

# NORTHERN PENOBSCOT TECH REGION III

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## NORTHERN PENOBSCOT TECH REGION III SPECIAL COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING THURSDAY, April 6, 2017 MINUTES

- A. Chairperson Saba called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- Members Present:** Patricia Saba, Wayne Danforth, Sarah Crockett, Warren Steward, Maureen Bean, Mary Plourde, Diane Buck, Mary Lindahl, Paul Hatch, Jeffrey Gordon, Ryan Whitehouse, Mike Jewers, Margaret Manzo, Donna Stanley
- Members Absent:** Mary Keegan, Kevin Gregory, Mary Tompkins
- B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** None
- C. **AUDIENCES & COMMUNICATIONS** Various members of the communities, Area school administration and Region III staff
- D. **AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:** None
- E. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:** None
- F. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
- G. **NEW BUSINESS:**
1. **Discussion and Possible Action to approve/not approve moving forward with Part 1 of the Innovative School Construction Pilot Application with the condition that NPT Region III retains its current governance structure and autonomy for the students who attend.**

**Mr. Whitehouse moved to approve and Mrs. Crockett seconded the motion.**

**Discussion:**

**Sarah Crockett** - Your vote is your vote. I have many thoughts here that have been

jotted down; there has been a lot of confusing information disseminated over the last several weeks. We are being asked to sign something that we don't know a lot about, with the understanding that after Part 1 is signed, more information will be forthcoming. I feel that there have been many veiled threats and innuendos during this process. My bag of trust is empty.

**Dianne Buck** - I would like to congratulate Mary on the accomplishments of Region III. I have a long history in education. I am on the Region Board as well as Chair of the RSU #67 Board of Directors. I believe we should put our personal differences aside and concentrate on what is best for our learners in the area.

**Mike Jewers** - I have concerns for our special needs students and the busing issue.

**Wayne Danforth** - I have quite a few questions. I would like to thank our Director for her communications with Augusta. It is my understanding that this is a pilot project and there is going to be one project chosen from all the applications submitted. I have heard if we sign it won't cost anything, which is not the truth, there will be a cost and there is no guarantee that you will get to Part 2. If we get to Part 2, there will be hours and hours put in as well as money involved. I have been involved in education for 40 years; it is not the size of the building that equals the success. I think many people are trying to find a scapegoat and if this board doesn't vote a certain way we will be solely responsible for the end of this project.

**Mary Hawkes** - This is a difficult decision. We are caught between the concerns for Region III students and the promise of a \$100 million dollar new school. . There is a lot of passion for Region III from this board, myself and our students. We understand the difficulties this region is facing and the pressures that come with it. We only want to protect the opportunities available for students, which have taken years to create. . I have been told to take a leap of faith, to trust and we have received wonderful accolades here tonight, but the reality is there are some issues that continue to this day, of sending schools telling students, "you are too smart, why do you want to go to Region." Region encompasses students from 28 towns and 5 sending high schools, we are and have been a true consolidation for over 35 years.

**Warren Steward** - I have questions about the college portion of the proposal and the fact that College age students would be intermingled with our high school students.

**Wayne Danforth** - I would like to make a motion that we table approving/not approving moving forward with Part 1 of the Innovative School Construction Pilot Application until our Regularly scheduled Cooperative Board meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Plourde seconded the motion to table the above action. Chairperson Saba asked for a vote on the motion to table.

**VOTE: 0 – YES**

**10 - NO**

**4 members did not vote**

**MOTION NOT CARRIED**

Mrs. Saba called for a vote to approve/not approve moving forward with Part 1 of the Innovative School Construction Pilot Application with the condition that NPT Region III retains current governance structure and autonomy for the students who attend.

<b>UNIT 1 Millinocket</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>Votes per member</b>
Jeffrey Gordon		43	43
Kevin Gregory	ABSENT	ABSENT	
Mike Jewers		43	
Margaret Manzo		43	
Warren Steward		43	
<b>TOTAL UNIT 1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>172</b>	
<b>UNIT II East Mill/Medway/Woodville</b>			<b>Votes per member</b>
Wayne Danforth	53		53
Mary Tompkins	ABSENT	ABSENT	
Ryan Whitehouse	53		
<b>TOTAL UNIT 2</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>UNIT III Chester/Lincoln/Keag</b>			<b>Votes per member</b>
Dianne Buck	76		76
Sarah Crockett		76	
Mary Keegan	ABSENT	ABSENT	
Mary Plourde		76	
<b>TOTAL UNIT 3</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>152</b>	
<b>UNIT 4 MSAD #30</b>			<b>Votes per member</b>
Mary Lindahl		60	60
Patricia Saba		60	
<b>TOTAL UNIT 4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>120</b>	
<b>UNIT 5 MSAD #31</b>			<b>Votes per member</b>
Maureen Bean		67	67
Paul Hatch		67	
Donna Stanley	67		
<b>TOTAL UNIT 5</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>134</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>578</b>	

**VOTE: 249 YES  
578 NO**

**H. REPORT OF DIRECTOR - None**

**H1. REPORT OF STUDENT SERVICES COORDINATOR - None**

**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Announcements were read.

**J. ADJOURNMENT:** Mrs. Crockett moved and Mrs. Plourde seconded the motion to adjourn.

**VOTE:** Unanimous

**Adjournment at:** 7:53 p.m.