

MINUTES
RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2016
MCLAIN SCHOOL
6:30PM

Executive Session – 5:30pm

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum – *Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and quorum was declared.*
2. Executive Session
 - A. To enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(A) – *It was moved by Susan Thomas and seconded Ron Gamage to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(A). Motion carried unanimously. Executive session entered at 5:30 PMPM and Chair Roberts declared the Board out at 6:20 PM.*

School Board Meeting – 6:30pm

3. Pledge of Allegiance – *The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.*
4. Adjustments to the Agenda - *None*
5. Presentation
 - A. Jen Curtis- Oceanside Scholar Day
Presentation given by Jen Curtis, Interim Principal at Oceanside High School, along with Caitlin Clark, Worthington Scholar Mentor, and Sue Snow, Registrar of Oceanside High School, to provide information about Oceanside Scholar Day, happening on October 19, 2016. This event is sponsored by Worthington Scholars.
 - B. Merriam Architects – Michael Sabatini, Jason Merriam, Xander Shaw.
Presentation given by Michael Sabatini, Jason Merriam and Xander Shaw from Merriam Architects, regarding the options for the project at Owls Head Central School.
6. Public Participation: Citizens are welcome to speak to agenda matters before the Board (up to 30 minutes total) - *None*
7. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of August 4, 2016 and September 1, 2016 – *Hearing no objections, the consent agenda was acknowledged.*
8. Business Items
 - A. To approve the appointment of:
 - (1) Jess Yates, Special Education Director – *It was moved by Susan Thomas and seconded by Loren Andrews to approve the appointment of Jess Yates, Special Education Director. Motion carried unanimously.*

- (2) Lisa Sprou, Special Education Teacher, Oceanside Middle School – *It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Susan Thomas to approve the appointment of Lisa Sprou, Special Education Teacher at Oceanside Middle School. Motion carried unanimously.*
 - (3) Katharine Schrader, Special Education Teacher, Oceanside High School- *It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Kella River to approve the appointment of Katharine Schrader, Special Education Teacher at Oceanside High School. Motion carried unanimously.*
 - (4) Heather Anderson, Speech/Language Teaching Assistant, South School – *It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to approve the appointment of Heather Anderson, Speech/Language Teaching Assistant at South School Motion carried unanimously.*
 - (5) David Moran, Board Certified Behavior Analyst – *It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to approve the appointment of David Moran, Board Certified Behavior Analyst. Motion carried unanimously.*
 - (6) Josh Onorato, Interim Assistant Principal, South School – *It was moved by Ron Gamage and seconded by Susan Thomas to approve the appointment of Josh Onorato, Interim Assistant Principal at South School. Motion carried unanimously.*
- B. To approve Superintendent’s recommendation to set substitute pay rate at \$100/day for 4 year degree and \$95 for a 2 year degree.

It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Loren Andrews to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation to set substitute pay rate at \$100/day for a 4 year degree and \$95/day for a 2 year degree. Motion carried unanimously.

C. To undertake a first reading of:

- (1) Policy JICK – Bullying and Cyberbullying Prevention in Schools- *It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Ron Gamage to undertake a first reading of Policy JICK- Bullying and Cyberbullying in Schools. Motion carried unanimously.*
- (2) Policy JICK-R – Bullying and Cyberbullying Administrative Procedure – *It was moved by Carol Bachofner and seconded by Susan Thomas to undertake a first reading of Policy JICK-R- Bullying and Cyberbullying Administrative Procedure. Motion carried unanimously.*
- (3) Policies JICK-E1, E2, and E3 – Bullying and Cyberbullying Reporting Forms – *It was moved by Carol Bachofner and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to undertake a first reading of Policies JICK- E1, E2, and E3- Bullying and Cyberbullying Reporting Forms. Motion carried unanimously.*

D. To undertake a second reading of:

- (1) Policy EEA-P - *School Bus Drivers and Van Drivers Procedural Guidelines-Responsibilities and Duties – It was moved by Carol Bachofner and seconded by Christine Curtis to undertake a second reading of Policy EEA-P – School Bus Drivers and Van Drivers Procedural Guidelines-Responsibilities and Duties. Motion carried 696 – 205 (with Christine Curtis and Don Robishaw against).*
- (2) Policy ACAAB - *Employee Concerns and Complaints – It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to undertake a second reading of Policy ACAAB- Employee Concerns and Complaints. Motion carried 803 – 98 (with Don Robishaw against).*

E. To accept a donation from the Penobscot Bay YMCA of ten pieces of Life Fitness commercial weight room equipment for Oceanside High School. The approximate value is \$5,000. – *It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Ron Gamage to accept a donation from the Penobscot Bay YMCA of ten pieces of Life Fitness commercial weight room equipment for Oceanside High School, with an approximate value of \$5000. Motion carried unanimously.*

