

RSU #12
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2009 ~ 6:30 P.M.
CHELSEA SCHOOL GYM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Absent: Gary Emond (E) and Albert Lawrence (E).

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Birmingham led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Adjustments to the Agenda

Superintendent Potter recommended the following adjustments to the agenda:

Add:

- 11.3 d. Joan Fairbanks' resignation to retire at end of SY 09-10, June.
- 11.3 e. Susanne Stewart's resignation to retire December 31, 2009.
- 11.4 b. Christine Suydam's appointment as Somerville School Secretary.
- 12.3 To take action to elect a substitute RSU # 12 Vice Chair for duration of Albert Lawrence's absence.

No Discussion: Motion: *To accept the adjustments to the agenda as presented.*

1st Blake Brown, 2nd Bob Temple: Vote: Motion Carried unanimously by all those in attendance and voting.

4. Accept Minutes of November 12th, 2009 (Regular) Meeting

No discussion. Motion: *To accept the minutes of November 12th, 2009 as written.*

1st Hilary Holm, 2nd Jerry Nault; Vote: Motion Carried 17-0-1. Bob Temple Abstained.

5. Communications/Correspondence

None.

6. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Potter shared an update on the H1N1 Swine Flu, the Immunization clinics; Mr. Albert Lawrence's accident and recovery period; the new Palermo Math Team; recent vandalism to the Chelsea School and the water issue at Somerville School. Please refer to the attached report for details.

7. Board Chair's Report

None.

8. Committee Reports

- 8.1 Finance Committee: Mr. Nault provided a written report including a “round 4” budget proposal by cost center for FY 2010, please see attached.
- 8.2 Personnel Committee: Mrs. Morin shared that the committee would discuss a temporary replacement for Mr. Lawrence. Mr. Birmingham asked for volunteers and Mr. Brown offered. The group has also been working on the Superintendent’s evaluation. They developed 3 surveys that were sent to the Board, Staff and Administration/Central Office; the results are in and will be discussed in Executive Session that night.
- 8.3 Policy Committee: Mr. Johnson provided a written report, please see attached. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 16th, 2009, 6:30 pm at the Whitefield School.
- 8.4 Public Communications Committee: Mrs. Holm shared that the group has not met since the last Board meeting but has received input for the first edition of the RSU 12 Newsletter. Ms. Tanya Pomerleau has offered to do layout work and has been working on it since the Thanksgiving break. Pricing and postage costs are being researched as the goal is to publish the first issue in December.
- 8.5 Negotiations Committee: Mrs. Holm shared that the committee has met once since the last Board meeting. The next meeting is December 15th, 2009, 5:00 pm.
- 8.6 Chelsea Building Committee: Mr. Hallett shared that there has been 2 meetings since the last Board meeting. Topics of discussion included the permitting process, erosion control and how/where to display samples of the materials chosen for the school so the community can see how this is progressing. Mr. Potter attended a recent meeting with the DEP, please see written report for details.

9. Public Comment

**Public comment is to be restricted to items on the agenda. Comments regarding individuals or personnel matters are not appropriate for public session.*

No Comment.

10. Old Business

10.1 To approve the Bath Regional Vocational Cooperative Agreement.

Motion: *To approve the Bath Regional Vocational Cooperative Agreement.*

1st Lester Sheaffer, 2nd Frank Hample; Vote: Motion Carried: Unanimous by all those in attendance and voting.

11. New Business

11.1 To approve the RSU 12 Emergency Plan (Annual Requirement). Mr. Josh McNaughton, Assistant Principal of Windsor School, presented the new RSU # 12 Emergency Plan. Information was gathered from the principals so the plan would best fit each school’s individual needs in the RSU. Discussion ensued.

Motion: *To approve the RSU 12 Emergency Plan.*

1st Bob Temple, 2nd Frank Hample; Vote: Motion Carried: Unanimous by all those in attendance and voting.

11.2 To consider the formation of an “Ad Hoc” committee to study “Long-Range” Planning options for RSU 12. Thomas Birmingham, Richard DeVries, Chris Johnson, Jerry Nault and Hilary Holm indicated their interest in being on the committee.

Motion: *To form an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee to Study Long-Range Planning/Visioning Options for RSU 12 and to develop a recommendation that will include the items outlined in Superintendent Potter’s proposal. (please see attached)* Discussion ensued.

1st Chris Johnson, 2nd Richard DeVries: Vote: Motion Carried: 17-1-0, Blake Brown voted Nay.

11.3 Resignations – Ms. Alice Kopp, Ms. Elizabeth Junia Norris, Mr. Philip Fairbanks, Mrs. Joan Fairbanks and Ms. Susanne Stewart.

Motion: *To accept the resignations of the listed staff in 11.3 with regret.*

1st Blake Brown, 2nd Bob Temple: Discussion ensued. Vote: Motion Carried Unanimous by all those in attendance and voting.

