

SCHOOL UNION 69
NOTICE OF MEETING

December 5, 2023

6:00 p.m.

at Hope Elementary School
34 Highfield Road, Hope, Maine

JOINT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair: Melissa Nowell, Chair

Appleton

Emily Garrigan, '25, Chair
Elizabeth Grierson, '24
Steve Wadsworth, '24
Carly Kincaid, '25
Lisa Darling, '26

Hope

Tim Lock, '24, Chair
Emily Burgess, '24
Jude Masseur, '26
Nick O'Hara, '25
Ben Odgren, '26

Lincolntonville

Tracee O'Brien, '26, Chair
Melissa Nowell, '24
Seth Anderson, '24
Emily Berry, '25
Amy Peterson, '26

In attendance: Melissa Nowell, Chair; Tracee O'Brien, Emily Garrigan; Tim Lock; Jude Masseur; Emily Burgess; Amy Peterson; Beth Grierson; Ben Odgren; Carly Kincaid and Nick O'Hara. Also in attendance Kate Clark, Superintendent, Deb Bailey, Special Education Director and Bob Bocko, AVS parent.

1. Melissa Nowell called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.
2. Public Comment-Mr. Bocko requested that public comment be moved to the end of the agenda so he can hear what the committee discusses before commenting.
3. Adjustments to the Agenda: Jude Masseur moved public comment to item number #13, seconded by Tracee O'Brien, Vote: 11 in favor, motion carried. Tracee O'Brien moved to add a vote to approve the FY '25 budget as number 15, seconded by Carly Kincaid. Vote: 11-0 in favor, motion carried.
4. Election of Officers for '24-'25:
 - a. Chair: Emily Burgess moved to nominate Ben Odgren as Chair, seconded by Tim Lock. Vote: 11-0 in favor, motion carried.
 - b. Vice Chair: Emily Burgess nominated Jude Masseur as Vice Chair, seconded by Tracee O'Brien. Vote: 11-0 in favor, motion carried.
 - c. Secretary: Tracee O'Brien moved to nominate Kate Clark as Secretary to the Joint School Committees, seconded by Tim Lock. Vote: 11-0 in favor, motion carried.

5. Jude Masseur moved to accept the minutes of the June 20, 2023 Joint Board Meeting, seconded by Emily Burgess. Vote: 9 in favor, 2 abstentions, motion carried.
6. Update from the Special Education Director
7. Resignations/Nominations: Jude Masseur moved to accept with regrets the resignation of Deborah Bailey, Special Education Director, effective June 30, 2024, seconded by Emily Burgess. Vote: 11-0 in favor, motion carried.
8. Review Financial Statements to date for FY 23-24 for the Superintendent's Office, Business Office and Special Education Director's Office
9. Updates from Policy and/or Finance Joint Board Subcommittees-Finance subcommittee reported that we discussed ways to make the finance team more efficient. The policy subcommittee discussed a proposed rate of three or fewer policies per month to the committees for approval.
 - a. Discuss proposed FY '25 budget
10. Tracee O'Brien moved to approve the HAL Cost Sharing Formula for FY '24-25, seconded by Tim Lock. Vote: 11-0 in favor, motion passed.
11. Fivetowns Advisory Board participation
12. Any other business to come before the board
13. Public Comment-Mr. Bocko combing through the budget carefully to be clear about the proposed increases and not to vote if the committee feels the budget needs to be updated. Mr. Bocko also encouraged the committee to find funds to manage the business of the office. Finally, Mr. Bocko encouraged the districts to consider consolidating into an RSU, perhaps with the Fivetowns CSD.
14. Tracee O'Brien moved to enter executive session pursuant to M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (A) for consideration of employment duties, seconded by Emily Garrigan. Vote: 11-0 in favor and the committee entered executive session at 8:00 PM. The committee exited executive session at 8:29 PM.
15. Executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. section 405 (A) for the purpose of evaluation and compensation of the Superintendent.
16. Vote to approve FY '25 Central Office Budget-tabled
17. Future agenda items for the next meeting on: Wednesday, December 20, 2023
 - a. Executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. section 405 (A) for the purpose of evaluation and compensation of the Superintendent

b. Vote to approve FY '25 Central Office Budge

18. Tim Lock moved to adjourn the meeting and table items #15, 16 and 17 to a future special joint school committee meeting, seconded by Tracee O'Brien. Vote: 9-0 in favor and the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM;

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kate Clark".

Kate Clark

