

**Superintendent's Report
Rye School Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 21, 2023
5:30 PM**



SAU Sensation

We have published the ninth edition of our SAU 50 newsletter. You can find it [here](#).

Summer Retreat

We will be having our summer retreat on August 16th. Almost one year in I can say now from experience that RES and RJH are truly special places with an amazingly dedicated staff and near limitless potential. In addition to any items the Board may want to put on the retreat agenda, I look forward to the opportunity to discuss a draft of the SAU 50 Portrait of a Learner and how that will tie in with the vision for RES and RJH. We will follow that up in the fall with opportunities for community feedback and engagement as we develop a strategic plan for the SAU, leveraging the unique qualities of each community.

Policy

The policy committee discussed required data governance policies and is bringing forward EHB and EHAB for first reading. EHAB is modeled after the NHSBA model policy on data governance. EHB outlines the record retention we are required to do by law.

The committee also discussed adopting GBEBE: Respect, which is a policy Portsmouth has outlining expectations for professional respectful behavior. The code of conduct and other personnel policies do not specifically address the issue of respect yet it is foundational to a solid and supportive culture. The committee did find a policy from NHSBA on staff ethics (GBEA) and also considered a policy for students (JICDE). The committee recommends that they all be passed for first reading.

Bus Conduct and Class Size Policy

Two follow up items from your last meeting. First, regarding school bus conduct I will be meeting with the bus company in early summer to proactively plan for the coming school year. Bus conduct is on my list of topics to be clear on expectations and communicate them widely. We also have put the policy on the website with other bus information.

Second, Matt brought up the [class size policy \(IB\)](#) with a note that the Board currently does not vote on class sizes as outlined. We do have classes that run below the minimums listed and while the policy clearly states that these are guidelines and not requirements, the Board should decide if voting each class below the minimum is warranted. I would generally think it unnecessary provided we report student numbers to you each year, but some may prefer to leave the language as is. It would be helpful to know the will of the Board before beginning a conversation that would involve Greenland.

Proposed 2023-2024 Meeting Dates

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 5:30 PM at RJH

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 5:30 PM at RJH

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 5:30 PM at RJH

Wednesday, December 20, 2023 5:30 PM at RJH

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 5:30 PM at RJH

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 5:30 PM at RJH

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 5:30 PM at RJH

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 5:30 PM at RJH

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 5:30 PM at RJH

Wednesday, June 19, 2024 5:30 PM at RJH



Upcoming Events

- Summer Retreat: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 8:30 AM at the Rye Safety Complex

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Rye Elementary School
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Date: 6/21/2023
To: Rye School Board
From: Stephen Zdravec
Re: Nominations

There are still professional positions to fill for the 2023-2024 school year. Each year, as administration pursues candidates, the Superintendent requests authorization from the School Board to issue contracts for employment to candidates prior to their nomination before the School Board.

In addition, I request authorization to accept letters of resignation. This will allow us to move forward, selecting the best teachers possible for our students. All nominations will be brought before the Board at the August meeting.