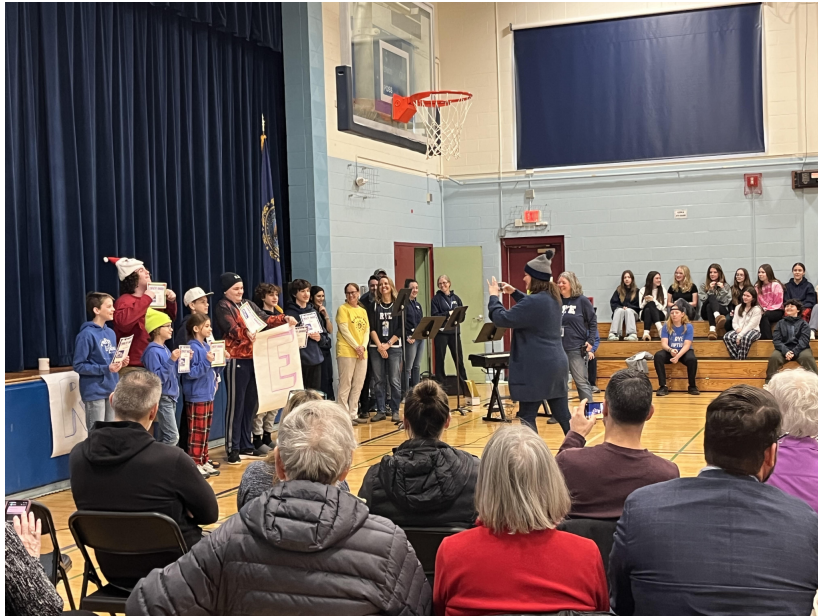


**Superintendent's Report
Rye School Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 13, 2023
5:30 PM**



Expected Votes at this Meeting

In addition to the minutes, manifests, and any transfers, you will be asked to vote on policy ACN for second reading and policies JKAA and JCA for first reading. As I'll explain in the meeting, I would also ask for a straw vote on the latest draft of the Portrait of a Learner.

Teaching and Learning Team

The T&L Team met on the 7th to review feedback on the Portrait of a Learner and to go through a more thorough editing process based on that feedback. The main focus for this team remains a comprehensive review of our Social Studies Curriculum, and at this meeting we also updated that work. Following up on last month's meeting across the three sending middle schools, I met with the PHS Curriculum Coordinators last week to discuss extending the work vertically to ensure students are prepared as they enter PHS. I am also meeting with the PHS Social Studies Department Head this week for a similar conversation. We are planning on getting teachers together on January 24th to do this important work.

SAU 50/52 Curriculum Work

In addition to the work on Social Studies, we continue to work on alignment of opportunities in math, including structures of intervention for students as well as a pathway for some students to complete Algebra 1 by the end of 8th Grade. Teachers will also get together on January 24th to continue this work.

Portrait of a Learner Update

As mentioned above, the Teaching and Learning Team reviewed all feedback and created this [updated version](#). The team went through each of the terms and descriptors and focused on creating more concise language. While the terms still remain adjectives of the learner, the team strived to revise the descriptors that follow each term to be more action-oriented.

The SAU 50 Joint Board will not meet again until March, and while it will go before the Joint Board at that meeting for final approval, I would seek a straw vote at this meeting to allow me to proceed with communicating this Portrait out more broadly and to use it to start creating clearer vision statements and goals for our SAU. In essence, the request is to use this as the “North Star” in moving forward into the next stage of strategic planning.

SAU 50 DRAFT Vision Statements

We have compiled all of the feedback received during the staff sessions and community forums using “The Future Protocol”. We focused on the descriptors we heard as participants described the reality of our schools in the year 2028. The full administrative team across the SAU took time to reframe the descriptors as short vision statements for our schools. There has been no discussion at this point about prioritizing these statements, looking for gaps, or adding to the feedback.

We organized these statements very roughly according to the Framework for Teaching Clusters by Charlotte Danielson because that document is the new framework for the Plan for Effective Teaching. This was an exercise to explore alignment rather than a decision to permanently tie a vision to that framework. The alignment document can be found [here](#).



RES Solar Agreement

We are recommending the Board move forward with a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for the installation of the solar array at RES. This is similar to the arrangement we made for solar at RJH and will help in reducing overall energy costs. The copy of the agreement is in your drive for this meeting and we have vetted it against the agreement made for RJH and also had it reviewed by an attorney. We recommend a vote to move forward with the execution of this PPA.

Rye School Board 2023-2024 Meeting Dates

Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 5:30 PM at Rye Junior High School

Wednesday, January 10, 2024, Public Hearing, 6:30 PM, Rye Junior High School

Tuesday, February 6, 2024, Rye School District Deliberative Session, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 5:30 PM at Rye Junior High School

Tuesday, March 12, 2024, Voting Day

Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 5:30 PM at Rye Junior High School

Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 5:30 PM at Rye Junior High School

Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 5:30 PM at Rye Junior High School

Wednesday, June 12, 2024, 5:30 PM at Rye Junior High School

SAU 50 Joint Board Meeting Dates

March 27, 2024, 6:30 PM at Greenland Central School

May 22, 2024, 6:30 PM at New Castle (MHT)