

(The following is an unofficial summary of the action taken by the RSU 68 Board of Directors at its monthly board meeting on February 5, 2019. 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, February 5, 2019
6:30 p.m.**

Directors Present: Jennifer Chase, Chair David Bjork Mary Downs
 Marc Poulin, Vice Chair Joel Pratt Rebecca Prescott
 Blake Smith

Directors Late:

Directors Absent (E-Excused Absence U-Unexcused Absence): Rob Higgins (E), Tim Smith (E)

MINUTES

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

- III. **Welcome**

- IV. **Public Comment (15 minutes total)**
 - None

- V. **Adjustments to the Agenda**
 - None

- VI. **Commendations/Correspondence**
 - Lily Taylor, a fourth grade student, read a letter to the Board asking for the schools to no longer use plastic straws in consideration of its harmful effects on the oceans and ocean wildlife.

- VII. **Minutes**
 - A. It was moved by Rebecca Prescott, seconded by Blake Smith and voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the minutes of the School Board meeting of January 15, 2019.
 - B. It was moved by Rebecca Prescott, seconded by Blake Smith and voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the minutes of the Special School Board meeting of January 15, 2019.

- VIII. **Presentations**
 - Digital Media Presentation: Jason Dean, Technology Integrator
 - Mr. Dean gave an overview of what students are doing in the Digital Media exploratory at the middle school.

- Foxcroft Academy Report: Arnold Shorey, Headmaster
 - Mr. Shorey reported on a variety of things occurring at Foxcroft Academy, including continued meetings on the Piscataquis County Ice Arena, District V Honors festival being held at the high school and the wrestling team winning the 2019 PVC championship.
- Principal Report: Adam Gudroe, Principal
 - Students in the Spotlight assembly will be held on February 13, 2019 at 1:45 p.m. at SeDoMoCha. Board members were invited to attend.
 - Current enrollment is 694.
 - Grading committee is looking at report card format.
 - Administration is looking at ways to improve “chronic absenteeism” at SeDoMoCha as determined by the Department of Education.
 - Thanked Foxcroft Academy Key Club for recent Thirst Project video presentation to students at SeDoMoCha.

IX. Action Items

- A. It was moved by Rebecca Prescott, seconded by Blake Smith and voted unanimously (7-0) to approve for first reading policy GDE: Substitute Teacher Policy.
- B. It was moved by Rebecca Prescott, seconded by Blake Smith and voted unanimously (7-0) to delete policy KLG: Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities.
- C. It was moved by Rebecca Prescott, seconded by Blake Smith and voted unanimously (7-0) to delete policy KLG-R: Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities Administrative Procedure.
- D. It was moved by Blake Smith, seconded by Marc Poulin and voted (6-1; N-Mary Downs); weighted vote (683-92) to approve the quote from Gordon Contracting for the construction of two individual stall bathrooms in the cafeteria.

X. Discussion and Information Items

- Budget Dates
 - Next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the Glass Conference Room.
- Straws
 - After receiving Lily Taylor’s letter requesting the schools not use plastic straws, Mrs. Shorey spoke with Mrs. Whitten, Food Service Manager, and they have investigated ways to move in a more green direction. Straws will only be available upon request in the middle school and Mrs. Whitten will be moving from plastic salad containers to paper salad containers.

XI. Board Chair’s Report

- None

XII. Superintendent's Report

- Facilities and Maintenance
 - BGTFS met prior to the School Board meeting to discuss quotes for bathroom construction and also HVAC System quotes and options.
- Report Card
 - Mrs. Shorey shared information about the District report card from the Department of Education. They have not been publicly released as the Department is reviewing them and correcting some errors before sending them back to superintendents and then releasing them to the public.

XIII. Other Business

- None

XIV. Adjournment

- It was moved by Marc Poulin, seconded by Rebecca Prescott and voted unanimously (7-0) to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Stacy Shorey, Secretary