey and voted. 859 for, 105 abstained (Paul Carter, Don Mendell). Motion passed.

**II. Public Comment**

- Learn how to run a Board meeting
- Public wants cuts at the top

**III. Reading of Communications**

- A. Administrative Communications – Communication Presented
- B. Superintendent/Board Communications - None

**IV. Report of Special Committees**

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| A. Budget/Finance Committee                | July 6, 2016 and July 19, 2016 |
| Communication presented                    |                                |
| B. Building Committee                      | June 22, 2016                  |
| Communication Presented                    |                                |
| C. Education Committee                     | No meeting                     |
| D. Policy Committees                       | No meeting                     |
| E. Transportation                          | No meeting                     |
| F. Warrior Education Foundation Committees | No meeting                     |

**V. Old Business**

A. Certify Results of Referendum Vote on June 14, 2016

A motion was made by Chad Stratton to accept the results of the June 14, 2016 referendum vote, seconded by Christopher Easton and voted unanimously.

B. BAN

Mr. Hammer presented Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) Proposals.

A motion was made by Fred Hickey to accept Edward McLiney as the broker pending approval from DOE to incorporate money (approximately \$9,000) not paid in the 62% already paid by the state, into the building project, seconded by Chad Stratton and voted 806 for, 105 against (Paul Carter, Don Mendell), 53 abstained (Erik Stitham). Motion passed.

V. **New Business**

A. Consideration of Superintend/Finance Committee Recommendations for the 2106-2017 Budget.

B. Approval of Second Attempt District Budget Meeting and Validation Referendum Dates.

A motion was made by Ken Sands to approve the District Hearing date for July 28, 2016 and the Validation Referendum Vote date for August 9, 2016, seconded by Chad Stratton and voted unanimously.

C. Approve the Warrants for the District Budget Meeting and Validation Referendum and Signing of Warrants.

A motion was made by Fred Hickey to Approve the Warrants for the District Budget Meeting and Validation Referendum, seconded by Chad Stratton and voted 900 for, 34 against (Paul Carter). Motion passed.

D. Staff Resignations – Informational

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|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Beth Ann Downing | Grade 3 HCS     | Accepted another position  |
| 2. Meagan Ames      | Grade 1 CES     | Relocation                 |
| 3. Justin Downing   | Ed Tech III SOM | Accepted teaching position |
| 4. Karen Carlson    | Ed Tech III NOK | Retiring                   |
| 5. Jan Devine       | Ed Tech III SEB | Retiring                   |
| 6. Jen Nash         | Music/Band SEB  | Accepted another position  |

E. Staff Appointments – Informational

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| 1. Carter Heath  | Sp. Ed Tech III |
| 2. Pammula Giese | Sp. Ed Tech III |

F. Staff Transfers – Informational

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| 1. Kevin McElroy   | SPED SOM to SPED HCS (Involuntary)           |
| 2. Kathryn Cloonan | Literacy Coordinator District to Grade 1 CES |
| 3. Donna Hautala   | Grade 1 to Grade 2 CES                       |
| 4. Sara Steiner    | Grade 2 to Grade 2/3 CES                     |

G. Staff Nominations

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|------------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| 1. Jaime Beck          | Speech Pathologist         | District |
| 2. Courtney Applebee   | Grade 1 CES                |          |
| 3. Lori Merrow         | Principal at NES           |          |
| 4. Liz Mares           | Special Education Director |          |
| 5. St. Albans Coverage |                            |          |

A motion was made by Don Mendell to bypass the nepotism policy for Lori Merrow and her daughter at NES, seconded by Erik Stitham and voted 742 for, 222 against (Corinna Caron, Paul Carter, Samantha Brown, Christopher Easton, Susie Hopkins). Motion passed.

A motion was made by Chad Stratton to nominate Lori Merrow as the Principal at Newport Elementary School, seconded by Erik Stitham and voted 893 for, 70 against (Paul Carter, Susie Hopkins). Motion passed

A motion was made by Fred Hickey to nominate Liz Mayers as the Director of Special Education for one year, seconded by Evelyn Hickey and voted 930 for, 34 against (Paul Carter). Motion passed.

A motion was made by Fred Hickey to nominate Denise Kimball as the Principal at St. Albans School, seconded by Chad Stratton and voted 930 for, 34 against (Paul Carter). Motion passed.

## **VI. Reports**

### **A. Superintendent**

A motion was made by Chad Stratton to support the Newport Sewer District in connecting the existing sewer rather than building a new on-sight treatment system, seconded by Samantha Brown. Friendly Amendment, adding sewer work will both effect the time line of the new building project. Chad accepts as a friendly amendment. Newport will secure grants to pay for their share of the funds as well as not effecting the time line of the new project and voted unanimously.

### **B. Board Chair – No Communications**

## **VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Hammer  
Secretary to the Board

Darcey LaPrade, Note Taker