

REGION TWO SCHOOL OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING

March 15, 2022

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

1. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
2. **Declaration of Quorum:** Yes – 10 members present.
3. **Acceptance of the Minutes:** It was moved by Mark Ganzel and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to accept the minutes from January 11, 2022. The vote was unanimous.
4. **Adjustments to the agenda:** Yes. Move # 9 to follow # 5. It was moved by Mark Ganzel and seconded by Sue McLaughlin to adjust agenda. The vote was unanimous.
5. **Public Comment:** None
6. **Masks:** Region Two started the school year requiring masking for all students and staff. The CDC and DOE provided new recommendations that took effect March 9, 2022. Mrs. London requested board guidance regarding new recommendation . It was moved by Jennifer Johnston and seconded by Mark Ganzel to allow optional masking effective immediately. The vote was unanimous.
7. **MELMAC Update:** In person college tours are now available to students. On March 22nd several students will be touring UM Farmington and Thomas College. Virtual Peer learning will be offered through MELMAC funds. Our monthly teams meetings with our MELMAC coach will continue into FY 23. MELMAC funds are being used to promote further education for Region Two. Region Two student will receive a CTE t-shirts. Gallup polls have been completed by the students. The poll allows students to share their thoughts on R2. The team continues to work with our students to complete their FASFA registration.
8. **Program Updates:** Early Childhood -Mrs. Crane had been working to become a certified Behavior Health Professions (BHP). When her certification is complete she will be able to teach this course to the ECE students, allowing student to earn their BHP certification. Mrs. Crane will also be teaching this courses for adult ed. Health Services and Welding instructors also offer classes at adult ed. Culinary Arts students have been occasionally assisting with lunch prep at RSU 29. This allows CA students a hands on working experience outside the classroom. New programs- Mrs. London is developing a plan to house and provide instruction for EMT, Plumbing & Heating and/or Outdoor Leadership. Dave Harbison will be leaving Region Two in June. He has been a wonderful advocate for the Plumbing and Heating program. Plumbing and Heating will need a new instructor and classroom space. The current plan would be to move this program to the former SAVE building at RSU #70. Outdoor Leadership would be in our space at RSU # 50. EMT would be located at the new Southern Aroostook EMS location on the Access Rd in Houlton (former Furniture & Floors store) SA EMS currently has a certified instructor. Board members requested a tour of the new EMS facility.

9. **Skills USA competition** – 17 Students will be in Bangor on March 18, 2022 to compete in 13 competitions. This year each of our sending school will be represented. Some competitions will be held virtually. Skills USA students held a Whoopie Pie Sale which raised nearly \$1,000.00. We also have 12 new students being inducted into NTHS - National Technical Honor Society and 1 seconded year student. Their induction will be held on ZOOM and will be video for the students.
10. **Region Two Draft Calendar** – The FY23 calendar was presented to the board. There are 175 student days and 180 staff days. There are 5 or less dissimilar days. It was moved by Mark Ganzel and seconded by Scott White to approved the FY23 calendar. The vote was unanimous.
11. **Insurance increase:** Janice Good shared that property and liability insurances are projected to increase 18 % - 22% for FY 23. This is an industry wide increase due to the rising inflation.
12. **Budget:** Janice Good discussed the projected FY23 state allocations for Region Two. Compared to FY22 there will be an state subsidy increase of 2.2%. Board members shared concerns regarding major increases to insurance, fuel and other supplies. A request to have an undesignated fund in the event of a major unforeseen expense in the future. The budget is currently in the beginning phases as numbers are just beginning to be received from state and vendors. Fuel prices will be projected out at \$5.00 / gal for FY23, while insurance will be projected with a 22% increase.
13. **Executive Session:** It was moved by Mark Ganzel and seconded by Fred Grant to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA Section 405(6) to discuss a personnel matter at 7:35 p.m. The vote was unanimous. It was moved by Mark Ganzel and seconded by Stephen Porter to leave the executive session at 8:12 p.m. The vote was unanimous.
14. **Adjournment** – It was moved by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Ed McGillicuddy to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. The vote was unanimous.
15. **Next Meeting** - April 12, 2022

ATTENDANCE

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