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RSU 56 board chooses interim superintendent



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DIXFIELD — The Regional School Unit 56 board selected Region 9 School of Applied Technology Director Brenda Gammon as its interim superintendent during an executive session Tuesday.

Gammon will continue to serve as Region 9 director, she said Wednesday.

The interim superintendent position will continue until July 1, the official start date of the new district that includes Canton, Carthage, Dixfield and Peru.

The board plans to hire a permanent superintendent by then, Chairwoman Barbara Chow said.

Residents of the four towns voted last year to leave RSU 10 and to form their own district to save money and have more local control.

“I’m pleased and excited about the opportunity to work with the (RSU 56) administration, and I am excited about the challenge, definitely,” Gammon said.

Some of her initial duties will be to fill other interim part-time positions, such as a business manager, a technology person and a secretary, she said.

Gammon also plans to get some funding established on startup costs, build a budget and advertise for permanent positions, which start July 1.

Discussions and recommendations for some of the interim part-time positions will be held with the school board at its next meeting Feb. 28, she said.

In other business, the board voted to join a partnership with RSU 10 and other districts to apply for a grant for extended use of student services at Pennacook Learning Center in Rumford.

The RSU 56 withdrawal agreement with RSU 10 includes the use of the Learning Center’s services for two years and the grant would offer extended use beyond that time for RSU 56 students and students of other districts.

The next RSU 56 board meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Dirigo High School in Dixfield.

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