11.4 Appointments – Ms. Kim Chatman and Mrs. Christine Suydam.

Motion: *To accept the appointments as recommended in 11.4.*

1st Bob Temple, 2nd William Stafford: Discussion ensued. Vote: Motion Carried: Unanimous by all those in attendance and voting.

11.5 To adopt a final FY 2010 budget, in the amount of \$ 26,110,447, for the Regional Meeting on January 16th, 2010.

Motion: *The committee recommends adopting a final FY 2010 budget of \$ 26, 110, 447, which will be expended this year; the Regional Budget Meeting will be on January 16th, 2010.*

1st Bob Temple, 2nd William Stafford: Discussion ensued.

Motion amended by Mr. Birmingham to add the location of the meeting.

Motion: *To reconsider 11.5 and put it back on the table.*

1st Jerry Nault, 2nd Chris Johnson: Vote: Motion Carried: 17-0-1 Blake Brown Abstained. Discussion ensued.

Motion: *The committee recommends adopting a final FY 2010 budget of \$ 26, 110, 447, which will be expended this year; the Regional Budget Meeting will be on January 16th, 2010, at Windsor Elementary School.*

1st Bob Temple, 2nd Blake Brown: Discussion ensued. Vote: Motion Carried: 17-1-0 Sherrill Hallett voted Nay.

11.6 To approve the Teacher Certification Plan for RSU 12.

Motion: *To approve the Teacher Certification Plan for RSU 12.*

1st Bob Temple, 2nd Blake Brown: Vote: Motion Carried: 15-0-3 Chris Johnson, Joan Morin and William Stafford Abstained.

11.7 To approve the final purchase of three (3) new buses for RSU 12.

Motion: *To approve the final purchase of three (3) new buses for RSU 12.*

1st Blake Brown, 2nd Bob Temple: Discussion ensued.

Motion amended by Blake Brown.

Motion: *To approve the final purchase of three (3) new buses for RSU 12 and to borrow the money to pay for those buses.* Vote: Motion Carried: Unanimous by all those in attendance and voting.

12. Policy Readings

12.1 To take action on the **Second Readings** of the following policies:

- a. BE School Board Meetings
- b. IJJ Instructional and Library Materials Selection
- c. IJJ-E Challenge of Instructional Materials Form

Motion: *To accept the second readings of policies a-c as listed on 12.1.*

1st Bob Temple, 2nd Lester Sheaffer; Vote: Motion Carried: 17-1-0 William Stafford voted Nay.

12.2 To take action on the **First Readings** of the following policies:

- a. IMBB Exemption from Required Instruction
- b. JEA Compulsory Attendance
- c. JFABD Admission of Homeless Students
- d. JLDBG Reintegration of Students from Juvenile Correctional Facilities
- e. KBF Parent Involvement in Title I

Motion: *To accept the second readings of all policies a-e listed as on 12.2.*

1st Bob Temple, 2nd Blake Brown; Vote: Motion Carried: Unanimous by all those in attendance and voting.

12.3 Nominations were accepted for an “interim” Vice Chair, while Albert Lawrence is out. Chris Johnson was nominated by Joan Morin as interim Vice-Chair of the RSU 12 School Board.

Motion: *To close nominations for an interim Vice–Chair of the RSU 12 School Board.*

1st Jerry Nault, 2nd Richard DeVries; Vote: Motion Carried: Unanimous by all those in attendance and voting.

Motion: *To nominate Chris Johnson as interim Vice-Chair of the RSU 12 School Board.*

1st Joan Morin, 2nd Jerry Nault; Vote: Motion Carried: 16-0-2 Sherrill Hallett and Blake Brown Abstained.

13. Calendar/Announcements

13.1 Board / Standing Committee Meeting Calendar Update. Mr. Potter reported that the web calendar is being updated.

14. Executive Session

14.1 Executive Session under Title 1, M.R.S.A. § 405 6 (A) for discussion of the Superintendent’s evaluation.

Motion: *To enter into Executive Session under Title 1, M.R.S.A. § 405 6 (A) for discussion of Superintendent’s evaluation at 8:46 pm.*

1st Richard DeVries, 2nd Blake Brown; Vote: Motion Carried: Unanimous by all those in attendance and voting.

Exit Executive Session at 9:55 pm

The following motions were made in Public Session:

Motion: *To nominate/elect Superintendent Potter for a period through June 30, 2011.*

1st Jerry Nault, 2nd Richard DeVries; Vote: Motion Carried: 17-1-0. Lester Sheaffer voted Nay.

15. Adjournment

Motion: *To adjourn at 9:56 pm.*

1st Bob Temple, 2nd Allen Hallett; Vote: Motion Carried: Unanimous by all those in attendance and voting.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Gregory G. Potter,
Superintendent of Schools*

Approved January 14, 2010 by the RSU 12 Board of Directors