

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 40

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Board of Directors Special Meeting Central Office Friday, May 13, 2022 7:00 p.m.

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School Board Members: Julia Abernethy, Erik Amundsen, Guy Bourrie, Morgan Hynd, Danny Jackson, Randy Kassa, Sandra O'Farrell, Angela Robinson, Brooke Simmons, Matthew Speno, Julie Swindler, Emily Trask-Eaton, Jeanette Wheeler, Melvin Williams, Robert Williams

Student Representatives: Natalie Dean, Owen Weber, Elizabeth Swan (alternate)

Agenda

I. Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Declaration of Quorum: 876 of 931
- C. Note Absences: Julia Abernethy
- D. Adjustments to the Agenda

II. Superintendent and/or Chair Reports

- A. Board Chair's Report
- B. Superintendent's Report

III. Audience with the Public

IV. Executive Session 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(E) Advice from Legal Counsel

Motion: Brooke Simmons Second: Matthew Speno Vote: 876-0-0
Time In: 8:10 p.m. Time Out: 8:53 p.m.
A. Action as a result of Executive Session - none

V. Action Item

- A. COVID-19 Prevention Strategies – Mask Use

To make masks optional in all RSU 40 schools and transportation starting tonight

Motion: Brooke Simmons Second: Randy Kassa Vote: 423-453-0
(Guy Bourrie, Danny Jackson, Sandra O'Farrell, Angela Robinson, Brooke Simmons,
Jeanette Wheeler, Melvin Williams)

Move to keep things as they are following the U.S. CDC recommendations

Motion: Guy Bourrie Second: Sandra O'Farrell Vote: 398-478-0
(Erik Amundsen, Morgan Hynd, Randy Kassa, Angela Robinson, Brooke Simmons,
Matthew Speno, Jeanette Wheeler, Melvin Williams)

Allow the Superintendent to follow the U.S. CDC with input from local infectious disease experts

Motion: Erik Amundsen Second: Guy Bourrie Vote: (withdrawn)

To give the Superintendent authority to use his discretion to use multiple sources to make decisions about COVID protocol

Motion: Julie Swindler Second: Sandra O'Farrell Vote: (withdrawn)

Motion to extend the meeting

Motion: Brooke Simmons Second: Randy Kassa Vote: 803-73-0
(Melvin Williams)

Motion to make masks optional in RSU 40 schools until or unless the State of Maine and/or the Maine Department of Education declares a health emergency

Motion: Randy Kassa Second: Brooke Simmons Vote: 547-329-0
(Erik Amundsen, Guy Bourrie, Danny Jackson, Sandra O'Farrell, Emily Trask-Eaton)

VI. Adjourn: 9:42 p.m.

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