

(The following is an unofficial summary of the action taken by the RSU 68 Board of Directors at its monthly board meeting on December 5, 2017. Please take note that the minutes will not be final until approval at the next Board of Directors' Meeting.)

**R.S.U. 68**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**SeDoMoCha Elementary Multi-Purpose Room**  
**Tuesday, December 5, 2017**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**Directors Present:** Jennifer Chase, Chair                      Mary Downs                      Frederick Johnston  
Marc Poulin, Vice Chair                      Joel Pratt                      Rebecca Prescott  
Tim Smith

**Directors Late:**

**Directors Absent** (E-Excused Absence U-Unexcused Absence): Blake Smith (E), Richard Wing (E)

**MINUTES**

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:42 p.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Welcome**
- IV. **Public Comment (15 minutes total)**
  - None
- V. **Adjustments to the Agenda**
  - None
- VI. **Commendations/Correspondence**
- VII. **Minutes**
  - A. It was moved by Frederick Johnston, seconded by Joel Pratt and voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the minutes of the School Board meeting of November 7, 2017.
- VIII. **Presentations**
  - Principal Report: Julie Kimball, Principal
    - Upcoming winter concerts: Middle School – December 14, 6:30 p.m. at Foxcroft Academy; Grade 2-4 Informance – December 19, 6:00 p.m. at SeDoMoCha
    - K-8 parent-teacher conferences were well attended
    - Winter sports season is well under way with the Boys' and Girls' A and B teams currently undefeated
  - Foxcroft Academy Report: Arnold Shorey, Headmaster
    - Foxcroft Academy recently participated in a reunification drill with SeDoMoCha
    - The Robotics team participated in and won its first robotics competition at John Bapst. The team now qualifies for the State competition.
    - FA has been recognized by the National Athletic Trainers Association as a Safe Sports School.
    - The FA band has been invited to take part in the Wreaths Across America event at Arlington Cemetery.
- IX. **Action Items**
  - No action items

**X. Discussion and Information Items**

- Head Start Building
  - The roof project at the Headstart building is completed. The superintendent did a walkthrough of the building with a contractor and is waiting for a quote on interior renovations.
- State Updates
  - Redefining Ready – Superintendents Association is preparing a resolution to send to the Department of Education outlining how they think Redefining Ready could work with diploma policy.
  - Proficiency Law – The Department of Education's definition of proficiency law has taken on a new meaning. Instead of students showing proficiency, they have said the intent of the law is to communicate proficiency.
  - Child Development Services (CDS) – Task force studying CDS is going to recommend that public school takeover be delayed a year.
  - Certification Law – Changes to certification law include Governance Committee and mentors going away.
- Holiday Gathering
  - The Board was invited to attend the Holiday Gathering at Central Office on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 p.m.
- Budget Dates
  - Budget meeting calendar was distributed to Board members in the agenda mailing.

**XI. Board Chair's Report**

- None

**XII. Superintendent's Report**

- School Management and Leadership Center
  - The superintendent has connected with a couple of opportunities which would comply with the intent of the law regarding Regionalization Service Centers. The first, Penobscot Regional Education Partnership (PREP), provides professional development opportunities for teachers and staff and the second opportunity is SPRPCE (Southern Penobscot Regional Program for Children with Exceptionalities), which would give us a space in a program designed for students with significant behavioral needs. An initial application was made; however, the Board would have to vote in April whether they want to join these partnerships.
- Facilities and Maintenance
  - The BGTFS Committee discussed the final report from Lewis & Malm and future projects, including the parking as well as the middle school gym floor.
- Benefit Dinner
  - A spaghetti benefit dinner and silent auction for Jimmy Bell is planned for January 8, 2018 from 5:30 p.m – 7:30 p.m. at SeDoMoCha. Proceeds raised will go to Jimmy to help with expenses as he recovers from a stroke.
- Retirement
  - Ashley Jackins, a physical education teacher at SeDoMoCha, will retire at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.
- Intramurals
  - Twelve students participated in the fall session of intramural basketball. The winter session of intramurals is being planned with snowshoeing as the activity.

**XIII. Other Business**

- None

**XIV. Executive Session**

- It was moved by Frederick Johnston, seconded by Joel Pratt and voted unanimously (7-0) to move into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) to discuss evaluation of the Superintendent and the Board self-evaluation.

Time In: 7:16 p.m. Time Out: 7:39 p.m.

- It was moved by Frederick Johnston, seconded by Tim Smith and voted unanimously (7-0) to contribute 3% of the Superintendent's current salary to an annuity, to allow 20 sick days to be brought forward, and to extend the Superintendent's contract by two years to June 30, 2021.

**XV. Adjournment**

- It was moved by Tim Smith, seconded by Joel Pratt and voted unanimously (7-0) to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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Stacy Shorey, Secretary