

R.S.U. No. 67
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Agenda
Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
Mattanawcook Academy Library

Mission: R.S.U. No. 67 strives to provide a safe, caring, supportive educational environment which empowers all individuals to fulfill their unique potential as lifelong learners and responsible, contributing citizens in an ever-changing global society.

Board of Directors: Regginal Adams, Sarah Crockett, Board Secretary; David Edwards, Board Chair; Darla Lichtenberg, Judy McComb, Jeff Schick, Carolyn Smith, Debra Tardy, Jackie Thurlow, Board Vice-Chair; John Trask, Jessica Worster, Sean Sibley, Student Representative

Members excused: Judy McComb, Sean Sibley

Members absent:

R.S.U. No. 67 Staff: Superintendent Michael F. Marcinkus, Principals: Mike Bisson, William Ben Lothrop, Henry Pietras; Director of Special Services, Cheryl Morin; Director of Curriculum and Academic Achievement, Donna Vigue; Director of Facilities, Bob Morin; Administrative Assistant, Lisa Morin

Guests present: William Chubbuck, Tammy Lothrop, Chris DeBeck,

- A. Call to order:** Chair Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
- B. Adjustment to the agenda:** 3A added motion to accept or not accept the Superintendent's recommendation to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E).
- C. Consideration of the minutes of Wednesday, October 7, 2009 School Board meeting:**

Motion by Director Thurlow, seconded by Director Smith to accept the motion with minor changes.

Vote: Unanimous

- D. Communications:** Mr. Lothrop has attended an assistant principal conference. The jazz band performed at the conference and did a wonderful job performing.
- E. Public Participation:** None
- F. Personnel:** None
- G. Committee Reports:**

1. Region III – Has not met
2. Operations Committee – Has not met
3. Policy Committee – on agenda
4. Personnel Committee – has not met
5. Gifted and Talented – met last week
6. Student Representative - excused

H. Superintendent's Report

1. Report on Penquis Superintendent's Meeting – Mr. Marcinkus met with other Superintendents and shared how they are fairing with reorganizations and the school year in general. All Superintendents are expecting upcoming devastation in budget cuts. It is expected that 45% of the State cuts will be from education. Superintendents all around the State met and RSU 67 is one of two Districts that have not put a freeze on the budget. RSU 67 would rather wait until after the MSMA conference before we put any curtailments on the budget. We would also like to wait until after the November 3rd referendum to make any decisions. Mr. Marcinkus would like to meet with the finance committee after the referendum before we make any changes. The Superintendents also discussed how they could possibly handle the spiraling costs of Special Education and more families moving into our district.
2. Board Delegate to MSBA convention- Mr. Marcinkus has volunteered Director Crockett and Director Thurlow (alternate) as the delegate for the MSBA convention.
3. Russ Grant status – R.S.U. No. 67 has been approved for the Russ grant. Mr. Marcinkus will relay more information when we get the specifics.
4. Other – Our auditors will be coming in and discussing the state of our audit and explaining the few adjustments that were made (i.e. the monies that we have encumbered).

I. Old Business:

None

J. New Business:

1. Motion to accept or not accept the second reading to adopt policies JICA – Student Dress and JIC – Student Code of Conduct.

Motion by Director Crockett, seconded by Director Smith to accept the motion as read.

Vote: Unanimous

2. Motion to accept or not accept the second reading to revise policies JI – Student Rights and Responsibilities and JICH – Chemical Use by Students.

Motion by Director Smith, seconded by Director Crockett to accept the motion as read.

Vote: Unanimous

3. Motion to accept or not accept the second reading of reviewed adopted policies; JICIA – Weapons, Violence and School Safety, JIH – Questioning and Searches of Students, JIH-R – Questioning and Searches of Students Administrative Procedure, JIH-E – Student Search Checklist, KLG – Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities, KLG-R – Relations With Law Enforcement Authorities Administrative Procedure and JK – Student Discipline.

Motion by Director Thurlow, seconded by Director Crockett to accept the motion as read.

Vote: Unanimous

3A. Motion to accept or not accept the Superintendent's recommendation to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E).

Motion by Director Crockett, seconded by Director Adams to accept the motion as read.

Vote: Unanimous

Time In: 7:22 p.m.

Time Out: 7:48 p.m.

4. Motion to accept or not accept the Superintendent's recommendation to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(B).

Motion by Director Adams, seconded by Director Trask to accept the motion as read.

Vote: Unanimous

Time In: 7:52 p.m.

Time Out: 10:01 p.m.

Motion by Director Crockett, seconded by Director Trask that the student under consideration has been deliberately disobedient; that the student was actively involved in writing a bomb threat at school. As discipline, and based on the testimony of all witnesses at the hearing and the recommendation of the administration, the board finds that expulsion is NOT necessary for the peace and usefulness of the school. Rather, the appropriate discipline is a long-term suspension for the remainder of this semester; i.e., through January 15, 2010.

Vote: Unanimous

Motion by Director Crockett, seconded by Director Trask to extend the meeting beyond 10:00 p.m.

Vote: Unanimous

5. Motion to accept or not accept the Superintendent's recommendation to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(B).

Motion by Director Crockett, seconded by Director Adams to accept the motion as read.

Vote: Unanimous

Time In: 10:07 p.m.
Time Out: 12:02 a.m.

Motion by Director Crockett, seconded by Director Adams that the student under consideration has been deliberately disobedient and that the student was actively involved in failing to report a bomb threat. As discipline, and based on the testimony of all witnesses at the hearing and the recommendation of the administration, the board finds that expulsion is NOT necessary for the peace and usefulness of the school. Rather, the appropriate discipline is a long-term suspension for the remainder of this semester; i.e., through January 15, 2010.

Vote: Unanimous

K. Announcement: Next board meeting November 4th @ 7:00p.m. MSMA conference is Thursday and Friday.

L. Items requested by Board Members, Community and staff to be included in the next agenda:

M. Adjournment:

Motion by Director Thurlow, seconded by Director Trask to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Unanimous
Time: 12:07 a.m.

NOTE: No new business will be undertaken after 10:00 p.m. unless the Board votes unanimously to extend the meeting beyond 10:00 p.m.