

**MOOSABEC CSD AND SCHOOL UNION NO. 103
JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Jonesport, Maine
May 10, 2023

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MINUTES ARE NOT FINAL UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING.

A meeting of the Moosabec CSD and School Union No. 103 Joint School Committee was held at the Jonesport-Beals High School on May 10, 2023 with members present as follows: Adam Merchant, Mariner Bunker, Bethanie Beal, Julie Farris, Morgan Monroe, Renee Chandler, Nick Faulkingham, Marie Johnson and Rebecca Stanwood. Superintendent Collins left at 9:16 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Pledge

Julie Farris called the meeting to order at 8:40 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of February 15, 2023

The Joint School Committee voted (949-0-890) to approve the minutes of February 15, 2023 with correction to Item #3 to read: Letter of retirement received from Lewis Collins. No action taken.

3. Report from Superintendent Search Committee

The Search Committee reported on the candidate search to date. There were four applicants, three withdrew and one was not forwarded for consideration.

The Joint School Committee voted (1,839-0-0) to enter executive session at 9:03 p.m. to discuss applicants for the vacancy.

The Joint School Committee returned to regular session at 9:15 p.m.

4. Executive Session – Personnel Issue

The Joint School Committee voted (1,839-0-0) to enter executive session at 9:16 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue.

The Joint School Committee returned to regular session at 10:35 p.m.

The Joint School Committee acknowledged the legal counsel response received from Drummond Woodsum in regards to the procedural challenge of the vote taken on 12/14/2022 to elect a Superintendent (agenda item #8): *Per the DOE's calculation, the School Union 103 requires 860 votes to approve action by the Union Committee. At the December 14, 2022 committee meeting, the School Committee voted 613-445-0 to elect Lewis Collins to serve as Superintendent for the period of July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024. While sufficient voting power was present (1,058), the vote in favor was only 613. The vote in favor, therefore, failed to meet the minimum approving vote requirement of 860. As a result, the appointment of the Superintendent was not effective.* Having heard the update from the Superintendent Search Committee and legal counsel regarding the vote of December 14, 2022, it was the consensus of the Board to re-advertise for the position as part-time and until a suitable candidate is found.

5. Miscellaneous

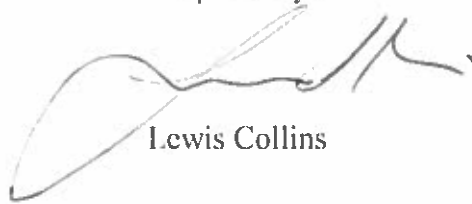
The Joint School Committee held an election to fill the vacancy of Secretary.

The Joint School Committee voted (1,671-0-168) to elect Bethanie Beal as secretary.

6. Adjournment

The Joint School Committee adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lewis Collins", written over a faint, light-colored signature line.

Lewis Collins