

**RSU21 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2010
KENNEBUNK HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson, Norm Archer; Vice Chairperson, Tim Hussey. Directors: Maureen King, Bob Domine, Kevin Knight, Art Leblanc, Leia Lowery, Jack Reetz, Ed Geoghan, Frank Drigotas, Matthew Fadiman, and Dan Pleva. Student Representatives: David Pepin (absent) and Emily Junker.

IV. WORKSHOP

Four questions were asked – 1) Where do you believe we should consider reductions, or need to search for greater efficiencies, within the budget? 2) If reductions are to be made, what are some areas/programs/policies/practices you believe should be protected? 3) Where would you like to see a greater investment of resources? 4) If you could make one statement to the full Board as they deliberate the FY12 budget parameters, what would it be? Below is the compilation of answers to those questions from the board and administrative team.

Question 1: Where do you believe we should consider reductions, or need to search for greater efficiencies, within the budget?

	<u>AGREE</u>	<u>DISAGREE</u>	<u>SUM</u>
TAMS Buyout to Reduce Tuition Costs	14	1	13
Reduce Stipends/Career Ladder	6		6
Balance Enrollment Across K-5 Schools	8	3	5
Increase Class Size	5	1	4
Lower Building Temp in off hours	3		3
Special Education	2		2
Reduce No. of Portables	2		2
Staffing	1		1
Coaches/Teams	4	4	0
Staffing (Ed Techs)	1	1	0
Field Trips			0
Eligibility			0
Out of District Tuition			0
Equipment			0
Facilities			0
Business Technology			0
Set Minimum Class Size Policy			0
Drama		1	-1
Don't employ 1:1 Computing at KHS		1	-1
Athletics		2	-2
Administrative Support		2	-2
Close K-5 School	3	7	-4
Specials/Allied Arts	2	8	-6
Late Buses		8	-8
Limit Scope of KHS Renovation		8	-8
Eliminate K-5 Principal	1	17	-16

Question 2: If reductions are to be made, what are some areas/programs/policies/practices you believe should be protected?

	<u>AGREE</u>	<u>DISAGREE</u>	<u>SUM</u>
International Baccalaureate	10	1	9
Professional Development	9		9
Reading, Math, Science, Writing	7		7
Development Office	7		7
Technology	6		6
RTI	6		6
Allied Arts	5		5
Libraries	5	1	4
Advanced Placement	3		3
Experiential Education	2		2
Administration	3	1	2
Capital Facilities Fund	3	1	2
Special Education	2	1	1
Wellness			0
Safety			0
Transportation	1	1	0
Athletics	3	3	0
K-12 Foreign Language	3	5	-2
Guidance	1	3	-2
G/T		2	-2
Food		3	-3
Class Size	3	7	-4
Late Buses		8	-8
Nothing	1	10	-9

Question 3: Where would you like to see a greater investment of resources?

	<u>AGREE</u>	<u>DISAGREE</u>	<u>SUM</u>
STEM Initiatives	14		14
Expand I.B.	12		12
Literacy and Math Support	10		10
Marketing our Schools/Programs	9	2	7
Professional Development	8	1	7
1:1 Computing at KHS	9	3	6
Bus Purchases	3		3
G/T			0
MSK Facility Repairs			0
Arts		1	-1
Libraries	2	4	-2
Virtual Learning	3	6	-3
None	1	5	-4

Reading Recovery	2	6	-4
Class Size Reduction	1	6	-5

Question 4: If you could make one statement to the full Board as they deliberate the FY12 budget parameters, what would it be?

	<u>AGREE</u>	<u>DISAGREE</u>	<u>SUM</u>
It's O.K. to ask the public for more money	15		15
Market MSK to Arundel students	13	1	12
Put the kids first	9	1	8
Strategic Plan should guide decisions	5		5
Seven straight years of cuts have hurt	7	3	4
What can we learn from other districts?	4		4
Is it realistic to think we can cut more?	1		1
Let the voters decide	1	1	0
K-5 is pretty basic already	1	2	-1
Let's not blame the state		2	-2
Look for revenue through facilities rentals		2	-2
Further cuts will harm programs	1	5	-4
Everything should be considered for cuts	1	7	-6
Share the Pain - Reduce across the board		9	-9
Commit to no staff cuts	0	10	-10
We can't transfer the impact to the taxpayer		12	-12

V. CONSENT AGENDA ITEM(S)

a. Approval of December 6, 2010 Minutes – Director Reetz found an error in the minutes under NEW BUSINESS – Referendum Discussion. The correct motion is as follows:

A MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE REFERENDUM FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL REMEDIATION WITH THE STATE FUNDING ATTACHED, ALSO THE TAMS CONTRACT BUYOUT THAT THE BOARD APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY THIS PAST SUMMER AND TO MOVE FORWARD TO BE ABLE TO GET THIS ON THE REFERENDUM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE NO LATER THAN LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH (MATT FADIMAN), SECONDED: (MAUREEN KING). VOTED: 8-2. THE MOTION PASSED. STUDENT VOTE: 2-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 6, 2010 MINUTES (BOB DOMINE), SECONDED: (FRANK DRIGOTAS). VOTED: 12-0. STUDENT VOTE: 1-0.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Policy First Reading

1. ACAA – Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students
2. ACAA-R – Student Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedure
3. ACAB – Harassment and Sexual Harassment of School Employees
4. ACAB-R – Employee Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedure
5. KBE – Board Relations with Parent/Teacher Organizations
6. BDF – RSU and School Advisory Accountability Committees

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE ABOVE POLICIES FOR A FIRST READING (LEIA LOWERY), SECONDED: (MATT FADIMAN). VOTED: 12-0. STUDENT VOTE: 1-0.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

a. Middle School Facility Update - A plan to address the removal of all carpet from the middle school building will begin with the sixth grade and allied arts wing next week and continuing with the seventh grade wing in February,

the eighth grade wing in April, and the cafeteria and music rooms in June. The Board also wishes to move forward with the replacement of the roof, the external insulation system, and the repairs to the connecting corridor as soon as practically possible. This does require approval by the voters, and the Board is seeking that approval in the early spring so work can begin on the connecting corridor as soon as the weather allows, and the roof/external envelope work can begin as soon as school is dismissed in June. The board has agreed to go to referendum on March 1, 2011. If this is to happen the warrants must be signed at the January 3, 2010 School Board Meeting. The board did not approve the leasing of portable units in which to house a portion of the school. The cost of a portable until would be approximately \$45,000 per year. To provide twenty classroom spaces would require 10 units totaling \$450,000. This money is not available in the current budget. Vice Chair Hussey read the minutes from the Facilities Meeting that was held this afternoon. The committee recommends the administration continue to aggressively inspect and test ceiling tiles, and to secure expert opinion on whether full replacement is a prudent and necessary step once the roof work is completed. They also urge the board and administration to proceed with full urgency to get a referendum scheduled and passed, and the work commenced to address the real root cause of the water intrusion at the middle school. The committee remains very focused on and concerned with providing all employees a safe and healthy workplace, and have confidence that this course of action will get us there once and for all. Director Geoghan is not in favor of the March 1st referendum, he would like to see the board wait longer to make that decision. He thinks the timing of the referendum does not give a true picture of what the public is thinking.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FACILITY COMMITTEE THAT WERE READ BY VICE CHAIRPERSON HUSSEY (BOB DOMINE), SECONDED: (LEIA LOWERY). VOTED: 11-1. STUDENT VOTE: 1-0.

b. Cost Sharing Update – Superintendent Dolloff reported that the committee met this past week and will meet again January 6th. His hope is that the committee moves forward and talks about solutions. The committee has aired its grievances and needs to start working on solutions.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE AT 9:20 P.M. TO ADJOURN (LEIA LOWERY), SECONDED: (JACK REETZ). VOTED 12-0. STUDENT VOTE: 1-0.