- F. To accept a donation from Walmart in the amount of \$250 – *It was moved by Ron Gamage and seconded by Susan Thomas to accept a donation from Walmart in the amount of \$250. Motion carried unanimously.*
- G. Approval of Memo of Understanding from Village Soup TV – *It was moved by Chair Roberts and seconded by Ron Gamage to table this agenda item. Motion carried unanimously.*
- H. Approval of scope of renovation projects for Oceanside Middle School and Oceanside High School – *It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Loren Andrews to approve the scope of renovation projects for Oceanside Middle School and Oceanside High School. The recommendation from the Finance and Facilities Committee is as follows: expansion of the cafeteria, kitchen and bathrooms at Oceanside High School (Option B from WBRC) and the expansion of the cafeteria, kitchen and the construction of four (4) classrooms to support the addition of the sixth grade class next year at Oceanside Middle School (Option D from WBRC). Discussion ensued. It was moved by Chair Roberts and seconded by Loren Andrews to table the motion. Motion to table carried 794 – 107 (with Christine Curtis against).*
- I. Approval of lease for iPad keyboards – *It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Susan Thomas to authorize the Superintendent to enter into a lease agreement with Gorham Savings for \$73,992 for four years at 3.07% interest for keyboards for the MLTI iPads. Motion carried unanimously.*
- J. Appointment of School Board members as the RSU 13 Representative and Alternate Representative to the Maine School Boards Association Delegate Assembly which is scheduled for October 27, 2016- *It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Susan Thomas to appoint School Board members as the RSU 13 Representative and Alternate Representative to the Maine School Boards Association Delegate Assembly. Chair Roberts volunteered as Representative. Appointment for Representative approved unanimously. Loren Andrews moved and Susan Thomas seconded to nominate Ron Gamage as Alternate Representative. Appointment for Alternate approved unanimously.*
- K. To accept two donations to Cushing Community School:
 - (1) Used electronic keyboard for the Music program, from a community member
 - (2) Powered projection screen for the Gym/Multi-Purpose room, purchased and donated by the Friends & Family group

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to accept the donation of a used electronic keyboard for the music program and a powered projection screen for the Gym/Multi-Purpose Room. Motion carried unanimously.

- 9. Communications – *Superintendent McDonald read a letter awarding grants from Georges River Education Foundation (GREF). Loren Andrews moved to accept these grants and the motion was seconded by Susan Thomas. Motion carried unanimously.*

10. Reports

- A. Report of the Superintendent – *October 7th is a Professional Development Day for RSU 13. Elementary teachers and staff will be training in the new Educator Effectiveness program, while mid-level and high school teachers will participate in Restorative Justice Practices. Superintendent McDonald also acknowledged the work of the School Board in accomplishing the improvements to RSU 13 buildings district wide and the progress in the Schools of Our Future projects as a whole. He reminded the School Board about the Public Meeting scheduled for October 12th at Gilford Butler School to discuss project ideas for the Owls Head/Gilford Butler buildings. Finally, Superintendent McDonald acknowledged the art work on the walls, completed by students in Jared Cowan's art class at Oceanside High School.*
- B. Report of the Business Manager – *Business Manager Pete Orne provided written updates from Scott Hall (Maintenance), Steve Sylvester (Custodial), Charles Butler (Food Service), and Roy Grotton (Transportation) about each department. He suggested bringing in these directors to Board meetings so that they can give reports and answer any questions. He then discussed requirements of the Affordable Care Act and what there are for options with insurance. The RSU 13 Audit is underway and almost*

complete. Results should be presented at the regular Business meeting in December. The Lura Libby transfer is underway. The lease has been prepared and he believes that both sides are agreeable to it. This will allow Thomaston access to the building while the property lines are determined. He also discussed allowing the Town of Thomaston to purchase some of the unused oil in some of the RSU 13 buildings at a discount. To complete his report, he advised the Board that budget season would be starting early this year.

C. Report of the Board Chair – *None*

11. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

- A. Curriculum & Technology and SETF - *Student Engagement Task Force (SETF) met on October 3rd, 2016. Next meeting November 7, 2016 at 3:30 PM. Curriculum and Technology met on September 26, 2016. Next meeting on October 24, 2016 at 3:30 PM.*
- B. Finance & Facilities – *Met on September 29th, 2016. Next meeting in October 18th, 2016 at 5:00 PM.*
- C. Policy & Communications – *Met on September 19th, 2016. Next meeting October 17th, 2016 at 5:00 PM.*
- D. MCST – *Met on September 28, 2016. Next meeting October 27th, 2016 at 7:00 PM.*

12. Adjournment – *It was moved by Susan Thomas and seconded by Kella River to adjourn, at 8:42 PM.*