

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

**June 20, 2017**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Corinna Caron, Christopher Easton, Joanne Elwell, Fred Hickey, Susie Hopkins, William MacDonald, Don Mendell, Ryan Parker, Winn Price, Jody Mullis, Kenneth Sands, Erik Stitham, Chad Stratton, Jennifer Watson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Samantha Brown, Jonathan Parker, Jason Scholten, Jennifer Watson (excused); Paul Carter, Chris Pepin (unexcused)

**TOTAL MEMBERS PRESENT:** 666

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**Others Present:** District staff and members of the community

**I. Opening of Meeting**

A. Flag Salute was rendered.

B. Board Reorganization

1. Election of Chair

Ken Sands nominated Chris Easton for Board Chair and it was seconded by Chad Stratton. A **Motion** was made by Fred Hickey for nominations to cease, **seconded** by Corinna Caron and **voted** unanimously. Chris Easton was declared Board Chair by a vote of 11 for, 1 opposed (D. Mendell) and 1 abstained (C. Easton).

2. Election of Vice-Chair

Ken Sands nominated Chad Stratton for Board Vice-Chair and it was seconded by Corinna Caron. A **Motion** was made by Fred Hickey for nominations to cease, **seconded** by Corinna Caron and **voted** unanimously. Chad Stratton was declared Board Vice-Chair by a vote of 11 for, 1 opposed (D. Mendell) and 1 abstained (C. Stratton).

3. Appointments to Committees (Discussion)

Selection sheets were distributed and collected. Committee appointments will be made.

C. Adjustments to Agenda

VI. New Business, add under

E. Staff Resignations

Laura Angelo

Trudy Vintinner

SPED Ed Tech II

School Nurse

EDS

HCS, STAL, SOM

	Glenda Frati	Art	SEB & SOM
	Sabrina Vaillancourt	V. Field Hockey	NRHS
F. Staff Nominations			
1.	Kaitlyn Bartlett	Math	NRHS
2.	Probationary Teachers		
H. Staff Transfers			
	Yvonne Perry	Life Skills at SOM to Resource Room at SOM	
	Valerie Waterman	Resource Rm HCS to Life Skills 5-8 at SOM	

D. Approval of Board Minutes of May 16, 2017

A **motion** was made by Susie Hopkins to accept the Board Meeting minutes from May 16, 2017, **seconded** by Fred Hickey and **voted** 489 for, 71 opposed (D. Mendell) and 106 abstained (E. Stitham, W. Price). Motion passed.

**II. Public Comment - None**

**III. Reading of Communications**

A. Administrative Communications

1. Denise Kimball - Rooms at HCS are being emptied and boxes organized for a smooth transition. The staff have done a lot of work for this move and things are going well.
2. Jane Stork – Garden clean-up day went extremely well. Winn reaffirmed how lucky we are to have Mr. Gussey supporting this project and how this is one of the best resources we could have.
3. Liz Mares – Special Education is winding up I.E.P.’s and summer school is off and running.
4. Lori Merrow – This has been a very good year and she appreciates her staff’s hard work as she’s been involved with the District’s Title I and Title II programs.
5. Mary Nadeau – Recognized the many accomplishments of her staff, from Athletics to Future Business Leaders, to the Visual and Performing Arts, Coaches, and herself. Kasie Giallombardo is still in the top 8 for “Teacher of the Year”.
6. Suzanne Nowinski – Great Graduation and still having students coming in to work on high school equivalency test. Program runs all year and the next session begins next week.
7. Trish Hayes – Business Office gets going again at the first of July and things are going well with approval of the budget.

B. Superintendent/Board Communications – None

#### IV. Reports

##### A. Superintendent

###### 1. Title 1 FY 18 Initial Plan for District's Use of Funds

Lori Merrow gave an overview of spending in Title 1 and Title II.

Title 1 is mostly staff involved with early intervention i.e., Reading Recovery, Literacy Specialists and Coaches. We also have set-aside projects, such as Summer School and Kindergarten Jump Start.

