

# REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 40

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Steve Nolan, Superintendent  
Kimberly Schroeter, Director of Instruction

Karla Miller, Business Manager  
Karen Etheridge, Director of Special Services

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## Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, August 20, 2015

Central Office – Union

### MINUTES

**School Board Members:** Erik Amundsen, Sara Andrews, Guy Bourrie, Tod Brown, Cheryl Cichowski, Ann Donaldson, Dana Dow, Danny Jackson, Lynda Letteney, Bill Moody, Sandra O'Farrell, Dorothy Robinson, Errol Silvestri, Brooke Simmons, Tara Wellman, Bob Williams, Dennis Wooster

**Student Representatives:** Sophie Cohen, Patrick White

**I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Danny Jackson at 7:03 p.m.**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Declaration of Quorum: 858 out of 1,000
3. Note Absences: Sandra O'Farrell, Dennis Wooster
4. Adjustments to the Agenda
  - a. Action item B-f withdrawn
  - b. Action item D removed

**II. Audience with the Public**

**III. Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve the Minutes of July 28 and August 6, 2015 (August 6<sup>th</sup> with corrections):  
Lynda Letteney                      Second: Brooke Simmons                      Vote: 516 – 0 – 42 (Brooke Simmons)

**IV. Superintendent and/or Chair Reports**

**A. Superintendent's Report**

1. Steve reminded everyone of the DrummondWoodsum book "Maine School Law and Practice for Board Members" that they have as a resource.

**B. Board Chair's Report**

1. Attached

**C. Business Manager's Report**

**V. Reports from Schools**

- A. Pre-K update – Karen Etheridge informed the school board that the application for a Pre-Kindergarten program was submitted to the Department of Education on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. She has to revise seven (7) questions and then expects to be approved.

- B. Union Elementary School has 19 students enrolled (4 from Prescott Memorial School), Warren Community School has 30 students enrolled and Miller School has 30 students enrolled.

**VI. Presentations**

**VII. Educational Issues**

**VIII. Action Items**

- A. **Motion to approve the nomination of Linda Pease as Medomak Valley High School Assistant Principal:** Guy Bourrie                      Second: Dana Dow      Vote: 816 – 0 – 42  
(Brooke Simmons)

B. **Motion to approve the following teacher nominations**

- a. Steven Hutchings – Math Teacher – Medomak Valley High School
- b. Greta Luellen – Pre-K Teacher – Union Elementary School
- c. Linda Baldwin – Literacy Interventionist – Miller School
- d. Jill Ganz – Day Treatment Teacher – Warren Community School
- e. Gretchen Hope – Pre-K Teacher – Warren Community School
- f. Laura Whitney – Music Teacher – Miller School
- g. Monica Nelson – Literacy Coach – Friendship Village School/Miller School

Motion: Erik Amundsen                      Second: Bob Williams                      Vote: 858 – 0 – 0

C. **Review and approve changes in high school courses**

Motion: Dana Dow                      Second: Brooke Simmons                      Vote: 734 – 124 – 0  
(Sara Andrews, Brooke Simmons)

D. **Approve a proposal to begin Medomak Middle School Golf Club**

Motion: Guy Bourrie                      Second: Brooke Simmons                      Vote: 858 – 0 – 0

E. **Approve policy BCC – Nepotism for deletion**

Motion: Errol Silvestri                      Second: Lynda Letteney                      Vote: 858 – 0 – 0

F. **Sign the certification of referendum vote**

G. **Sign the town assessment warrants**

**IX. Committee Reports**

- A. Curriculum Committee – September 1<sup>st</sup> @ 5:00 p.m. - MMS
- B. Finance Committee – September 8<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 p.m. – Central Office
- C. Facilities-Transportation Committee – September 10<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 p.m. – PMS and August 27<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 p.m. – FVS
- D. Many Flags Committee – September 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. – Rockland, Main Street
- E. Negotiations Committee – September 15<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 p.m. – Central Office

- F. Policy Committee – September 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 5:00 p.m. – Central office
- G. Region 8 Coop Board – August 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. - MCST
- H. Personnel Committee – TBA

X. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

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## **Board Chair Report 08/20/15**

- 1) I want to thank Guy, Sara, Lynda, Errol, Cheryl, Dorothy, Tara for attending the new Board Member training tonight. I appreciate the Superintendent coordinating the training through Maine School Management Association.
- 2) Linda Bowie will at the next Board Meeting on 9/3/15. She will be here to talk about the differences between mission, vision, values, and goals. She will also talk about the plan for a survey.
- 3) Read thank you cards from students who received scholarships.

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Sign In Sheet  
(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)  
August 20, 2015**

NAME	TOWN
Tara Wellman	Union
Beth Birmingham	Coveler
Dorah Howard	LCS
Christna Watton	UES
Nancy Stron	PMS
Julia Levensaler	Waldoboro, Miller
Jill Grenz	WCS
Greta Luellen	Waldoboro,
Gretchen Hope	Warren
<del>Matt Lash</del>	MUTUALS
Karen Ethenitz	CAO