

**Regional School Unit 78
School Board Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2024 5:30 p.m.
RLRS Multi-Purpose Room**

Time zone: America/New_York

Google Meet joining info

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Kathleen Catrini, Dallas Plt	A	Joanne Dunlap, Rangeley Plt	X
Joanna Farrar-V. Chair, Dallas Plt	X	Amber Haley, Rangeley Plt	X
Ryan Wilbur, Rangeley	A	Mary Richards-Chair, Sandy River Plt	X
Karen Seaman, Rangeley	X	Robert Greene, Sandy River Plt	X
Chris Farmer, Rangeley	X	Angelica Chavaree-Woodward, Student Rep	A
Deborah Ladd, Rangeley	X	Nichole Lemay, Student Rep	A
Danielle Lemay, Rangeley	A		

Quorum: 651/997

1. **Call to 5:28**
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. **Adjustments to the Agenda**
 - None
4. **Approval of Minutes for March 12, 2024**
 - Discussion
 - Motion to approve: Chris Farmer
 - 2nd:Joanna Farrar
 - Approved Unanimously
5. **Public Comments**
 - **None**
6. **Presentations:**
7. **COMMENTS:**

Chair (Mary Richards):

- Awards assembly last week was great. Many students were recognized. The school honored Chief French for his service. Board gave him a lasagna and a \$100 gift certificate.

- Superintendent's evaluation is in the board folders. Mary asks that board members fill them out anonymously and turn them in within two weeks, by April 23rd, 2024. Please add comments. Asks for Georgia to mail copies to any board members who are not present.

Superintendent (Georgia Campbell):

- 4/8/24 - Eclipse - Thank you for allowing us to embrace this day of learning. Very special and she feels the school made the right call going remote for the day.
- 3/30/24 - The Health and Wellness Committee here at school and the Rangeley Recreation Department sponsored our first elementary family dance. Thank you so much for organizing such a great event. There was a huge turnout and it was a really fun evening.
- 4/2/24 - A huge thank you to Erin Smith for putting together yet another great Spring Concert. This is not an easy event to pull together and she does a great job!
- We received our health insurance premium rate for next year from the MEA Trust and we are at a 3% increase.
- Roxanne and I will be starting the application for the Small Rural Schools Grant this week and after break we will be working on a plan for expending what funds are left in our current SRS Grant and our ESSER ARP III Grant for the remainder of the year.

Principal (Seth Laliberte):

- Spoke about student experiences on eclipse day and how great it was.
- Seth has had a County Sheriff officer in conjunction with health & wellness make a proposal to the SAT team. They would like to come do a parent night about child safety, both physically and online. This has been done in Strong already and went well. Considering May 15th for this.
- Lockdown drills last week went well
- MS baseball & softball have started
- 3/22 - March Reset Day with high school. Student led and student planned. Focus was engagement and mental health.
 - SEED presentation and discussion were amazing and kids were engaged
 - Many activities and feedback from students

Student Representatives

- NONE

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Policy Committee: - K. Catrini (Joanne Dunlap for Kathy)

- Reviewed policies being brought tonight

8.2 Finance Committee: - C. Farmer

- Met today. Bringing Warrants tonight.

- Date for town budget vote - June 11 - Town meeting is June 4.
 - Note: the last day of absentee voting is June 5th. Town office has asked that we consider moving the process earlier in the future to allow for absentee voting.
 - 8.3 Facilities Committee – D. Lemay
 - Did not meet - Danielle is not in attendance and no current issues not tabled to May
 - 8.4 Negotiations – B. Greene
 - Support staff contract is formally signed. Still watching for several pieces of legislation that are pending. LD974, specifically, has vague language that they are trying to clarify. This committee will meet in the future once more information is gathered and/or information will be brought to the full board.
9. **Appointments, Resignations, Nominations and Transfers**
- None
10. Action Items:
- 10.1 Motion to revise policy IJOC-School Volunteers**
- Discussion:
 - Chris Farmer: “...who meet these requirements.” is vague. Suggest change to: “... who have had criminal background checks and been fingerprinted.”
 - Bob Greene: Any risk of exposure to the people who are fingerprinted if anything happens with the people who are not?
 - Georgia - Responsibility would be to report any issues as soon as possible to administration.
 - There should be no opportunity for anyone
 - Motion to approve: Deb Ladd
 - 2nd: Joanne Dunlap
 - Motion to amend wording as stated above- Chris Farmer
 - 2nd - Bob Greene
 - Amended unanimously
 - Policy revision approved Unanimously
- 10.2 Motion to revise policy JEA-Compulsory Attendance**
- Discussion - Chris clarifies regarding new wording. No issues found.
 - Motion to approve: Deb Ladd
 - 2nd: Joanna Farrar

- Approved Unanimously

10.3 Signing of the Warrants

- Discussion: Board members who are not present need to come into the office tomorrow to sign the warrants.
 - Roxanne clarifies - Absent members do not need to come in to sign since we have a quorum.
- Move that the Vote entitled, "Vote to Call and Approve the Warrants for the Budget Meeting and the Budget Validation Referendum and to Authorize the Notice of Amounts Adopted," be approved in form presented to this meeting and that a copy of said Vote be included with the minutes of this meeting. - Chris Farmer
 - 2nd: Deb Ladd
 - Passed Unanimously
 - Warrants passed for signing

10.4 Motion to set date for June meeting (Wednesday, June 12, 2024)

- Discussion
- Motion to set date for June meeting as Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 5:00 PM: Chris Farmer
- 2nd: Joanne Dunlap
- Approved Unanimously

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn at 5:58PM: Chris Farmer
- 2nd: Karen Seaman
- Approved Unanimously

Next meeting: May 14, 2024

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