

**Regional School Unit 78  
School Board Meeting Minutes  
May 14, 2024 5:30 p.m.  
RLRS Multi-Purpose Room**

Time zone: America/New York

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Kathleen Catrini, Dallas Plt	X	Joanne Dunlap, Rangeley Plt	X
Joanna Farrar-V. Chair, Dallas Plt	A	Amber Haley, Rangeley Plt	X
Ryan Wilbur, Rangeley	X	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	X
Deborah Ladd, Rangeley	X	Nichole Lemay, Student Rep	X
Danielle Lemay, Rangeley	X		

Quorum: 913/997

1. Call to Order

- TIME: 5:30 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adjustments to the Agenda

- 10.1 will be moved to the June Board Meeting
- Add new 10.1: Vote on graduation date on the existing 24/25 school calendar

4. Approval of Minutes for April 9, 2024 and Special School Board Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2024

- Motion to approve April 9th meeting minutes: Chris Farmer
- 2nd: Robert Greene
- Discussion: None
- Passed unanimously
- Motion to approve May 7th minutes: Chris Farmer

- 2nd: Danielle Lemay
- Discussion: None
- Passed unanimously

## 5. Public Comments

- None

## 6. Presentations: Kelsey Orestis-Student Achievement

- Junior Scholastic Competition called “Where’s Mapman?”
  - We have historically had 7 students place in the top 10.
  - This year there were 1500 submissions
  - Silvi-Emami Griefendorf was top 25 in 6th grade & 7th grade. This year she won 1st place. Her map is featured on this month’s magazine cover. This middle school had a celebration with traditional Portuguese foods.
  - Junior Scholastic has invited Silvi to do an online interview with the editors and offices.

## 7. Board Comments:

### Chair (Mary Richards)

- Last week was teacher appreciation week. Joanna Farrar provided goodies from the board to thank them for their hard work
- US News & World Report selected RLRS as the 4th best High School in Maine

### Superintendent/PreK-5 Principal (Georgia Campbell)

- On April 30th I attended the last Regional Educational Collaborative of Northern Franklin County meeting of the year. Our calendars are now synched in the event we want to get together for some professional development. We began discussions on three student centered programs for the 2024-2025 school year involving outdoor education, art programming, and a possible satellite program. We also reviewed our Committee Charter which outlines the framework for how we function as a group.
- I attended the Western Maine Education Collaborative meeting on May 2nd. This is the 20th anniversary for WMEC. We talked about all of our accomplishments over the years and outlined our strategic plan for the upcoming year. There are 17 western Maine schools in this collaborative and we are lucky to have this resource and the learning opportunities it provides.
- On Friday, May 10th, I attended the Drummond Woodsum Annual Seminar in Freeport. There was lots of free legal information provided and a great luncheon as well.
- Our Local Entitlement Grant for Special Education has been approved. We have been awarded \$58,658.57, up \$3,692.97 over last year.
- I have been asked by the Board of Directors to have a special education audit done on the special education department. There is a highly recommended consulting firm that will be starting the process in June.

- Special Announcement:
  - "On May 16, 2024, RLRS will welcome multi-award winning Maine author/illustrator, Chris Van Dusen! Mr. Van Dusen will meet with students in PK-5 in the morning of the 16th. Thanks to a generous donation from the RFA, a copy of one of Mr. Van Dusen's books has been purchased for every student PK-5. Mr. Van Dusen will sign books for students during the day. This year, students in K through 4 who participated in Maine's Chickadee Award read Mr. Van Dusen's newest book, Big Truck Little Island, based on a real event on the island of Vinalhaven. RLRS is thrilled to re-invigorate the tradition of inviting a working author/illustrator to our school, and we are grateful for the support of the community, the RFA, the Janet Waugaman Memorial Fund, and the Maine Literacy Fund to make this happen (Ms. Thompson, our school librarian)."
- This is Angie Woodward's last meeting with the board. It has been a pleasure having her serve. She has been accepted into her top school choice for the fall.

#### Principal (Seth Laliberte)

- Describes testing windows and assessments that have been done.
- There is a lot of stress around technology. Everything is digital now except AP Seminar. (SATs and APUSH for the first time)
- Sports - Middle school baseball and softball have played 4 games. Boys beat Mt. Blue yesterday. They are undefeated. Girls are working very hard. Home games vs. Carrabec on Thursday
- Tomorrow night - Child Safety night for parents w/ Franklin County Sheriff
  - Helping parents understand safety in the digital and physical world.
- 30th - Planetarium in gym
- Greenhouse is coming along - lots of volunteers involved

#### Student Representative Comments

- Angie:
  - 9 students participated in AP Finals last week. (Art, US History, Seminar)
  - Senior trip to Boston next week
  - The following week is the Chorus trip to Six Flags, Music in the Park
  - Baccalaureate June 2
  - June 3 - FTC recognition
  - June 8th is graduation day
- Nichole:
  - Prom June 1st
  - Scheduling under way with Delaney
  - NHS induction ceremony was last week
  - College Fair Thursday in Augusta
  - NWEAs last week. State Science next week for Juniors. SATs done.
  - College courses are finishing up

## 8. Committee Reports

### 8.1 Policy Committee: - K. Catrini

- Met & not bringing any changes tonight

### 8.2 Finance Committee: - C. Farmer

- Georgia is working on audit of Special Education
- Budget is done and ready for budget hearing. Other districts are in much worse shape financially with much larger increases

### 8.3 Facilities Committee – D. Lemay

- Kitchen update: Oven & Dishwasher - original quote is no longer good (they are no longer selling). Getting a new quote which will also include a couple of other needed items like a new milk cooler
- Fuel tank - Koob's was able to take most of the fuel. The tank project is under way and should be completed next week
- Summer projects: softball field, bathroom grout
- COPS grant: Adding cameras

### 8.4 Negotiations – B. Greene

- Nothing to report. Still keeping an eye on the law in the Senate.

## 9. Appointments, Resignations, Nominations and Transfers

- Resignation: Reed Stevens has resigned from 5th grade. Georgia reads his letter.
- Appointments:
  - Middle School English - Kelly Price - Seth is very excited. She has ties to Rangeley and has a strong desire to be here. Has been an English teacher for 21 years. Young at heart with a lot of experience. She is 1 of 15 in her current department and is excited for a new experience.
  - Middle School SS Interim 1-year position: Beth Carroll - Seth states: She has been with us 2 years in special education. Very high quality. She knows how to work with kids and develops good relationships. Seth is excited to grow and develop talent from within. She should be a good fit in the middle school team.
    - Motion to nominate Kelly Price to MS English: Deborah Ladd
    - 2nd Danielle Lemay
    - Passes Unanimously
    - Motion to nominate Beth Carroll to Interim MS SS position: Robert Greene
    - 2nd: Karen Seaman
    - Passes unanimously
- William St. John is moving from probationary to continuing contract. Seth - Pete has filled an important role in the high school team. We are seeing an improvement in vocabulary testing data.

10. Action Items:

~~10.1 Motion to enter into executive session, 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (A)  
Superintendent's Evaluation~~

- 10.1 Motion to amend 24/25 School Calendar to move graduation to June 7th, 2025.
  - Motion to approve: Danielle Lemay
  - 2nd: Joanne Dunlap
  - Passed unanimously

Adjourn

- Motion to approve: Robert Greene
- 2nd: Danielle Lemay
- Passed unanimously
- Time adjourned: 6:10 PM

Next meeting: ***Wednesday, June 12, 2024***

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