

**R.S.U. # 82/M.S.A.D. #12
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
FOREST HILLS CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY, June 17, 2026
6:00 p.m.**

Minutes

Attendance:

A Karla Talpey, Chairperson
P Linda Griffin – Acting Chair
P Jasmine Bradford

A Bailey Brown, Vice Chair.
P Kristy Griffin
P Nicolle Harmon

P Zachariah Achey
NA Student Rep.

Other:

A. INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Call to order @ 6:00 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.

- Community Member inquired about the policy of [handling] knives in school. Concerned that not all staff were notified about an incident of knives on school grounds this month.
- Community member read a statement about voting YES for school budget encouraging community members to allocate funds to better support the staff and students. CM referenced sources stating what responsibilities of the school board are.
- Community member expressed concern about counting college credits toward other than elective credits. CM stated that our school is only local school that will not offer dual credit and that the school does not provide AP courses.

C. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None

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

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Vote: Y _____ N _____ A _____

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. Approval of the Board of Director's Minutes for: May 13, 2026

What action will the Board take regarding the minutes from May 13, 2026, Board Meeting?

Motion: Harmon Second: Achey Vote: Y 5 N 0 A 0

2. Approval of the District Budget Meeting Minutes for: May 20, 2026

What action will the Board take regarding the minutes from May 20, 2026, District Budget Meeting?

Motion: Harmon Second: Bradford Vote: Y 5 N 0 A 0

E. REPORTS

1. Chairperson
 - a) NA
2. Student Representative
 - a) NA
3. Superintendent
 - a) Financials
 - b) District Budget Meeting/Referendum Vote
 - c) Other
4. Principal
 - a) Staffing update
 - b) School events update

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Policy Development – Second Reading
 - a. What action will the board take on the 2nd reading regarding the recommendation to adopt policy: BEDH: PUBLIC COMMENT AT SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS.
Motion: Bradford Second: K. Griffin Vote: Y 5 N 0 A 0

G. NEW BUSINESS

2. Policy Development – First Reading
 - b. What action will the board take on the 1st reading regarding the recommendation to adopt policy: JICJ: CELL PHONES AND OTHER PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN SCHOOLS.

Motion made, and seconded, to discuss. All in favor. Discussion that the point of removing the verbal warning bullet is an issue of managing continued warnings throughout the day specifically with upper middle and high school students. Continued discussion on how devices will be stored during the school day.

Motion: Harmon Second: K. Griffin Vote: Y 5 N 0 A 0

3. Policy Development – First Reading

- c. What action will the board take on the 1st reading regarding the recommendation to adopt policy:
IMDA: PATROTIC EXERCISES.

Motion: Achey Second: K. Griffin Vote: Y 5 N 0 A 0

4. Added Discussion Regarding Home Schooler Survey

- Motion made, and seconded, for a First Read on Home School Survey. All in favor.
 - Motion made, and seconded, withdraw motion as a First Read. All in favor.
 - Motion made, and seconded, for survey to be reviewed and added to July agenda. All in favor.
- Letter was read.

5. VOTED:

That the Computation and Declaration of Votes cast at the June 9, 2026 District Budget Validation Referendum and the attached hereto be completed by the Superintendent of Schools and thereby approved.

FURTHER VOTED:

That the Computation and Declaration of Votes be entered upon the records of the District.

FURTHER VOTED:

That a certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes be sent to each of the town clerks within the District.

Motion: Achey Second: Bradford Vote: Y 5 N 0 A 0

6. Town Assessments

Recommendation: That the Board of Directors approves the assessments to the member communities of MSAD12/RSU82 for operational costs, debt service, local additional as presented.

Motion: Harmon Second: K. Griffin Vote: Y 5 N 0 A 0

7. Transfer of Funds

Recommendation: That the Board of Directors gives permission to the Superintendent to transfer, if needed, up to 5% of the total appropriation for the ~~2026-2027~~ 2025-2026 school year "for any cost center to another cost center or among other cost centers".

Motion made and seconded, to correct date from 2026-2027 to 2027. All in favor.

Motion: Harmon Second: Achey Vote: Y 5 N 0 A 0

8. Recommend the board approve the Superintendent's recommendation to hire Chelsea Hall as the Guidance Director for the 2026-2027 School Year

What action will the board take to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to hire Chelsea Hall as the Guidance Director for the 2026-2027 School Year

Motion made and seconded, to discuss position. Suggested that Guidance Director also be given title of Assistant Principal. Discussion that Assistant Principal would be a new position and it would need to be posted. All in favor of voting on the hiring of Chelsea Hall as Guidance Director as recommended by the Superintendent.

Motion: K. Griffin Second: Harmon Vote: Y 5 N 0 A 0

9. Employment of Teachers & Staff: - **Tabled**

Recommend that the Board of Directors authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to hire and employ teachers during the summer months with approval by the Board of Directors at the next regular Board meeting.

What action will the board take for the Board of Directors authorizing the Superintendent of Schools to hire and employ teachers and staff during the summer months with approval by the Board of Directors at the next regular Board meeting.

Motion made and seconded to table recommendation due to change in meeting dates. All in favor.

Motion: - Second: - Vote: Y - N - A -

10. Recommend that the Board of Directors approve the distribution of scholarship monies from the accounts held by the Maine Community Foundation as follows.

- a. \$150 - Leon Warren Memorial Scholarship
- b. \$300 - Hughey/Ouellette Memorial Scholarship Fund
- c. \$1,500 - Inza & Harry Hughey Memorial Scholarship Fund

What action will the board take regarding the distribution of scholarship monies from the following accounts held by the Maine Community Foundation?

Motion: Achey Second: Bradford Vote: Y 5 N 0 A 0

11. Recommend that the Board of Directors approve the distribution of scholarship monies from the following accounts held by the Maine Community Foundation?
- Recommend up to \$10,000 from the Stephen Coleman Memorial Scholarship
 - Recommend up to \$1,500 from the Anonymous Scholarship
 - ~~Recommend up to \$100 from the Chamber of Commerce Scholarship~~
- Discussion that Chamber of Commerce is now dissolved.

What action will the board take regarding the distribution of scholarship monies from the following accounts held by the Maine Community Foundation?

Motion made and seconded, to approved A & B only as Chamber of Commerce is now dissolved. All in favor.

Motion: Harmon Second: Achey Vote: Y 5 N 0 A 0

12. Executive Session to review and discuss the Principal's Employment Contract.

The School Board may vote to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A)

Motion for Executive Session: Harmon Second: K. Griffin Vote: Y 5 N 0 A 0

Time In Executive Session: 7:18 pm

Time Out Executive Session: 7:48 pm

Action taken after Executive Session:

Motion made and seconded by to accept contract with amendment of adding ~~13 holidays~~ **12 holidays** and 260 contract days. All in favor

Motion: Harmon Second: Achey Vote: Y 5 N 0 A 0

Future Agenda Items:

- Budget
- Home Schooling Survey
- 2nd Read of Policies
- Board Retreat

Time and Date of Next Meeting:

School Board Meeting: July 15, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment of meeting @ 8 pm

Motion: K. Griffin Second: Harmon Vote: Y 5 N 0 A 0

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.