

SCHOOL UNION 69  
MINUTES OF MEETING

December 7, 2021  
6:00 p.m. Via Zoom

JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
SCHOOL UNION #69  
Chair: Jude Masseur, Hope

Appleton  
Elizabeth Grierson, Chair '24  
Steve Wadsworth, '24  
Carly Kincaid, '22  
Jessica Pearson, '22  
Lisa Darling, '23

Hope  
Tim Lock, Chair '24  
Emily Burgess '24  
Crystal Robinson, '23  
Jacob Eichenlaub, '22  
Jude Masseur, '23

Lincolntonville  
Tracee O'Brien, Chair '23  
Melissa Nowell, '24  
Seth Anderson, '24  
Jared Harbaugh, '22  
John Williams, '23

MINUTES

In attendance: Jude Masseur, Chair; Tim Lock, Hope; Beth Grierson, Appleton; Tracee O'Brien, Lincolntonville; Jacob Eichenlaub, Hope; Crystal Robinson, Hope; Steve Wadsworth, Appleton; Emily Burgess, Hope; John Williams, Lincolntonville; Tim Lock, Hope; and Melissa Nowell, Lincolntonville (until 7:32PM).

Also present, Kate Clark, Superintendent and Deb Bailey, Special Education Director.

1. Jude Masseur called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.
2. Public Comment
  - a. Elizabeth Boertsch, a resident of Hope, commented that as a taxpayer, that she is opposed to any increase in salary and staff for the Superintendent, citing economic difficulties brought about by the pandemic. She also pointed out that the school needs the Board as its oversight, and not approve every suggestion the administration makes. Merit aside, Ms. Boertsch pointed out the economic climate is unprecedented and in her opinion, salary increases are not appropriate at this time.
  - b. Chris Robinson, resident of Hope, commented that he completely agreed with Mrs. Boertsch's comments.
  - c. Victoria Bucklin, resident of Appleton, also supported Mrs. Boertsch's comments.
3. Adjustments to the Agenda-correct dates for the budget to read as 2022-2023 school year.
4. Steve Wadsworth moved to nominate Beth Grierson Chair for Union 69 Board for 2022-2023, seconded by Tracee O'Brien. Vote: 10 in favor, no opposed, motion passed.

5. Beth Grierson moved to nominate Steve Wadsworth Vice-Chair for Union 69 Board for 2022-2023, seconded by Tracee O'Brien. Vote: 10-0 in favor, motion carried.
6. Emily Burgess moved to appoint Superintendent as Secretary to the Board, seconded by Jude Masseur. Vote 10-0 in favor, motion carried.
7. Tim Lock moved to accept the minutes of the June 10, 2021 Joint Board meeting, seconded by Jacob Eichenlaub. Vote 10-0 in favor, motion carried.
8. Financial Report for Central Office and Special Education to date.
9. Tracee O'Brien moved to accept the Cost Sharing Formula for the three towns, seconded by Tim Lock. Vote: 10-0 in favor, motion passed.
10. Any other business to come before the board: Policy BDD will need to be updated by the policy subcommittee and addressed by the Joint Board in June of 2022.
11. Emily Burgess moved to enter into executive session, seconded by Tracee O'Brien. Vote: 10-0 in favor, motion carried and the Board entered executive session began at 6:27PM. An executive session is requested pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. section 405 for the purpose of reviewing the annual evaluation, compensation of the Superintendent of Schools, and the annual evaluation and contract negotiations of the Special Education Director. The Board exited executive session at 7:06 PM.
12. Tracee O'Brien moved to approve the salary and benefits of the Superintendent for 2022-2023, totalling \$114,000.00 in salary and \$10,000 in insurance and benefits, seconded by Jacob Eichenlaub. Vote 9 in favor, 1 opposed, motion carried.
13. Jude Masseur moved to accept the retirement of Deborah Bailey, effective June 30, 2021, seconded by Emily Burgess. Vote: 10-1 in favor, motion carried.
14. Jacob Eichenlaub moved to approve a one year contract, pursuant to policy GCFB-R, section K awarded to Deborah Bailey effective August 1, 2021, salary totalling \$83,377.08 seconded by Tracee O'Brien. Vote: 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention, motion carried.
15. Jacob Eichenlaub moved to adopt a final budget for the office of the Superintendent of Schools and the Office of Special Education for FY 23 in the total amount of \$482,892.11, seconded by Emily Burgess. Vote: 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention, motion carried.
16. Future agenda items for the next meeting on: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 6PM.
  - a. Policy BDD
  - b. Policy advisory committee members
  - c. Central Office Financial statement

17. Jacob Eichenlaub moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jude Masseur. Vote: 9-0 in favor, motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:37PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "K" and "C".

Kate Clark

