

**REGION TWO SCHOOL of APPLIED TECHNOLOGY**  
**COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING**

January 12, 2021

5:03 P.M.

**MINUTES**

1. **Declaration of Quorum:** Yes – 14 members present.
2. **Acceptance of the minutes:** It was moved by Larry Greenlaw and seconded by Stephen Porter to accept the minutes for December 15, 2020. The vote was unanimous.
3. **Public comment:** None
4. **Adjustments to the agenda:** None
5. **Directors Report:**
  - a. **Region Two Cell Phone App** – Mrs. Upton spoke about the new Region Two App. The app will provide information regarding current events, emergency notification, and important dates to those interested in Region Two. Mrs. Upton has been visiting classrooms demonstrating the apps functions, how to load the app and encouraging students to share the app with others in the community.
  - b. **Melmac** – January’s monthly meeting will be held tomorrow. Cliff McHatten will meet with Region Two Melmac team to review grant funded events in December and discuss upcoming events.
  - c. **Region Two Tours/recruitment** – In person tours will not be offered due to COVID restrictions. CTE’s statewide are seeking grant funds to help promote schools for the upcoming year through various forms of social media including advertising, Facebook and YouTube. CTE’s will offer virtual tours. Region Two continues to look for creative ways to reach potential students.
  - d. **Regional FY22 Calendar** – Superintendents will meet Thursday January 14, 2021 to discuss FY22 calendar. Draft should be available at March meeting.
  - e. **FY22 Budget** – In a letter to legislator, Governor Mills has projected a \$22.5 million increase for K-12 for school years FY21-22 and FY22-23. If approved ED-279’s showing the allocation should be released by early February 2021.
6. **Director position update:** Board Chair Laura Farnsworth shared that the personnel committee has added several new members. One initial interview has been completed. The committee feel the search needs to be expanded to local area. Laura Farnsworth opened a discussion session to allow those in attendance to ask questions regarding the hiring process. Many Cooperative Board Members

expressed concerns regarding the personnel committee's formation, non-inclusion of all members, past practices and what many described as a "rushed process". Superintendent Ellen Halliday spoke on behalf of all sending schools administrations. She expressed similar concerns and encouraged the Region Two board to form a committee, seek guidance from the Superintendent and take time to select to best candidate for the position. It was motioned by Fred Grant and seconded by Stephen Porter to designate a time for the full board to meet and discuss how they would like to proceed with hiring a new director. Before vote was taken board chair, Laura Farnsworth asked if there were other comments. Members suggested that a meeting be held in February (date to be determined) and that Superintendents be included in this special meeting. Board members asked that no advertising be done at this time. Mr. Keaton shared that he had not been involved in the interview process, that he is seeking a smooth transition and that he cannot be part of the hiring process. Upon completion of second discussion period Board Chair asked for a motion from Janice Good. As clerk, Janice reviewed and read the original motion made by Fred Grants and seconded by Stephen Porter adding the month and involvement of Superintendents in the special meeting- the following motion was made. A motion to designate a time in February for the full Region Two Cooperative Board and Superintendents to meet to discuss how to proceed with the hiring process. The vote was unanimous.

7. **Other:** Members asked that future meetings be held in a larger area to meet CDC guideline.
8. **Adjournment:** It was moved by Stephen Porter and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to adjourn at 5:55 p.m. Vote was unanimous.
  
9. Next regular scheduled meeting March 16,2021

***David Keaton***

David Keaton, Director

Region Two School of Applied Technology

## ATTENDENACE

Laura Farnsworth	RSU # 50
Kasandra Foster	RSU # 50
Mark Ganzel	RSU # 70
Fred Grant	RSU # 29
Larry Greenlaw	RSU # 50
Ed McGillicuddy	RSU # 70
Jennifer Johnston	RSU # 29
Sue McLaughlin	RSU # 29
Erica Peabody	RSU # 29
Clarissa Porter	RSU # 70
Stephen Porter	RSU # 50
Wayne Smith	RSU # 84
Jeannie Tapley	RSU # 29
Scott White	RSU # 29
Ellen Halliday, Supt	RSU # 29
Jon Porter, Supt	RSU # 50
Stephen Fitzpatrick, Supt	RSU # 70
Peggy White, Supt	RSU # 84
Joe Schneider	Region Two
Janice Good	Region Two
David Keaton, Director	Region Two