Title II is Professional Development for all teachers organized by building and District needs utilizing University of Maine Partnerships for Reading Smart, Responsive Classroom Training, etc. Don Mendell asked that we keep an eye on professional development.

###### 2. Update on School Closing and Consolidation Process

Mr. Hammer gave a few more details on consolidation of Hartland, St. Albans, and Somerset Schools. Library books are being sorted, playground is still in phase 1 of construction, and we have been invited to a meeting with Hadley Buker on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Hammer attended many end-of-year activities at the schools, and congratulations for success are extended to all, especially for the student centered Senior Assembly and the Garden Club.

##### B. Board Chair – No Report

#### V. Report of Special Committees

A. Budget/Finance Committee June 19, 2017 Joint with Negotiations Com.  
Report given.

B. Building Committee June 14, 2017  
Communication Presented

C. Education Committee No Meeting

D. Policy Committee April 25, 2017  
Communication Presented

###### 1. First Reading of Policies - None

###### 2. Second Reading of Policies

- a. IIB Class Size
- b. JICIA Weapons, Violence, and School Safety
- c. EBBA Bloodborne Pathogens  
EBBA-R Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan
- d. EBCAB Mutual Assistance – Emergency Plan
- e. EBCC Bomb Threats
- f. EBCE Emergency Closings and Cancellations

A **motion** was made by Ken Sands to accept the second reading and to approve the above policies, **seconded** by Susie Hopkins and **voted** 595 for and 71 opposed (D. Mendell). Motion passed.

E. Transportation Committee No meeting

F. Warrior Education Foundation Com.

Robin McNeil and Myla Kreider would like the Board to spread the word on the fund raising for the Performing Arts Center. They have \$20,000 toward this project with \$10,000 coming from the Architect. Fundraising is planned for this summer and the next meeting is at Nokomis on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM, in the cafeteria.

G. Negotiations Committee June 19, 2017 Joint with Budget/Finance Com.  
Report given previously under Budget/Finance Committee report.

## VI. Old Business - None

## VII. New Business

A. Certify Results of Referendum Vote of June 13, 2017

A **motion** was made by Ryan Parker that the Computation and Declaration of Votes dated June 20, 2017 and attached hereto be approved, that the Computation and Declaration of Votes be entered upon the records of Regional School Unit No. 19, and that a certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes be sent to each of the Municipal Clerks with the Regional School Unit, **seconded** by Corinna Caron and **voted** unanimously.

B. Lead Teacher at Newport/Plymouth School

A **motion** was made by Fred Hickey to set the stipend amount at \$2,910 for the lead teacher at Newport/Plymouth School, **seconded** by Ken Sands and **voted** 337 for, 276 opposed, and 53 abstained. Motion passed.

C. Resolution

A motion was made by Ryan Parker to call on our Representatives, the Legislature as a whole, and the Governor to meet the State's obligation to fully fund the State portion of Education at 55%, **seconded** by Chad Stratton and **voted** unanimously.

D. Authorization for Superintendent to Hire during Summer Months

A **motion** was made by Fred Hickey to authorize the Superintendent to hire during the summer months, **seconded** by Susie Hopkins and **voted** unanimously.

E. Staff Resignations - Informational

1. Sharon Gordon	Grade 4	CES
2. Jamie Beck	Speech Pathologist	HCS/SOM
3. Amy Fiorilli	Social Worker (2/5ths Contracted)	SEB
4. Patricia Bell	Sped Teacher	CES
5. Genevieve Duncombe	Secretary	STAL
6. Benjamin Jacobson	Food Service Manager	SOM
7. Darlene Lawler	Bus Driver	
8. Brian Dougeneck	SPED Ed Tech III	SEB
9. Laura Angelo	SPED Ed Tech III	EDS
10. Trudy Vintinner	School Nurse	HCS, STAL, SOM
11. Glenda Frati	Art	SEB & SOM
12. Sabrina Vaillancourt	Varsity Field Hockey Coach	NRHS

