

To: Hope School Committee
From: Kathryn Clark, Superintendent
Re: Regular School Committee Meeting, **Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** at Hope Elementary School, <https://networkmaine.zoom.us/j/88669655623>

Minutes

In attendance: Tim Lock, Chair; Emily Burgess, Vice Chair; Jude Masseur; and Ben Odgren. Also in attendance were Kate Clark, Superintendent, Steph McBride, Business Manager and Danielle Fagonde, Principal.

1. Tim Lock called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.
2. Public Comment-none
3. Adjustments to the agenda-table items 20 and 21 to March 10th meeting.
4. Signing of the Warrants-warrants were reviewed and signed at the meeting by a majority of the school committee.
5. Review of the Monthly Financial Statement-Despite some continued issues with the new software, the '25 budget expenditures are on track as expected.
6. Tim Lock moved to approve Resolution and Interlocal Agreement for Financial Third Party Administrator, seconded by Emily Burgess. Vote: 4-0 in favor, motion carried.
7. Emily Burgess moved to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2025 regular school committee meeting, seconded by Jude Masseur. Vote: 4-0 in favor, motion carried.
8. Resignation/Nominations
9. First Reading of edits to Policies JL-E and JL-R to reflect Unified Guidance from MSSA, MPA and MEA; first reading of edits to policy INDJB-R, Student Computer and Internet Use Rules; First Reading of: ADC, Use and Possession of Tobacco and Electronic Smoking Devices.
10. Tim Lock moved to approve Hourly Wages and Benefits for SY 25-26, as edited, seconded by Ben Odgren. Vote: 4-0 in favor, motion carried.
11. Vote: unseal bids and approve Bus contract. The School Committee received one bid from Luce Transportation. The bid, for three buses was \$183, 774 for 25/26, \$200,314 for 26/27 and \$218,342 for 27/28, was discussed by the School Committee. The possibility of reducing the number of buses to two was brought up, and the Committee

decided to have Luce Transportation give us a written quote for two bus routes, provide estimated route times and clarify whether or not there are cameras on the buses.

12. Fivetowns advisory board membership: Tim Lock
13. Disposition of materials: phones and outdated electronic equipment from the Central Office
14. Emily Burgess moved to reinstate 2020 policies, seconded by Tim Lock. Vote 0 in favor, 1 abstention and 3 opposed, motion does not carry.
15. Review budget draft: Danielle Fagonde shared the initial budget proposal.
16. Budget timeline/set date(s) for budget workshop: March 4 and March 17, 2025 at 6pm.
17. Superintendent Search update
18. Superintendent's report
 - a. Audit update-the auditors were at the Central Office today after being rescheduled twice. They left a list of tasks for our office, which we will complete as quickly as possible.
19. Principal's report
- ~~20. Executive session pursuant to MRSA 20 section 405 (A) for the purpose of discussing the evaluation, contract and compensation of the Principal.~~
- ~~21. Vote: to approve the contract and compensation of the school principal.~~
22. Items for the next agenda: Monday, March 10, 2025.
 - a. Executive session pursuant to MRSA 20 section 405 (A) for the purpose of discussing the evaluation, contract and compensation of the Principal.
 - b. Vote: to approve the contract and compensation of the school principal.
 - c. Second reading and vote to approve Policies JL-E and JL-R to reflect Unified Guidance from MSSA, MPA and MEA; first reading of edits to policy INDJB-R, Student Computer and Internet Use Rules; First Reading of: ADC, Use and Possession of Tobacco and Electronic Smoking Devices.
 - d. Continued budget development.
 - e. Bus contract

f. Calendar

23. Tim Lock moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ben Odgren. Vote: 4-0 in favor, motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Clark

