

**R.S.U. # 82/M.S.A.D. #12  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING  
FHCS  
WEDNESDAY  
November 20, 2024  
6:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:**

<u>    </u> Debbie Petrin, Chair	<u>  X  </u> Bailey Brown	<u>  X  </u> Jean Turner
<u>  X  </u> Linda Griffin, Vice-Chair	<u>  X  </u> Kristy Griffin	<u>  X  </u> Addison Chaisson, Student Rep.
<u>  X  </u> Jasmine Bradford	<u>  X  </u> Karla Talpey	

**Other:**

**A. INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS**

Call to order @     5:58 PM    

**B. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Individuals must be recognized by the Chair, state their names for the record and comments regarding individual students or employees will be referred to another forum. The Chair may extend individual comment period of 3 minutes.*

**C. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

What action will the board take regarding the adjustments to the agenda?

Motion:     Turner     Second:     Bradford     Vote: Y   6   N   0   A   0  

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

1. Approval of the Board of Director's Minutes for: October 16, 2024

What action will the Board take regarding the minutes from the October 16, 2024, Board Meeting?

**K. Talpey was not at the September meeting. October meeting, approval of September minutes should read, 4 Yes, 0 No and 1 abstain.**

Motion:     Turner     Second:     Bradford     Vote: Y   6   N   0   A   0  

**E. MSMA Board Workshop**

Tabled to December

**F. REPORTS**

1. Chairperson
  - a)

2. Student Representative

- a) Activities Report

3. Superintendent

- a) Financials

b) Other-Staff resignations, current job openings, the hiring of J. McNally to plow. Audit-auditors have been on site and have collected much of the information needed. Grants-ESSER, Title, Local Entitlement and ARP Summer School. Draw downs for 2022 have been done, currently working on the drawdowns for 2023. Teresa Lovejoy will be trained to take over as grant coordinator and Cheryl Nadeau will be trained to draw down the funds on a regular basis. Went over the ongoing pellet boiler issues and a conversation with Hall & Smith to work on getting parts. MSMA Fall Conference-Board member L. Griffin attended with Superintendent. Topic from Keynote speaker was about how to engage students and how this has changed over the years. Regional Superintendent's Meeting-K. Corso from BusRight presented. DOE updates, discussions about the Dangerous Behaviors Law, IDEA funding, and Carry-forward funds will be reduced from 9% box to 5%. Winter Convocation will be January 23<sup>rd</sup> in Portland.

MSSA Funding Committee-Met in person on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Discussed MSSA dues rates, the rollout of Ed Tech salary increases and Co-Director of the Maine Education Policy Research Institute attend gathering input about the ED279 Funding Model Revision Study.

Discussed upcoming Committee Meeting dates & times.

4. Principal

- a) Staffing update-went over potential telehealth services for speech, the continued search for an elementary teacher and the hiring of J. McNally for plowing.

b) School events update-Veteran's assembly, working on quarterly academic assemblies for families, possibility of the elementary to engage in family enrichment nights after the holidays, and conversation with Somerset Health about possibility for presentations for substance and health education for students.

**G. OLD BUSINESS**

**H. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. What action will the Board take regarding the Superintendent's recommendation to use the company Presence for tele speech services while recruiting a new speech therapist.

Motion:         Turner         Second:         Brown         Vote: Y   6   N   0   A   0  

**Future Agenda Items:**

- MSMA Workshop**
- Executive Session**

**Time and Date of Next Meetings:**

- 1. Regular monthly board meeting: December 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

## I. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment of meeting @ 6:42 p.m.

Motion          Turner          Second:          Brown          Vote: Y 6          N 0          A 0

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**NOTE: The order of business may be altered, or items added or deleted from the agenda by a majority vote of the Board members present and voting.**

### Board of Director Goals

- The school board will seek to openly communicate with each other, the school, and the community in order to have continuous improvement so that students can achieve better than they ever have.
- The school board will support quality educational practices that allow all students to achieve at high levels through multiple pathways.
- The school board will endeavor at all times to see that the school has adequate financial support within the capabilities of the community and state in order that every child may receive the best possible education.
- The board will seek effective budget processes, both short and long term, to ensure meaningful outcomes that are future oriented.