

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 13
Joint School Board Special Meeting
Monday, August 3, 2026 5:00 PM
Madison Elementary School
MINUTES - Draft

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Devon Ames, Hillary Behr, Jeremy Cox, Jim Curran, Todd Giles, Sarah Groleau, Debra Parsons, Shauna Peterson, Ed Robinson, Cheri Stackpole, Melanie Streeter, Joyce Watson

OTHERS ATTENDING:

Superintendent Dr. Kathleen Scholand, Business Administrator Heather Sherwood

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jim Curran called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Superintendent Scholand added the topic of Superintendent Evaluation

VOTE: Motion by Todd Giles to accept the amended agenda, seconded by Ed Robinson. The motion passed unanimously.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

VOTE: Motion by Todd Giles to enter non-public session to act upon a matter or matters referenced in the following provisions of RSA 91-a: 3, II (a), (b), & (c), seconded by Jim Curran.

On a roll call vote the board entered non-public session at 5:02 pm:

Devon Ames - aye

Hillary Behr - arrived at 5:05 pm

Jeremy Cox - arrived at 5:04 pm

Jim Curran - aye

Todd Giles - aye

Sarah Groleau - aye

Debra Parsons - aye
Shauna Peterson - aye
Ed Robinson - aye
Cheri Stackpole - aye
Melanie Streeter - aye
Joyce Watson - aye

The Ayes have it.

Others attending: Superintendent Dr. Scholand, Heather Sherwood

Personnel Matters

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

The motion passed unanimously. The board returned to public session.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

- The resignation of Dr. Jennifer Bent, Board Certified Behavior Analyst, was accepted.
- The resignation of Laura Kemmett, Early Childhood Education paraprofessional, was accepted.
- The nomination of Shannon Kurze as Early Childhood Education paraprofessional was accepted.

School Board Business

Superintendent Hire Authority

VOTE: Motion by Todd Giles to authorize the Superintendent to hire, seconded by Joyce Watson.

Discussion:

- Sarah Groleau stated that the previous Superintendent was not granted this authority until their second year, and that she prefers the oversight of the Joint Board when a new Superintendent is in their first year in the role
- Todd Giles amended the motion to add language such as “in consultation with Board Chair”
- Past practice has been to bring personnel actions to the Joint Board
- Positions that are open at the SAU:
 - Board Certified Behavior Analyst
 - Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
 - Early Childhood Education paraprofessional
- A concern was expressed about effort and time to attend brief meetings

- SAU Joint Board is scheduled to meet on August 24, 2026
- Inquiry regarding the hiring processes of the open positions
- The previous Superintendent felt it was important for the incoming Superintendent to hire their Administrative Assistant
 - Comment that this position has far reaching impact for the SAU, and Joint Board involvement is important
- Concern expressed about the turnover in the BCBA position

The motion failed 1-11-0, with Debra Parsons in favor, and all others voting nay.

VOTE: Motion by Sarah Groleau to authorize the Superintendent to accept resignations, seconded by Joyce Watson. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE: Motion by Cheri Stackpole to authorize the Superintendent to hire the Early Childhood Education paraprofessional, seconded by Joyce Watson. The motion passed 10-2-0 with Todd Giles and Sarah Groleau voting nay.

Superintendent Evaluation

- Todd Giles requested that non-emergency topics, such as Superintendent Evaluation, be discussed at the next scheduled SAU Joint Board Meeting on August 24, 2026.
 - Stated a superintendent evaluation process is already in place
- Cheri Stackpole stated that this item was added to the agenda and approved earlier in the meeting
- Superintendent Dr. Scholand stated that Board conversation surrounding goals often occurs in July and August.
 - The Superintendent handed out an informational item
- Chair Jim Curran requested the Board to bring goals to the August 24, 2026 meeting

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

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On a roll call vote the board entered non-public session at 5:17 pm:

Devon Ames - aye

Hillary Behr - aye

Jeremy Cox - aye

Jim Curran - aye

Todd Giles - aye
Sarah Groleau - aye
Debra Parsons - aye
Shauna Peterson - aye
Ed Robinson - aye
Cheri Stackpole - aye
Melanie Streeter - aye
Joyce Watson - aye

The Ayes have it.

Others attending: Superintendent Dr. Scholand, Heather Sherwood

Personnel Matters

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

The motion passed unanimously. The board returned to public session at 5:20 pm

ACTION AS A RESULT OF NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

- The Board accepted a request of a staff member to tuition their student to the Early Childhood Education program

ADJOURNMENT

VOTE: Motion by Ed Robinson to adjourn, seconded by Jeremy Cox.

The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Huckman
SAU13 Joint School Board Secretary