F. Staff Nominations

1. A **motion** was made by Fred Hickey to accept the Superintendent's nomination of Kaitlyn Bartlett as a Math Teacher at Nokomis and to authorize the Superintendent to hire her, **seconded** by Ken Sands and **voted** 12 for and 1 opposed. Motion passed.
2. Probationary Teachers (see attached list)  
A **motion** was made by Fred Hickey to accept the Superintendent's nomination of Probationary teachers for 2017 – 18 as presented, **seconded** by Ken Sands and **voted** unanimously.

G. Staff Appointments – Informational - None

H. Staff Transfers – Informational

1. Sherry Hopkins	Gr. 8 SS at SEB	to	CTE at Nokomis
2. Beth Borden	Gr. 1/2 at HCS	to	Gr. 3 at SOM
3. Jessica Roy	Science at SOM	to	Science at EDS
4. Yvonne Perry	Life Skills at SOM	to	Resource Room at SOM
5. Valerie Waterman	Resource Rm at HCS	to	Life Skills 5-8 at SOM

I. Technology Proposal for Lease/Purchase

Josh Grant proposed a 3 year lease/purchase for 400 chrome books for the high school to replace the approximately 9 year-old computers. This is part of a long term plan to upgrade our technology in the District.

A **motion** was made by Fred Hickey to approve entering into a 3 year lease/purchase agreement for Chrome Books, up to \$43,000 each year, **seconded** by Corinna Caron and **voted** unanimously.

**VIII. Future Agenda Items**

Don Mendell would like the Board to revisit the school mascots, and to review policies on naming buildings.

**IX. Next Meeting Dates**

**X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Hammer

Secretary to the Board

**REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 19  
COMPUTATION AND DECLARATION OF VOTES**

The total number of votes cast in all of the municipalities within Regional School Unit No. 19 (the "Regional School Unit") in the affirmative and in the negative on Question 1 of the Warrant and Notice of Election of the Regional School Unit Budget Validation Referendum held June 13, 2017 relating to the adoption of the Regional School Unit's 2017-2018 budget is as follows:

<b>Article 1</b>	<b>AFFIRMATIVE</b>	<b>NEGATIVE</b>
Town of Corinna	<u>83</u>	<u>44</u>
Town of Dixmont	<u>113</u>	<u>41</u>
Town of Etna	<u>62</u>	<u>53</u>
Town of Hartland	<u>49</u>	<u>72</u>
Town of Newport	<u>93</u>	<u>67</u>
Town of Palmyra	<u>93</u>	<u>81</u>
Town of Plymouth	<u>37</u>	<u>37</u>
Town of St. Albans	<u>87</u>	<u>73</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>617</u></b>	<b><u>468</u></b>

The School Board hereby declares that said Question has **passed**.

Dated: June 20, 2017

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Samantha Brown

▶ \_\_\_\_\_  
Paul Carter

▶ Joanne Elwell  
Joanne Elwell

▶ Susie Hopkins  
Susie Hopkins

▶ Don Mendell  
Don Mendell

▶ \_\_\_\_\_  
Jonathan Parker

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Christopher Pepin

▶ Kenneth Sands  
Kenneth Sands

▶ Erik Stitham  
Erik Stitham

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Jennifer Watson

▶ Corinna Caron  
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▶ Christopher Easton  
Christopher Easton

▶ Fred Hickey  
Fred Hickey

▶ William MacDonald  
William MacDonald

▶ Jody Mullis  
Jody Mullis

▶ Ryan Parker  
Ryan Parker

▶ Winn Price  
Winn Price

▶ \_\_\_\_\_  
Jason Scholten

▶ Chad Stratton  
Chad Stratton

A majority of the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 19

A true copy, attest:

Michael Hammer  
Michael Hammer, Secretary