

Saco School Board Meeting Minutes

Saco School Board Virtual Meeting held via Zoom

April 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

The video recording of this meeting can be found on the [Saco School Department Facebook page](#).

School Board Meeting Called to Order

Mayor William Doyle called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. Present: Christina Shea, Jennifer Preble, Jeffrey Richard, Kevin Lafortune, Art Tardif, Sarah Truman, and Beth Johnston. Absent excused, Superintendent Dominic DePatsy

Approval of School Board Meeting Minutes Dated [March 24, 2021](#)

A motion was made by Christina Shea and seconded by Beth Johnston to approve the School Board meeting minutes dated March 24, 2021. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Adjustment(s) to the Agenda

A motion was made by Kevin Lafortune and seconded by Sarah Truman to add under New Business, Item f) Retirements. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Correspondence

None

Public Session

Tony Palleschi

Kevin Lafortune read a letter from Cathy Melanson

Kevin Roche read a letter from a SSD employee

Christian Steppe

Jessica Morris

Lauren Grenier

Superintendent's Report

None

Chair's Report

None

Staff Reports

[Combined Principal/Director School Board Report - March 2021](#)

Board Sub Committee Minutes

Strategic Committee Meeting [Minutes, 3/23/21](#)

Infrastructure Committee Meeting [Minutes, 3/25/21](#)

Old Business

Second Reading of Policies

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A motion was made by Beth Johnston and seconded by Christina Shea to approve the reading of policy GCFB - Recruiting and Hiring of Administrative Staff, and GCFB-R - Recruiting and Hiring of Administrative Staff Administrative Procedure. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Interim Superintendent Search Update

The Chair and Christina Shea reported that MSSA has reviewed the applicant packets and have forwarded them to the committee. The committee will review them and schedule interviews via Zoom of five applicants. A decision will be made as soon as possible and communicated to all.

OSAC Update

New Business

Resignation

A motion was made by Christina Shea and seconded by Jeff Richard to accept the resignation of Dr. Timothy Kane, C.K. Burns School Principal, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year administrator contract. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Administrator Contract Renewal

A motion was made by Jeff Richard and seconded by Sarah Truman to renew the administrator contract of Maureen McMullin, Fairfield School Principal, for the 2021-2022 school year. Voted 6 in favor, 1 opposed (Christina Shea). Motion approved.

A motion was made by Jeff Richard and seconded by Jennifer Preble to renew the administrator contract of Joshua Onorato, Assistant Principal, C.K. Burns School, for the 2021-2022 school year. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Jeff Richard and seconded by Art Tardif to renew the administrator contract of Kenneth Hawkins, Saco Middle School Principal for the 2021-2022 school year. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Jeff Richard and seconded by Christina Shea to renew the administrator contract of Thomas Partridge, Saco Middle School Assistant Principal for the 2021-2022 school year. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Jeff Richard and seconded by Jennifer Preble to renew the administrator contract of Julie Smyth, Pre-K Director/Curriculum Director for the 2021-2022 school year. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Jeff Richard and seconded by Jennifer Preble to renew the administrator contract of Laurel Ellis, Special Education Direction for the 2021-2022 school year. Voted 6 in favor, 1 abstention (Christina Shea). Motion approved.

A motion was made by Jeff Richard and seconded by Kevin Lafortune to renew the administrator contract of Jessica Clark, Instructional Support Director for the 2021-2022 school year. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

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A motion was made by Jeff Richard and seconded by Kevin Lafortune to renew the administrator contract of Michael Garrity, Maintenance/Transportation Director, for the 2021-2022 school year. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Jeff Richard and seconded by Beth Johnston to renew the administrator contract of Susan Morrell, Food Service Director, for the 2021-2022 school year. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Jeff Richard and seconded by Sarah Truman to renew the administrator contract of Kris Stryker, IT Director, for the 2021-2022 school year. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Jeff Richard and seconded by Beth Johnston to renew the administrator contract of Jason DiDonato, Finance Director, for the 2021-2022 school year. Voted 6 in favor, 1 opposed (Jennifer Preble). Motion approved.

School Nurse Nomination

A motion was made by Christina Shea and seconded by Beth Johnston to approve the nomination of Kristina Renaud, Young School Nurse, effective April 1, 2021 and issue a contract for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

SEL (Social Emotional Learning) Resolution

A motion was made by Kevin Lafortune and seconded by Beth Johnston that it be resolved that by the School Board members' signature on the Resolution presented, that the Saco School Board encourages schools to continue to implement SEL in both in-person and virtual environments and to conduct ongoing training of staff to ensure SEL implementation is culturally responsive and equitably meets the needs of all students. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Retirements

A motion was made by Christina Shea and seconded by Beth Johnston to accept the notification of retirement from Kelly Mourmouras, District Physical Therapist, and Susan Smith, Fairfield Teacher, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

Other Information

None

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Art Tardif and seconded by Sarah Truman to adjourn the meeting at 7:36pm. Voted unanimously. Motion approved.

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