

Coplin Plantation Board of Education Meeting Agenda

August 22, 2024

Google Meet Link

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6:00 pm

Dr. Timothy Kane, Superintendent of Schools - coplinsupt@tds.net

1. Call to Order

At: 6:00 PM

School Board Members Present;

Linda Lowell-Chair

Bonnie Farrar-Vice Chair

Belinda Norton-School Board Member

Dr. Timothy Kane-Superintendent of Schools

Sam Hudspath-Finance Director

2. Pledge of Allegiance

N/A-Google Meet

3. Adjustments to the Agenda

A. Special Town Meeting-Appropriations to Fund School Budget, move to New Business, 9. A.

4. Correspondence

Sam advised that he had two items to discuss,

Attached to today's email, the ME DOE is looking at the Special Education Programs, after October. What are the services we are offering? For tracking purposes. Give them a copy of our "Child Find Policy."

When Sam was at the office, he received information from one family that did submit their "Intent to Homeschool" paperwork.

Linda will check in with two families to see if they have filled out their "Intent To Homeschool" paperwork, through the state, as of yet, and remind them, if they have not.

5. Approval of School Board Minutes, Dated, 6/11/24

June 11, 2024 School Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept June 11, 2024 school board minutes, as written and read - Bonnie Farrar 2nd- Belinda Norton

Motion Passes, 3-0

6. Superintendent's Report

As the schools are just settling, I have not yet received any updated information from the receiving schools principals. DOE is quiet. Biggest concern is that numbers of students are down, both public and private schools. Salaries are an issue still, talks about bringing them up, to attract quality teachers and staff. Policies, especially cell phone policies, are a big issue right now. Cell phones in schools have become such an issue and distraction.

7. Finance Director Reports

Will confirm with Deanna the salary increase that Sam and Dr. Kane are to receive, and is now in effect. We should receive invoices from the schools, late September, to pay in October.

8. Old Business

Bonne asked about the school board meeting dates. Should be the second Thursday of the month.

9. New Business

A. Special Town Meeting-Appropriations to Fund School Budget

Sam explained the "Special Town Meeting." He advised that we are still trying to finalize the audit. He sent a couple of questions to Sam. Sam went to the Town Office yesterday. Between the audit of June of 2022 and June of 2023, the titles had changed. From administration, to the Office of the Superintendent. There was no increase, just a change in the name of the office. Sue advised that she had a question about the warrant and felt the numbers did not add up. Sam checked and felt that Article 7 did not add up. He felt it was in the wording, allocate and raise. Redoing the "math" from article 7, he had to adjust, thus the special town meeting to raise the appropriate funding.

B. Budget Discussion

No further discussion at this time. The family that sends their child to Rangeley, is confirmed through emails. They are aware that Coplin Plantation will only pay up to the Stratton rate.

10. Other

Next Meeting: September 12, 2024

All future school board meetings were for the 2nd Thursday of each month.

11. Executive Session

N/A

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:53 PM

Motion to adjourn - Bonnie Farrar 2nd- Belinda Norton

Motion Passes, 3-0

Linda Lowell-School Board Chair

Date

Bonnie Farrar-School Board Vice Chair

Date

Belinda Norton-School Board Member

Date