

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

September 14, 2021

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

1. **Declaration of Quorum:** Yes – 11 members present.
2. **Acceptance of the minutes:** It was moved by Stephen Porter and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to accept the minutes from August 17, 2021. The vote was unanimous.
3. **Public comment:** No
4. **Adjustments to the agenda:** addition of item # 7 School Nurse
5. **Nomination for Chair and Vice Chair-** Laura Farnsworth addressed the board seeking nominations for the FY22 board chair and vice chair. Ellen Askren nominated Laura Farnsworth for Region Two Cooperative board chair. A motion to cease nominations and accept Laura Farnsworth as board chair was moved by Sue Mclaughlin and seconded by Stephen Porter, the vote was unanimous. Laura Farnsworth nominated Ellen Askren as Region Two Cooperative board vice chair. A motion to cease nominations and accept Ellen Askren as board vice chair for FY22 was moved by Sue Mclaughlin and seconded by Stephen Porter, the vote was unanimous.
6. **Back to school COVID –** Mrs. London shared that school safety protocol remain the same now, as when school closed in June. Region Two is promoting social distancing and requiring masking of staff and students while in the building and on buses. Several mask breaks are provided daily. Board members discussed the mandate and requested that this be reviewed at each board meeting. It was moved by Fred Grant and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to accept Region Two’s continued mask mandate and will review current COVID conditions at each board meeting and revise mandate accordingly, the vote was unanimous.
7. **School Nurse –** For over 22 years RSU # 29 has provided care for our students in need of minor medical care. Due to COVID (FY20-21 school year) our medical instructors assumed a stipend position to provide minor medical care and COVID screenings to Region Two students to avoid sending student into the RSU 29 facility. Region Two learned this week that RSU # 29 will not be resuming care for our students. The Region Two medical instructor feel that assuming

this responsibility last year was very disruptive to their class as well as a liability to their nursing licenses.

Board members suggested researching grants as well contacting the DOE to assist with additional funds that would allow us to hire a school nurse.

8. **Insurance Update** – MSMA Trust has secured full insurance coverage (excluding worker’s comp) beginning October 1, 2021. The coverage includes all property and casualty cover through June 30, 2021. Janice Good reviewed the coverage and cost analysis with board members. The coverage has a \$1,000.00 deductible. The pro-rated premium will be \$31,678.00. The annualize premium will generate a savings of approx. \$5,200.00 over last year. It was moved by Jennifer Johnston and seconded to Sue McLaughlin to accept the MSMA Trust Property and Casualty insurance bid for FY 21-22, the vote was unanimous.
9. **MELMAC**- Region Two has been awarded a \$14,000.00 MELMAC grant for FY 22. \$7,000.00 has been received with an additional \$7,000.00 being disbursed in January 2022. The funds are used to promote student’s future aspirations and educational goals.
10. **Bridge Year Day Camp** – On August 16, two Region Two staff and 11 students attended BY day camp at NMCC. There are currently 20 R2 students in enrolled in Bridge Year. This is a dual enrollment program that allows our students to enroll in and earn college credits while attending a Region Two program.
11. **Custodian/Bus Driver**- There has been no interest in this position. Region Two is offering driver training.
12. **EMT on hold**- Mrs. London discussed leaving the EMT program on hold until January. She has secured an instructor and Dave Harbison has offered to provide classroom space to facilitate the program if 6 – 8 students enroll. Region Two will continue to promote EMT/Firefighter training to both high school and adult students while visiting sending school board meetings.
13. **Update on Outdoor Leadership program** – The program has been approved and our letter to Commissioner Makin has been submitted.

12. Open House – Our annual open house was Wednesday August 25, 2021. 36 people signed in with many more in attendance. WHOU's Chris Putnam did a great job broadcasting live.

15. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Next meeting – November 16, 2021

Ammie London

Ammie London, Director
Region Two School of Applied Technology

ATTENDENACE

Laura Farnsworth	RSU # 50
Jennifer Johnston	RSU # 29
Clarissa Porter	RSU # 70
Ellen Askren	RSU # 29
Sue McLaughlin	RSU # 29
Scott White	RSU # 29
Stephen Porter	RSU # 50
Mark Ganzel	RSU # 70
Elizabeth Gillis	RSU # 84
Fred Grant	RSU # 29
Ed McGillicuddy	RSU # 70
Jon Porter, Supt	RSU # 50
Ammie London, Director	Region Two
Janice Good	Region Two