

MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 1 MEETING HELD June 13, 2017 AT 5:30 PM AT THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE. (NOTE: These minutes are not official until approved by the Board. Such action, either to approve or amend and approve, is anticipated at the **June 26, 2017 meeting).**

Members Present: Timothy Harkins, Chairperson; Stephen August, Vice Chairperson; Lou Ensel, Meg Fuller, Alan Walton, Bill Perkins and Jennifer Ritch-Smith; Patrick Manuel, Superintendent of Schools

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Harkins called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

PERSONNEL ITEMS – REPORT

Superintendent Manuel announced the resignation of Rachel Knowlton, Grade 1 teacher at Dike-Newell School.

PERSONNEL ITEMS – ACTION

Superintendent Manuel recommended the following nominations:

- Nathan Priest – Athletic Director/Dean of Students, Morse High School
- Angela Green – Grade 1 teacher, Dike-Newell School
- Nicole Marquis-Levesque – Grade 3 teacher, Fisher-Mitchell School
- Jamie Carter – Welding instructor, BRCTC
- Jonathan Fisk – Life Skills teacher, Woolwich Central School

MOTION: Ensel **SECOND:** Walton **VOTE:** Board (7-0)

TO: Approve the nominations as recommended by the Superintendent.

APPROVE FOUR-YEAR COMPUTER LEASE

Technology Director Dean Emmerson explained the lease for the upcoming 1:1 technology refresh and showed the Board the student and staff Chromebook devices.

MOTION: Ensel **SECOND:** Perkins **VOTE:** Board (7-0)

TO: Move that the Vote entitled, "Vote to Authorize Lease Purchase of Technology Equipment in the Principal Amount of \$730,000.00," be adopted in form presented to this meeting.

VOTE TO AUTHORIZE LEASE PURCHASE OF TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT IN PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$730,000.00

The School Board of Regional School Unit No. 1 hereby votes as follows:

That Superintendent of Schools (the "Superintendent") or his designee is authorized to accept the proposal of Gorham Savings Leasing Group, LLC, dated June 1, 2017, to provide tax-exempt lease purchase financing for technology equipment (the "Equipment") in the principal amount of \$730,000.00 at an interest rate of 3.20% for a term of four (4) years and any prior such action is hereby ratified and confirmed;

That under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 20-A M.R.S. sections 1001 and 1055 the Superintendent is authorized to execute and deliver a municipal lease purchase agreement with Gorham Savings Leasing Group, LLC, or its nominee, in the name and on behalf of Regional School Unit No. 1 (the "RSU") for technology equipment, with an aggregate purchase price of \$730,000.00, in such form and on such terms not inconsistent herewith as the Superintendent may approve (the "Lease");

That no part of the proceeds of the Lease shall be used, directly or indirectly, to acquire any securities and obligations, the acquisition of which would cause the Lease to be a "private activity bond" or an "arbitrage bond" within the meaning of Sections 141 and 148, respectively, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code");

That the Lease issued pursuant hereto is designated as a qualified tax-exempt obligation within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of said Code;

That the Superintendent is authorized to covenant on behalf of the RSU to file any information report and pay any rebate due to the United States in connection with the issuance of the Lease, and to take all other lawful actions necessary to ensure the interest portion of the rental payments under and pursuant to the Lease will be excludable from the gross income of the owners thereof for purposes of federal income taxation and to refrain from taking any action which would cause such interest portion of the rental payments to become includable in the gross income of the owners thereof;

That the appropriate officials of the RSU are authorized to execute and deliver such other documents and certificates as may be required in connection with the Lease; and

That an attested copy of this Vote be filed with the minutes of this meeting.

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE SHEEPSCOT REGIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITH EXCEPTIONALITIES

This is the regional special education program that we will be part of through a grant from the Department of Education. Superintendent Manuel reviewed the agreement. It was recommended that a parent/community participation section be added. It was also recommended that the RSU 1 Board receive progress reports on an annual basis.

MOTION: August **SECOND:** Perkins **VOTE:** Board (7-0)

TO: Authorize the Superintendent and Board Chair to move forward with this agreement and approve the program in concept.

AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO HIRE STAFF OVER THE SUMMER ON THE BOARD'S BEHALF

MOTION: Perkins **SECOND:** Walton **VOTE:** Board (7-0)

TO: Authorize the Superintendent to hire staff over the summer on the Board's behalf.

RECOMMENDATION TO POSTPONE FILLING BRCTC ELECTRICITY PROGRAM AND INCREASE COMMERCIAL ARTS FROM .5 TO 1.0 FTE

Vocational Director Julie Kenny shared the numbers for both programs. The electricity program has small numbers and we had difficulty finding a certified instructor. The program can be placed on hold for up to three years. The district does intend to fill the position in the future.

MOTION: Ensel **SECOND:** Perkins **VOTE:** Board (7-0)

TO: Postpone filling BRCTC electricity program and increase commercial arts from .5 to 1.0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Perkins

SECOND: Walton

VOTE: Board (7-0)

TO: Enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(D) in preparation for contract negotiations with the Sagadahoc Education Association at 6:55 pm.

MOTION: Walton

SECOND: Ritch-Smith

VOTE: Board (7-0)

TO: Exit executive session at 7:10 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Ritch-Smith

SECOND: August

VOTE: Board (7-0)

TO: Enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(A) to discuss evaluation of officials/appointees/employees.

MOTION: Ritch-Smith

SECOND: August

VOTE: Board (7-0)

TO: Exit executive session at 7:20 pm.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT FOR 2017-2018

MOTION: August

SECOND: Perkins

VOTE: Board (7-0)

TO: Approve extending the current contract by one year and granting a percentage increase that mirrors the increase of the administrative team.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Patrick M. Manuel
Secretary