

RSU 73 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Initial Meeting of the RSU 73 Board of Directors
For 2010-2011 was held

Monday, May 9, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at Livermore Falls High School Cafeteria

~MINUTES~

Present: Darcie Comstock, Dan DiPompo, Tammy Dwinal-Shufelt, Tammy Frost, Diane Gould, Jackie Knight, Tim Madden, Michael Morrell, Mary Redmond Luce, Denise Rodzen, Ann Souther, Cindy Young

Absent: Vicki McLeod (excused)

1.0 CALL TO ORDER: Susan A. Pratt/Dr. Robert E. Wall, Co-Interim Secretaries

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

3.0 ATTENDANCE

3.1 Sue Pratt/Dr. Wall introduced all board members.

3.2 Oath of office, required by 20-A M.R.S.A. § 1471(5), for any board members not already sworn in. Certification of Oath form notarized.

3.3 Board members to draw lots in accordance with Title 20-A M.R.S.A. § 1472-B to determine whether their length of term shall be one, two or three years.

Lots were drawn as follows:

Jay members:

Darcie Comstock – one year term – 2012

Dan DiPompo – two year term – 2013

Tammy Dwinal-Shufelt – two year term – 2013

Vicki McLeod – three year term – 2014

Michael Morrell – one year term – 2012

Mary Redmond Luce – three year term – 2014

Livermore members:

Diane Gould – two year term – 2013

Tim Madden – one year term – 2012

Cindy Young – three year term – 2014

Livermore Falls members:

Tammy Frost – two year term – 2013

Jackie Knight – one year term – 2012

Denise Rodzen – three year term – 2014

Ann Souther – one year term – 2012

3.4 Election of Chair of the Board until the first meeting after July 1, 2011.

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Motion was made by Ann Souther and seconded by Tim Madden to nominate Denise Rodzen as Chair of the Board until the first meeting after July 1, 2011.

**Vote: 11 Yes 0 No 1 Abstention (Denise Rodzen)
1 Absent (Vicki McLeod)**

3.5 Election of Vice-Chair of the Board until the first meeting after July 1, 2011.

Motion was made by Jackie Knight and seconded by Ann Souther to nominate Mary Redmond Luce as Vice-Chair of the Board until the first meeting after July 1, 2011.

Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Vicki McLeod)

3.6 Appointment of Standing Committees of the Board:

3.6.1 **Finance – Denise Rodzen, Tammy Frost, Mike Morrell**

3.6.2 **Policy – Ann Souther, Tim Madden, Vicki McLeod**

3.6.3 **Negotiations – Tammy Dwinal-Shufelt, Jackie Knight, Denise Rodzen, Cindy Young**

3.6.4 **Transportation/Building and Grounds/Capital Improvement – Cindy Young, Dan DiPompo, Darcie Comstock**

3.6.5 **Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment – Tim Madden, Mike Morrell, Diane Gould, Mary Redmond-Luce**

4.0 ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA – None

5.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – None (first meeting of RSU 73)

6.0 COMMUNICAITONS/CORRESPONDENCE - None

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

8.0 SUPERTINTENDENT’S REPORT - None

9.0 BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT – Chair Denise Rodzen stated that board members need to keep in mind that we are here for the kids and to get them the best education available.

10.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

11.0 OLD BUSINESS – None

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Superintendent recommends appointment of the Central Office Staff for the 2011-2012 school year.

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Motion was made by Jackie Knight and seconded by Ann Souther to appoint the Central Office Staff for the 2011-2012 school year as presented. Following much discussion it was agreed that the motion would be removed from the floor at this time and reconsidered later in the meeting.

- 12.2 Superintendent nominated Michelle Knapp, D.O., as the RSU 73 School System Physician for the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion was made by Diane Gould and seconded by Jackie Knight to approve Michelle Knapp, D.O., as the RSU 73 school System Physician for the 2011-2012 school year.

Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Vicki McLeod)

- 12.3 Superintendent recommends that the location of the RSU 73 Central Office be 9 Cedar Street Livermore Falls.

Motion was made by Mary Redmond Luce and seconded by Jackie Knight that the location of the RSU 73 Central Office be 9 Cedar Street Livermore Falls.

Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Vicki McLeod)

- 12.4 Superintendent recommends approval of the proposed RSU 73 School Calendar for the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion was made by Diane Gould and seconded by Jackie Knight to approve the proposed RSU 73 School Calendar for the 2011-2012 school year.

Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Vicki McLeod)

- 12.5 Superintendent recommends approval of the RSU 73 school names voted by the students: Spruce Mountain High School and Spruce Mountain Middle School.

Motion was made by Jackie Knight and seconded by Mike Morrell to approve the RSU 73 school names: Spruce Mountain High School and Spruce Mountain Middle School.

Vote: 11 Yes 1 No (Diane Gould) 1 Absent (Vicki McLeod)

- 12.6 Superintendent recommends approval of Phoenix as the RSU 73 School Mascot, as voted by the students.

Motion was made by Ann Souther and seconded by Jackie Knight to approve Phoenix as the RSU 73 School Mascot.

Vote: 11 Yes 1 No (Diane Gould) 1 Absent (Vicki McLeod)

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- 12.7 Superintendent recommends approval of Black and Green as the RSU 73 School Colors, as voted by the students.
Motion was made by Jackie Knight and seconded by Cindy Young to approve Black and Green as the RSU 73 School Colors.
Vote: 11 Yes 1 No (Darcie Comstock) 1 Absent (Vicki McLeod)
- 12.8 Consideration of authorization to adopt the 403(b) Plan.
Motion was made by Jackie Knight and seconded by Diane Gould to approve authorization to adopt the 403(b) Plan.
**Vote: 10 Yes 1 No (Dan DiPompo) 1 Abstention (Darcie Comstock)
1 Absent (Vicki McLeod)**
- 12.9 Consideration of authorization to adopt the IRS Section 125.
Motion was made by Cindy Young and seconded by Diane Gould to approve authorization to adopt the IRS Section 125.
Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Vicki McLeod)
- 12.10 Superintendent recommends appointment of RSU 36 as Fiscal Agent for the interim period prior to July 1, 2011 for purposes of processing the RSU 73 transitional budget.
Motion was made by Mary Redmond Luce and seconded by Tammy Frost to approve the appointment of RSU 36 as Fiscal Agent for the interim period prior to July 1, 2011 for purposes of processing the RSU 73 transitional budget.
Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Vicki McLeod)
- 12.11 Consideration of authorization for RSU 73 to become a member of the Maine School Management Association Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund.
Motion was made by Mary Redmond Luce and seconded by Ann Souther to authorize RSU 73 to enter into a trust agreement, between the Maine School Management Association Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund and RSU 73 dated July 1, 2011, and to make contributions to the Trust Fund on behalf of employees. Further move that our school unit meet its obligation to provide unemployment compensation protection on its employees, through reimbursing method, by participating in the Maine School Management Association Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund, and further move that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to create a new account with Maine School Management Association Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund. The Superintendent is further authorized to enter into an agreement to administer our unemployment

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compensation program with Maine School Management Association on behalf of RSU 73.

Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Vicki McLeod)

- 12.12 Consideration of authorization to issue an RFP (request for a proposal) for banking services for RSU 73 and authorization for the Superintendent to enter into a banking service agreement.

Motion was made by Mary Redmond Luce and seconded by Jackie Knight to approve authorization to issue an RFP for banking services for RSU 73 and authorization for the Superintendent to enter into a banking service agreement.

Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Vicki McLeod)

- 12.13 Superintendent recommends continued banking services with Androscoggin Bank pending the outcome of issuance and approval of an RFP for banking services for RSU 73.

Motion was made by Mary Redmond Luce and seconded by Jackie Knight to continue banking services with Androscoggin Bank pending the outcome of issuance and approval of an RFP for banking services for RSU 73.

Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Vicki McLeod)

- 12.14 Consideration of authorization to initiate the process for procurement of a Revenue Anticipated Note or Line of Credit for RSU 73.

Motion was made by Mary Redmond Luce and seconded by Jackie Knight to initiate the process for procurement of a Revenue Anticipated Note or Line of Credit for RSU 73.

Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Vicki McLeod)

- 12.15 Superintendent recommends that the Jay School Department Policies be assumed and put in force during the period necessary for RSU 73 policies to be drafted to replace these interim policies.

Motion was made by Tim Madden and seconded by Jackie Knight that the Jay School Department Policies be assumed and put in force during the period necessary for RSU 73 policies to be drafted to replace these interim policies.

Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Vicki McLeod)

- 12.16 Superintendent requests approval of the interim budget for the period May to July 2011.

Motion was made by Mary Redmond Luce and seconded by Jackie Knight to approve the interim budget of \$39,990.00 for the period May to July 2011.

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- 12.17 Budget Review FY 2012 and establishment of a budget timeline.
Dr. Wall stated that the warrant articles have to be ready for May 26th and that there is a lot of work to be done to fine tune the budget. The budget will need to be committed by May 19, 2011 to be ready to sign warrants on May 23, 2011.
Dates and times for upcoming FY 12 Budget review meetings:
 May 12, 2011 – Livermore Falls High School Cafeteria, 7:00 – 8:30
 May 17, 2011 – Livermore Falls High School Cafeteria, 6:00 PM
 May 18, 2011 – Location TBA, 6:00 PM
 May 23, 2011 – 9 Cedar Street Learning Complex, 6:00 PM
 June 6, 2011 – Public Hearing – TBA
- 12.18 Executive Session to discuss negotiations with bargaining units pursuant to M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D).
Motion was made by Mary Redmond Luce and seconded by Ann Souther to enter executive session at 7:25 pm to discuss negotiations with bargaining units pursuant to M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D).
Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Vicki McLeod)
- 12.19 Consideration of approval of successor work agreements:
Returned to Public Session at 8:41 PM
- 12.19.1 Teachers' Contract
Motion was made by Ann Souther and seconded by Cindy Young to approve the RSU 36 Teachers' Contract as presented.
Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Vicki McLeod)
- 12.19.2 Teamsters' Contract
Motion was made by Mary Redmond Luce and seconded by Dan DiPompo to approve the Jay School Department Teamsters' Contract as presented.
Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Vicki McLeod)
- 12.20 Approval of the Coaching/Activities side agreement.
Motion was made by Mary Redmond Luce and seconded by Tim Madden to approve the Coaching/Activities side agreement as presented.
Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Vicki McLeod)
- 12.21 Executive Session to discuss selection of a Superintendent for RSU 73 for the 2011-2012 year in accordance with Title 20 M.R.S.A. Section 1051.

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Motion was made by Mary Redmond-Luce and seconded by Diane Gould to enter executive session at 8:45 pm to discuss selection of a Superintendent for RSU 73 for the 2011-2012 year in accordance with Title 20 M.R.S.A. Section 2051.

Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Vicki McLeod)

Returned to Public Session 10:14 PM

Motion was made by Ann Souther and seconded by Darcie Comstock to table item 12.1 the appointment of the Central Office Staff for the 2011-2012 school year.

Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Vicki McLeod)

- 12.22 Appointment of a Superintendent for RSU 73 for the 2011-2012 school year or authorization for the current superintendents to continue interim duties until July 1, 2011 or the appointment of a superintendent for RSU 73.

Motion was made by Mary Redmond Luce and seconded by Jackie Knight to appoint Dr. Robert Wall as Superintendent and appoint Susan Pratt as Assistant Superintendent for RSU 73 for the 2011-2012 school year.

Vote: 6 Yes 6 No (Cindy Young, Tammy Shufelt, Tammy Frost, Mike Morrell, Dan DiPompo, Ann Souther) 1 Absent (Vicki McLeod)

Motion was made by Cindy Young and seconded by Tammy Shufelt to appoint Susan Pratt as Superintendent and appoint Dr. Robert Wall as Assistant Superintendent for RSU 73 for the 2011-2012 school year.

Vote: 6 Yes 6 No (Darcie Comstock, Diane Gould, Jackie Knight, Tim Madden, Mary Redmond Luce, Denise Rodzen) 1 Absent (Vicki McLeod)

Motion was made by Mike Morrell and seconded by Mary Redmond Luce to authorize the current superintendents to continue interim duties until July 1, 2011 or the appointment of a superintendent for RSU 73.

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13.0 CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mary Redmond Luce and seconded by Ann Souther at 10:22 pm to adjourn.

Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Vicki McLeod)

Any individual who needs special accommodations to enter the building or assistance to attend this public meeting, must contact the superintendent's office at least five (5) days in advance of the meeting (A.D.A.).

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Wall, Ed, D
Interim Superintendent of Schools

Susan A. Pratt
Interim Superintendent of Schools