

MINUTES
RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY – MAY 5, 2016
MCLAIN SCHOOL
6:30PM

Executive Session – 5:30pm

1. Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 5:30pm and a 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 by Christine Curtis to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6)(A). Motion carried unanimously, of those present.
Executive Session entered at 5:31pm and Chair Roberts declared the Board out at 6:27pm. Carol Bachofner and Loren Andrews arrived late.

School Board Meeting – 6:30pm

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
4. Adjustments to the Agenda- *See italicized and underlined. Business Item I moved to the first item on the agenda.*
5. Student Representatives – *None*
6. Presentations
 - A. MELMAC Committee- *MELMAC presentation given by Wendy Ault and followed by Esther Hatch.*
 - B. School Resource Officer- *Presentation given by Rockland Police Chief, Bruce Boucher, regarding the idea of a School Resource Officer for RSU 13, funded by a grant from the Department of Justice.*
7. Public Participation: Citizens are welcome to speak to agenda matters before the Board (up to 30 minutes total) - *None*
8. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of April 7, 2016 and April 14, 2016
 - B. To acknowledge the retirement of Christopher Blackmon, School Counselor, OHS-E, effective August 31, 2016
 - C. To acknowledge the retirement of Marjorie Gerrish, Title I/RTI Math, SS and LLS, effective August 31, 2016
Hearing no objections, the consent agenda was acknowledged.
9. Business Items
 - I. *To authorize the Superintendent to hire an interim Principal for Oceanside High School*

It was moved by Jesse Butler and seconded by Loren Andrews to authorize the Superintendent to move forward with the selection and hiring of Jen Curtis for the interim Principal role at Oceanside High School. Motion carried unanimously.

- A. To accept the resignation of Bruce Palmer, Special Education Teacher, effective August 31, 2016

It was moved by Jesse Butler and seconded by Carol Bachofner to accept the resignation of Bruce Palmer, Special Education Teacher, effective August 31, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. To appoint first year probationary teachers to a second year probationary contract effective September 1, 2016

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Susan Thomas to appoint first year probationary teachers to a second year probationary contract effective September 1, 2016. Teachers listed were: Brittany Anthony, Jean Bragan, Haley Brooks, Emily Cashen, Chelsea Cates, Brianna Coburn, Sarah Davis, Erin Elwell, Erin Fitzgerald, Stephen Foster, Kimberlee Hammond, Nicole Hatch, Louis-Pierre Lachapelle, Courtney Leach, Megan Marks, Janelle Miller, Nerin Moroney, Bonnie Nielson, Kelly Peavey, Tanya Robinson, Lavinia Rogers, Alexandra Schintzius, Graham Shove, Elizabeth Sommo, John Sommo, Alyssa Steven, Danielle Sylvia, and Michael York. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. To appoint second year probationary teachers to a third year probationary contract effective September 1, 2016

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Christine Curtis to appoint second year probationary teachers to a third year probationary contract effective September 1, 2016. Teachers listed were: Dale-Cameron DesMeules, Ian Carey, Janet Corcoran, Jeannie Cushman, Charissa Daigle, Gretchen Kuhn, Christine Lanphere, Kim Meuse, Christelle Munnely, Katie Nichols, Melora Norman, Molly Protheroe, Amanda Shortall, Darcie Watkinson, Lauren Wilgus, and Haley Wotton. Motion carried unanimously.

- D. To appoint third year probationary teachers to a continuing contract effective September 1, 2016

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Christine Curtis to appoint third year probationary teachers to a continuing contract effective September 1, 2016. Teachers listed were: Shannon Cawley, Sarah Dyer, Lorraine Lash, Nicole McLellan, and Katherine Stinson. Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Approval of Siemens Performance Contract

It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Ron Gamage to approve the Siemens Performance Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

- F. Approval of financing for Siemens Energy Project

It was moved by Nancy Jeffers to table the approval of financing for Siemens Energy Project. There were no objections. Motion tabled indefinitely.

- G. Motion to rename Oceanside-West facility Oceanside Middle School

It was moved by Jesse Butler and seconded by Carol Bachofner to rename Oceanside – West facility to Oceanside Middle School. Motion carried unanimously.

- H. A resolution to transfer Lura Libby School to the Town of Thomaston upon a successful closure vote by the town

It was moved by Jesse Butler and seconded by Ron Gamage to resolve to transfer Lura Libby School to the Town of Thomaston upon a successful closure vote by the town. Motion carried unanimously.

J. To undertake a first reading of:

(1) Policy GCG – *Employment of Substitutes*

It was moved by Jesse Butler and seconded by Susan Thomas to undertake the first reading of Policy GCG – Employment of Substitutes. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Policy IMG – *Animals in Schools*

It was moved by Jesse Butler and seconded by Susan Thomas to undertake the first reading of Policy IMG – Animals in Schools. Motion carried unanimously. .

K. Approval of teacher and administrator evaluation and professional growth plans

It was moved by Ron Gamage and seconded by Loren Andrews to approve the teacher and administrator evaluation and professional growth plans. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Will the RSU 13 Board of School Directors vote to authorize the transfer of funds between articles/cost centers not to exceed 5% of the cost center that the funds are being transferred from to close out the fiscal year 2014-2015?

It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Ron Gamage, pursuant to Section 1485(4) of Title 20 – A of the Maine Revised Statutes, that this Board transfer \$86,850 from Article 9, Facilities Maintenance to Article 11, All Other Expenditures in the fiscal year 2014-2015 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Communications- *A letter from Anne Pietroski regarding the Verizon Innovative App challenge participants. She wished to add the name of Jameson Bell to the record. He participated on the team, but was unable to attend the presentation given at the April 7th Board Meeting. Superintendent McDonald also read letters from Scott Hall and Roy Grotton, thanking the Board and Administration for approving a conference for Bus Drivers on April 20th.*

11. Reports

A. Report of the Superintendent –

Superintendent McDonald updated the Board on the progress of the Schools of Our Future Projects. Siemen's is ready to begin work and prep work is being done to get ready for the moves. May 31, 2016 is the Budget Validation Meeting. Graduation is June 7th, 2016 and the last day of school for all other students is June 14, which will be a half day. Finally, he discussed Teacher Appreciation Week – expressing his gratitude and thanks to the teachers of RSU 13.

B. Report of the Business Manager-

None given.

C. Report of the Board Chair-

Chair Roberts reiterated that the Budget Validation Meeting is on May 31, 2016. He also discussed a public meeting scheduled for June 2nd regarding the closing of Lura Libby School. He also mentioned the Personnel and Negotiations Committee are continuing to bargain with all three units.

12. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

A. Curriculum & Technology – *met April 25, 2016, next meeting May 23, 2016.*

B. Finance & Facilities – *met on April 12 and May 5, 2016, next meeting June 21, 2016.*

C. Policy – Met on April 25, 2016, next meeting on May 16th, 2016.

D. MCST – Met April 27, 2016 next meeting on May 25, 2016.

13. Signing of Warrants

A. Signing of Warrants to Call Regional Budget Meeting and Budget Validation Referendum

It was moved by Jesse Butler and seconded by Christine Curtis: Voted: That the warrant for RSU 13, (the “Regional School Unit”) Budget Meeting presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved and that a Regional School Unit budget meeting be and is hereby called for May 31, 2016 for the purpose of voting on the annual budget for the Regional School Unit for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

FURTHER VOTED: That the Warrant and Notice of Election for the Regional School Unit Budget Validation Referendum presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved, and that a Regional School Unit budget validation referendum be and is hereby called for June 14, 2016 for the purpose of approving the budget adopted at the Regional School Unit budget meeting for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

FURTHER VOTED: That the form of Notice of Amounts Adopted at Budget Meeting presented to this meeting be and is hereby approved, and that the Superintendent of Schools of the Regional School Unit is hereby authorized and directed to complete said Notice by adding the amounts approved by the voters for each expenditure category and the total school budget summary expenditure amount, all in accordance with the Regional School Unit budget meeting on May 31, 2016, and to cause copies of said notice, as completed, to be delivered to the municipal clerks of each municipality of the Regional School Unit for posting at the polling places for the June 14, 2016 Regional School Unit budget validation referendum. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Signing of Warrants and Notice of Election to Authorize the Closing of the Lura Libby School

It was moved by Jesse Butler and seconded by Nancy Jeffers: Voted: That the warrant and notice of election presented to the meeting be approved and that a referendum be called for June 14, 2016, in the Town of Thomaston for the purpose of approving the closing of the Lura Libby School as described therein.

FURTHER VOTED: That the Notice of Public Hearing presented to the meeting be approved and that a public hearing on the closing of the Lura Libby School be held on June 2, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. as provided therein.

Both sets of warrants were signed.

14. Adjournment –

It was moved by Susan Thomas and seconded by Jesse Butler to adjourn at 9:01 PM.