

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

106 Hancock Road

Peterborough, New Hampshire

SAU #1 BOARD MEETING

6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

Physical Location: SAU #1 Board Room

Minutes

Present: Michael Hoyt, Curtis Hamilton, Janine Lesser, Kevin Pobst, Tom Burgess, Dr. Ann Forrest, Neal Cass

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Ann Forrest called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Swearing in of SAU Board Members

Neal Cass swore Board Members; Kevin Pobst, Janine Lesser, Michael Hoyt, Tom Burgess, and Curtis Hamilton in.

3. Request for Weighted Voting under RSA 194-C:8

Curtis Hamilton voted in favor of weighted voting. Mike Hoyt seconded.

Unanimous.

4. Election of Chairperson

Curtis Hamilton nominated Michael Hoyt as Chair of the SAU #1 Board.

Janine Lesser seconded. Mike Hoyt abstained. Motion carried.

- Appointment of Secretary

Brenda Marschok will serve as Secretary.

- Appointment of Treasurer

Lindsay Carter will serve as Treasurer.

- Role of SAU Board

Mike Hoyt said that the role is to put together the SAU budget that will be needed by January 1, 2027. It has to be done in advance of that date to hold a public hearing and other noticed dates.

- Establishment of Committees - e.g. Budget Committee

Both school districts will be putting together their regular school budgets. After January 1st, the apportionments will go out to the two districts. Those apportionments will have to be loaded separately on a ballot with the SAU budget in it.

Kevin Pobst said that it is his understanding for the Francestown Independent School District (FISD) to have completed the study and vote to withdraw from the SAU by December 1, 2026.

Mike Hoyt said that the problem with that is that at the FISD meetings in Francestown, the town has voted backing Francestown to withdraw from the SAU. By law, we have to have an SAU budget. What would happen if the people of Francestown decided not to go forward with the withdrawal. The work still has to be done.

Curtis Hamilton asked Kevin Pobst if he is serving on the Francestown SAU Withdrawal Research Committee.

Ann Forrest said that the SAU Board also evaluates the Superintendent.

Mike Hoyt said that which positions will remain in the SAU 1 budget needs to be discussed and decided.

The Superintendent and Business Administrator would be in the SAU 1 budget. Other positions need to be considered.

Kevin Pobst said that upon review of other school districts, the SAU would establish a percentage of a position to apply to their school district as a means of distributing salaries and benefits.

Mike Hoyt said that in the withdrawal plan, some positions were looked at as two positions.

Curtis Hamilton asked which SAU was researched. Kevin Pobst said that Souhegan as well as an independent retired superintendent.

Ann Forrest said that the apportionment is set by law. Kevin clarified that apportionment of time was looked at.

Curtis Hamilton said that it will be difficult to come to determinations about need if the FISD chooses not to attend these meetings.

Kevin clarified that he is only sharing information and that he is not advocating.

- Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, July 22nd at 6:00 p.m. was the date and time selected for the next SAU 1 Board meeting.

5. Adjourn

Curtis Hamilton motioned to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Janine Lesser seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok