

MINUTES
RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017
MCLAIN SCHOOL
6:30PM

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum –

Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and quorum was declared. Christine Curtis, Ron Gamage, Susan Allen Thomas, Loren Andrews, Kella River, Gerald Weinand, Tom Peaco, Carol Bachofner, and Chair Roberts were present. Nancy Jeffers was absent.

2. Pledge of Allegiance –

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

3. Adjustments to the Agenda –

To add the approval of appointment of Richard Wehnke- Art Teacher at South School and Owls Head Central School- Business Item F.

4. Presentation

A. Oceanside Improvement Fund, Inc. –

Presentation given by Oceanside Improvement Fund, Inc. members Doris and Dennis Norton, along with input from Athletic Director, Molly Bishop. Their mission is to raise money to support capital improvements to athletic facilities and other co-curricular facilities at RSU 13. They are asking for the Board to support these improvements, and to budget adequate funds to maintain and upkeep these fields once the improvements have been made.

B. Schools of Our Future Projects – Jen Curtis, Bill Gifford, Ben Tripp –

Principals Jennifer Curtis, William Gifford, and Ben Tripp gave a presentation about the progress made at all different levels (K – 5, 6 – 8, and 9 – 12) under the Schools of our Future plan.

5. Public Participation: Citizens are welcome to speak to agenda matters before the Board (up to 30 minutes total) –

None

6. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of January 5, 2017 –

Hearing no objections, the minutes from the January 5, 2017 meeting were accepted as written.

B. To acknowledge the retirement of Neal Guyer, Director of School Improvement, as of March 31, 2017 –

Hearing no objections, the retirement of Neal Guyer, Director of School Improvement, as of March 31, 2017, was acknowledged. Board members and the Superintendent thanked Neal for his many years of service with both SAD 50 and RSU 13.

7. Business Items

- A. To accept a grant from Siemens –

Agenda Item A tabled.

- B. To approve a request for unpaid leave beyond the six weeks of paid maternity leave (if applicable) beginning around April 3, 2017 through the end of the 2016-2017 school year –

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Susan Allen Thomas to approve a request for unpaid leave beyond the six weeks of paid maternity leave (if applicable) beginning around April 3, 2017 through the end of the 2016 – 2017 school year. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.

- C. To undertake a second reading of revised Policy DD – Grants –

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Kella River to undertake a second reading of revised Policy DD- Grants. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.

- D. To approve a request from the Oceanside Key Club to attend the New England District Educational Conference in Springfield, MA, March 31, April 1 and 2, 2017 –

It was moved by Susan Allen Thomas and seconded by Christine Curtis to approve a request from the Oceanside Key Club to attend the New England District Educational Conference in Springfield, MA, March 31, April 1 and 2, 2017. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.

- E. **To approve a new stipend for Unified Basketball in the amount of \$1,358 –**

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Kella River to approve a new stipend for Unified Basketball in the amount of \$1,358. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.

- F. **The approve the appointment of Richard Wehnke – Art Teacher at South School and Owls Head Central School. –**

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Susan Allen Thomas to approve the appointment of Richard Wehnke- Art Teacher at South School and Owls Head School. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.

8. Communications –

Mr. McDonald read a letter from Maine Department of Education Commissioner, Robert Hassen, saying that RSU 13's application for the Revolving Renovation Fund has been approved in the amount of \$576,697,000. A portion of the loan (\$173,009) will be forgiven. This will help with the sprinkler system project at Oceanside High School.

9. Reports

- A. Report of the Superintendent –

Superintendent McDonald started his report with stating what a pleasure it is to work with such a great team of administrators. He mentioned the Public Forum scheduled for February 16, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Oceanside High School auditorium. The forum will include a presentation, and architects will be present to answer questions. He spoke about the referendum for the special election on February 28, 2017 and urged the public to get out and vote. On Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Pitch in Warren, a Community Forum is scheduled to discuss later school start times. Dr. Andrew Filderman will be present to discuss the science behind the idea. Area superintendents will be there as well.

- B. Report of the Business Manager –

No formal report given, but Business Manager, Peter Orne, spoke about the savings that have already been identified as we have moved forward with the Schools of Our Future plan. He also mentioned that there are still more savings that have yet to even be realized.

C. Report of the Board Chair –

Chair Roberts reported that appointments haven't yet been made for the building committees. This will be done at the first Board Meeting in March. He asked for nominations from the Board of people from the community to be members.

10. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

A. Curriculum & Technology –

Met on January 23, 2017. Next meeting on February 27, 2017 at 3:30 PM. Next SETF meeting scheduled for February 6th, 2017 at 3:00 PM.

B. Finance & Facilities

Met January 17, 2017, next meeting on February 21, 2017 at 5:00 PM.

C. Policy & Communications –

Met on January 16, 2017. Next meeting February 20, 2017 at 5:00 PM.

D. MCST –

Met on January 25, 2017. Next meeting February 22, 2017 at 7:00 PM

11. Adjournment – *It was moved by Susan Allen Thomas to adjourn at 8:04 PM.*