

# **Coplin Plantation Board of Education Meeting Minutes**

**April 10, 2025**

**6:00 pm**

**Google Meet Link: [meet.google.com/uuq-wguk-upx](https://meet.google.com/uuq-wguk-upx)**

**Dr. Timothy Kane, Superintendent of Schools - [coplinsupt@tds.net](mailto:coplinsupt@tds.net)**

## **1. Call to Order**

Call to order at 6:05 PM

Members Present,

Linda Lowell-Chair

Bonnie Farrar

Belinda Norton

## **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

N/A

## **3. Adjustments to the Agenda**

Municipal/Assessors Auditor Update-New Business (9a)

Nomination of Chair-New Business (9b)

Nomination of Vice Chair-New Chair (9c)

## **4. Correspondence**

None

## **5. Approval of School Board Minutes, Dated, 3/18/24**

**March 18, 2025 School Board Minutes**

Motion - Bonnie Farrar

2nd - Linda Lowell

Motion Passes 2-0

## **6. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Kane reported to the school board,

"I Spoke with Tiki White, Superintendent A.A., 3/27/25, no clear decisions made as of yet. Community input is all over the place and nobody is feeling that the decision is one way, or the other, as of yet."

"Attended an IEP for one of our students earlier this week."

## **7. Finance Director Reports**

Sam reported to the school board, This year we have a budget of \$191,591.92. We budgeted for 8 (7+1) elementary and 2(1+1) secondary. Currently, we're paying tuition for 8 elementary and zero secondary. Tuition rate we're paying is \$16,521.73 per student.

Current students(grades) are:

A. White (pre-K)

O. Tanguay (2)

L. Cowper (2)

M. Tanguay (4)

N. Cowper (4)

R. Hayford (5) Rangeley

G. D'Alelio (6)

M. Norton (8)

With MN rising to secondary, we know of 7 elementary and 1 secondary. Unless we have details of incoming or outgoing students, we could consider using the same student numbers for our budget—7+1 & 1+1.

Tuition rates for 25-26 will be:

\$17,294.70 (elementary) and we use \$12,275.04 (secondary) until we get actual from the state around Dec 2025.

In addition, MSBA dues will go from \$180 to \$184.50 and I think MSSA dues will go from \$350 to \$375 (I need to confirm this). I've not heard if WMAC dues from the current \$50.

We budgeted \$10,000 for special education. I've not seen a bill this year—do we have any students receiving services?

We budgeted \$4400 for audit this year but we've received no invoices to date.

Transportation should remain \$10,000 to the best of my knowledge.

Lastly, a gentle reminder my tenure as bookkeeper ends June 30, 2025.

**8. Old Business**

- a. N/A

**9. New Business**

- a. Municipal/Assessors Auditor Update

Bob reviewed utilizing the same auditor as the town. MMA states we do not have to share the same auditor, or use separate auditors. 2023 Municipal audit is still in the works. Would like a letter to the assessors of the schools to change, if we do. Dr. Kane will call Ron Smith and Stratton School to see what they charge and who they use.

- b. Nomination of Chair-New Business

Motion to nominate Linda Lowell as the school board chair

Bonnie-Linda, 2nd-Belinda

3-0

- c. Nomination of Vice Chair-New Chair

Motion to nominate Linda Lowell as the school board vice chair

Belinda-Bonnie, 2nd-Linda

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- d. Budget Discussions

2nd Rangeley Student-presently attending Rangeley

**10. Other**

- a. Next Meeting: May 8, 2025, 5 PM at Town Office
- b. New Business Sam's plans, and Combined Super and Finance Director at next meeting

**11. Executive Session**

a. N/A

**12. Adjournment**

At 6:40 PM

Motion-Bonnie

2nd-Belinda

Motion passes, 3-0

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Linda Lowell - Chair

Date

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Bonnie Farrar - Vice Chair

Date

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Belinda Norton - School Board Member

Date