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*To be approved by the Rye School Board at the May 19, 2021 meeting.*

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**RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

The regular monthly meeting of the School Board of the Rye School District was held through Google Meets on Wednesday April 21, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

School Board Members: Margaret Honda, Jeanne Moynahan, Matt Curtin,  
Heather Reed, Scott Marion

Administrators: Salvatore Petralia, Superintendent  
Kelli Killen, Assistant Superintendent  
Brian Grattan, Director of Technology  
Mindy Green, Business Administrator  
Sarah Reinhardt, Special Education  
Conor LaHiff,  
Marie Soucy, Principal  
Suzanne Lull, Principal

Visitors: Ned Raynolds, Jason Hart, Stephanie Tabit, Anne Gilbert, Kim Boulay  
Laurin Flynn, Eddy Tabit, Andrea Papoutsy, Kristy H., Margaret Flynn,  
Shiela Adams, Jacqueline DeFreze, Lori Arsenault, Julie Struble,  
Sarah Holmes, John Facella, Meagan Facella, Caroline Kepka, Several  
RJH Students

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Honda called the meeting to order. Ms. Honda announced that due to the State of Emergency, declared by the Governor, as a result of COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with Emergency Order 12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body was authorized to meet electronically.

Ms. Honda noted that there was no physical location for the public to observe, however public access was being provided through telephone and video electronic means via Google Meet.

Ms. Honda noted that all the members of the Board had the ability to communicate, and the public could listen, and participate. Ms. Honda announced that the call-in number for the meeting as 1-484-756-1224 and explained that the meeting link was available on the website.

Ms. Honda noted that they had provided the public with notice of the meeting and she provided information for the public to alert the administration if there were problems. Ms. Honda mentioned that the public could e-mail kkillen@SAU50.org. Ms. Honda noted that the meeting would be rescheduled if the public was unable to access the meeting.

Ms. Honda took roll call attendance, asking the Board Members to indicate if there was anyone in the room with them, as required under the right to know law. All Board Members attending indicated they were present and alone.

## **Public Hearing**

Ms. Honda explained that the first order of business was a Public Hearing in compliance with RSA 198:20-c, for the purpose of potentially authorizing funds from the Wedgwood Farm Expendable Trust Fund.

Mr. Petralia explained that he had been discussing with Ms. Soucy the use of the funds for revitalizing the project.

Ms. Soucy explained that they branded the new project as the Wedgwood Revitalization project. Ms. Soucy mentioned that the committee was made of students, teachers, parents and community members. Ms. Soucy explained that they were looking for up to \$9,000 and said they were asking for money to cover some of the goals for this first year of a three-year plan.

Mr. Jason Hart mentioned that they were requesting funds to cover trail development, clearing out the brush, and replacing signage. Mr. Hart said there was a significant amount of poison ivy, which would cost roughly \$6,000 to clear with goats. Mr. Hart explained that the students were working on a swing project.

Ms. Honda opened up discussion to the Board and noted that the balances for the various trusts had been added to the drive. Ms. Honda thanked the committee for their work and appreciated the community engagement.

Dr. Marion echoed Ms. Honda's comments as he and his wife were both involved in the original project. Dr. Marion asked who was serving on the committee. Ms. Soucy read through the members.

Ms. Papoutsy notified the Board of an issue with the meeting link on the agenda. Ms. Papoutsy noted that there were not some typical attendees listed and she wondered if others were not able to get into the meeting.

The Board reviewed options, discussed the issue with the link, and considering switching links.

Mr. Petralia said they would need to postpone the Wedgwood funding.

## **PRESENTATION**

Ms. Adams and several 5th and 6th grade students presented on the mini boat project. Ms. Adams presented a slide show reviewing the process of obtaining, building and launching the boat. Students reported in detail how they built and painted the boat, wrote letters asking for large boats to take the mini-boat to the Gulf Stream. Ms. Adams explained that this became a two-grade project, due to COVID.

In October, Ms. Adams was called about a boat interested in taking the boat out. The Students explained that a tall ship the Corwith Cramer, which is a living classroom, agreed to take the mini boat. The students explained that the students watched the Corwith Cramer for updates, and the boat was released with another boat.

The students reviewed the website and the recordings they receive. Ms. Adams assisted in explaining the website and showed the Board the path analysis tool. The students explained how they can see the boat's location, wind, currents, temperature and waves. The students discussed predicting the boat's location.

Ms. Adams noted that they can also watch hurricanes.

Ms. Honda thanked the students and congratulated them on a good job.

Mr. Curtin asked what information they use to predict the boat's location and the students explained that they used the winds and currents then picked a latitude and longitude.

Dr. Marion asked what the students learned. The students mentioned how the warm water moves up and down, how the currents move and change, the temperature changes and difficulty in predicting movement.

Dr. Marion asked if they had discussed how the boats that were released together ended up so far apart. A student mentioned the temperature changes and storms can carry them in different directions.

Ms. Adams noted that the program director zoomed in and lead discussions.

Ms. DeFreze said the students did a fantastic job.

Ms. Honda asked if they would recommend doing again and the students said they would.

Mr. Petralia congratulated the students and thanked Dr. Elwood and Ms. Adams. Mr. Petralia thanked Ms. Adams for applying for the grant to the Clipper Foundation.

Ms. Reed said she looked forward to seeing where the boat ended up.

Mr. Petralia recommended rescheduling the meeting for the first week in May.

Dr. Marion mentioned that the solar contract was a pressing issue.

The Board discussed date options and decided to have the Monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 4, 2021. Mr. Petralia said he would send out the notifications for the May 4, 2021 meeting and public hearing.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting ended. No roll call vote.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Samantha Panek  
May 13, 2021*

  
Matt Curtin, Secretary

5/19/2021  
Date