

TOWN OF KENNEBUNK
SELECT BOARD - WORKSHOP MINUTES/NOTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.
WORKSHOP HELD VIA ZOOM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

On Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at 6:33 p.m., L. Blake Baldwin, Chair of the Select Board for the Town of Kennebunk, called to order the Workshop of the Select Board. Present were Select Board members L. Blake Baldwin, Wayne Berry, Shiloh Schulte, Edward Karytko, William Ward Jr., Frank Paul and Peter Brewitt.

Also present were Town Manager Michael Pardue and Attorney Durward Parkinson of Bergen & Parkinson who served as Moderator.

The following seven (7) RSU 21 School Board Director Candidates present were: Josiah Currier, Richard Morin, Kortney Neddeau, Claudia Sayre, Peter Sentner, Gayle Asmussen Spofford and David Wayne.

2. **HOLD A CANDIDATES NIGHT TO INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR THE VACANT RSU 21 SCHOOL BOARD INTERIM DIRECTOR POSITION**

The format for the evening included:

- Opening remarks by Attorney Parkinson.
- Each candidate was afforded one (1) minute to introduce themselves and share with the Board the motivation that caused them to apply for this position.
- The Moderator asked the following six (6) questions of each candidate. Each candidate was allowed a maximum of two (2) minutes per question to offer responses. These questions were provided to the candidates a week before the event.
 1. What is your communication style and approach to working in a team setting? Please give an example of where your style and approach has been successful in a team setting?
 2. A high percentage of the Town of Kennebunk's budget goes to funding its share of the RSU 21 budget. While many of these expenses are fixed or established by state law, a significant portion of the budget is set aside as "above Essential Programs and Services" which are voted upon annually. Should expenditures in this category be increased, decreased or reallocated? If so, please explain which expenditures should be modified.
 3. Among RSU 21's values are "diversity, equity and inclusion." What will you do as a Director to promote these values? Are there other values which you feel need additional emphasis in an educational setting?
 4. What responsibilities or accountability does a Director have to the town which elected them? How is this balanced with duties to the RSU 21 staff and students?
 5. RSU 21 has a conflict of interest policy. Are you currently aware of a situation where you would have to recuse yourself from voting—or disclose a conflict of interest?
 6. In June 2021 when this interim position expires, are you planning to run for a three-year appointment to the School Board?
- Each candidate was afforded one (1) minute for a closing statement.
- A few follow up questions were asked by Select Board members.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

The workshop was concluded at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes/Notes by Michael Pardue, Town Manager