## WHO WE ARE

The Education Foundation is a 501c3, non-profit organization of dedicated volunteers working in partnership with the RSU 22 School Board to benefit our students, teachers and schools. We are led by a board of directors who represent Hampden, Winterport, Newburgh and Frankfort.

We foster innovation and excellence in all RSU22 schools by raising funds and generating community-wide support.

PARTNERSHIP

SUPPORT

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## **OUR TEAM**

President - Angela Ellingwood Vice President - Vacant Treasurer - Peter Witt Secretary - Mary Anne Royal Standing Member - Heather Patterson Standing Member - Christine Boone Standing Member - Scott Cuddy Standing Member - Colleen Jolley

Join our team of dedicated volunteers!

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# WE CAN DO MORE BECAUSE OF YOU!

Invest in our community for the long-term.

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## **OUR STORY**

The RSU 22 Education Foundation was established in August 2009, taking inspiration from endowment funds set up by universities nationwide.

The goal was to establish an organization that would become an integral and enduring part of the school district's educational structure.

The Foundation began to take shape slowly, with the initiation of fundraisers and the implementation of a program allowing teachers to apply for "mini-grants" to enhance classroom learning and inspire students.

As part of these formative years, a website was set up to spread awareness of the Education Foundation's purpose.

Additionally, temporary funding enabled the hiring of a part-time coordinator to oversee activities. At one point before the pandemic, the RSU 22 Education Foundation operated as a self-funded entity, accomplishing all its goals with an all-volunteer board. The Foundation is now working towards reinstating this model, striving to become an integral part of the educational structure of the school district and continue its impact for generations to come.

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The former board of directors reflected the diversity of the communities it serves, comprising retired military, civil service personnel, business owners in various fields, accountants, architects, a columnist, and educators from primary school to university levels. All members shared the common aspiration of inspiring young learners. As some members left the Education Foundation Board, new members were welcomed. Special appreciation was extended to Peter Witt for his active role in sustaining the Foundation until its recent revival.

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Today, the new board of the **RSU 22 Education Foundation is** prepared for a relaunch, committed to continually supporting RSU 22 Schools. The Foundation plans to reintroduce mini-grants this year, providing opportunities for contributions towards the educational enhancement of students. Together, we'll create a lasting impact in our school district and community, inspiring young learners and supporting educational initiatives.