

REGION TWO SCHOOL of APPLIED TECHNOLOGY
COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING

December 17, 2019
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

1. **Declaration of Quorum:** Yes – 16 members present.
2. **Acceptance of the minutes:** It was moved by Stephen Porter and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to accept the November 13, 2019 minutes; vote was unanimous.
3. **Public comment:** None
4. **Adjustments to Agenda:** No
5. **Directors Report:**
 - a. **Region Two Early Childhood Education Program** – Instructor Alison Britton spoke to board members about the ECE program and the partnership with ACAP. ACAP is a state licensed childcare facility which provides Region Two students a realistic learning experience. Two second year ECE students also spoke to the board. Lexi Crouse will be attending college in the fall. As a dual enrolled student, she will earn 9 credits. She shared how the Region Two ECE program has allowed her to confirm her career path as well as earn credits -- both being a cost savings (time and tuition) experience. Haley Henderson plans to start working after graduation. The program will assure that she has the training and certification needed to gain employment. Board member Scott White shared what an asset Mrs. Britton and the ECE program is for Region Two. His daughter attended the program several years ago and she continues to see the benefits related to the education she obtained in the ECE program.
 - b. **LPN Program:** Region Two initially sought to partner with NMCC to provide a first year LPN program. When an agreement could not be met with NMCC the Board of Nursing suggest partnering with UMFK. UMFK is willing to partner with us. While attempting to move forward with the program the Board of Nursing noted that UMFK is RN accredited but not LPN accredited. The program cannot move forward until accreditation issue is resolved.
 - c. **MELMAC** – Numerous Melmac activities have been occurring this fall. We have hosted a college and career fair, multiple college, industry and Loring Job Corp tours. We have worked with colleges to allow R2 students access to their chosen program during tours. FASFA night was held to assist parents

and student apply for financial aid for continued education. We also completed our MOA review, with a final report do in February or March 2020.

- d. FY21 Calendar Draft – January 7, 2020 administrators from all sending schools will meet to create a common calendar. OSHA 30 will be offered the last week of August. School will likely resume the week prior to Labor Day (September 7) with two workshop days and 3 student days.
- e. Maine DOE FY21 Funding Formula – In June the DOE generated addition funding for CTE. The funding was designed to help CTE’s meet the model allocations formula created by the DOE. While some CTE’s over spent funding, Region Two has underspent. Our current model projected out needs to be 1.8m with actual allocation being 1.7. A work committee has been formed to address issues and possible resolutions with the current funding model. Some areas addressed to date are: Facility cost (used vs unused space), Special Needs Accommodation, Student: Instructor ratios that meet regulation requirement. FY21 funding caps have been lifted. R2 funding should be model amount plus addition of Mechanical Service program.
- f. Forestry Processor replacement – The board was presented a Quote and Spec Sheet from Chadwick-BaRoss for one 2014 Ponsse Fix Harvester with a purchase price of \$223,027.00. Mr. Greenier (instructor) and Mr. Sawyer (Ed Tech) spoke to members about the need for a unit that meets the current industry needs. They shared the numerous repairs that the current unit has experienced this fall and the loss of students because of inadequate equipment. They have donation commitment from two businesses LP (\$10,000.00) and Professional Loggers (\$3,000.00), with others offering financial assistance, if a purchase is approved. Mr. Keaton has obtained financing approval with Katahdin Trust at a rate of 3.38% with 5 annual payments of \$49374.40. The first payment due in June 2021. Katahdin Trust partners with the State to offer equipment grants at a rate of 2%. The State currently has a waiting list for these funds. Upon approval of grant funds KT would adjust the rate accordingly. Carryover funds, mini grants and bond funding will allow Region Two to meet the debt service without local assessment of additional funds. Board discussed moving first payment to June 2020 to reduce interest accrual. It was moved by Larry Greenlaw and seconded by Mark Ganzel to purchase one 2014 Ponsse Fix Harvester in the amount of \$223,027.00 from Chadwick BaRoss, the vote was unanimous. It was moved by Laura Farnsworth and seconded by Robin Crandall to allow Region Two School of Applied Technology to obtain financing in the amount of \$223,027.00 from Katahdin Trust at a rate of 3.38% with 5 equal payment of \$49374.40, the vote was unanimous.
- g. Regional HS/CTE/Higher ED Initiative – RSU # 84 has withdrawn from the Regional School initiative. The State Board of Education has approved the revised plan removing RSU 84.

6. I move that the board enter executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA Section 405(6)

to discuss personnel matter. It was moved by Mark Ganzel and seconded by Laura Farnsworth to move to executive session at 7:20 p.m., vote was unanimous. It was moved by Mark Ganzel and seconded by Larry Greenlaw to come out of executive session at 7:27.

7. Director's Contract – It was moved by Mark Ganzel and seconded by Larry Greenlaw to increase the Director's salary by 2.5% for FY 21. Vote was unanimous.

8. Other – None

9. Adjournment – 7:29 p.m.

10. Next meeting – Tuesday January 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

David Keaton

David Keaton, Director

Region Two School of Applied Technology

ATTENDENACE

Ellen Askren	RSU # 29
Robin Crandall	RSU # 50
Laura Farnsworth	RSU # 50
Larry Greenlaw	RSU # 50
Sue McLaughlin	RSU # 29
Stephen Porter	RSU # 50
Jim Quirk	RSU # 29
Wayne Smith	RSU # 84
Scott White	RSU # 29
Kasandra Foster	RSU # 50
Mark Ganzel	RSU # 70
Jennifer Johnston	RSU # 29
Stuart Kelly	RSU # 89
Ed McGillicuddy	RSU # 70
John Qualey	RSU # 89
David Wells	RSU # 70
David Keaton, Director	Region Two
Janice Good, Business Mgr.	Region Two