

MINUTES
RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2016
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. Board members present were: Chair Roberts, Don Robishaw, Ron Gamage, Nancy Jeffers, Kella River, Carol Bachofner, and Loren Andrews. Susan Thomas and Christine Curtis were absent.*
2. Pledge of Allegiance – *The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.*
3. Adjustments to the Agenda – **Please see bold and underlined.**
4. Presentation
 - A. Merriam Architects – *Presentation given by Merriam Architects regarding different concepts for Owls Head/Gilford Butler schools.*
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 meetings of October 6, 2016 and October 20, 2016 – *Hearing no objections, the consent agenda was acknowledged.*
7. Business Items
 - A. **To accept \$4,000 from The Maine Water Co. to be used toward the installation of water bottle fill stations-**
It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Loren Andrews to accept \$4000 from The Maine Water Company to be used toward the installation of water bottle fill stations. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.
 - B. To accept the resignation of Shannon Parker, Adult Education Director, effective December 31, 2016 –
It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to accept the resignation of Shannon Parker, Adult Education Director, effective December 31, 2016. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.
 - C. To undertake a second reading of:
 - (1) Policy JICK – *Bullying and Cyberbullying Prevention in Schools*
 - (2) Policy JICK-R – *Bullying and Cyberbullying Administrative Procedure*
 - (3) Policies JICK-E1, E2, and E3 – *Bullying and Cyberbullying Reporting Forms*
It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Kella River to undertake a second reading of Policy JICK – Bullying and Cyberbullying Prevention in Schools, Policy JICK-R – Bullying and

Cyberbullying Administrative Procedure, and Policies JICK-E1, E2, and E3 – Bullying and Cyberbullying Reporting forms. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.

- D. To accept a donation to Cushing Community School from DonorsChoose.org of a project called ‘A Comfy Place to Sit and Learn’ (Classroom carpet for 20), \$379.00

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to accept a donation to Cushing Community School from DonorsChoose.org of a project called “A Comfy Place to Sit and Learn” (Classroom Carpet for 20), with a value of \$379. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.

- E. To accept a donation to South School from DonorsChoose.org of three Hokki Stools, \$321.00

It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to accept a donation to South School from DonorsChoose.org of three HOKKI Stools, valued at \$321. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.

- F. **To accept the following GREF Grants to Thomaston Grammar School:**

- (1) Cooking in the Classroom program, \$3,000**
- (2) Flexible Seating: Creative Ways to Avoid “The Cemetery Effect” program, \$1,530**
- (3) Hokki Stool – Differentiated Seating, \$2,500**

It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Kella River to accept the following GREG Grants to Thomaston Grammar School: (1) Cooking in the Classroom Program, \$3000, (2) Flexible Seating: Creative Ways to Avoid “The Cemetery Effect” program, \$1530, and (3) Hokki Stool-Differentiated Seating, \$2500. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.

- G. **To accept the following donations to Thomaston Grammar School from DonorsChoose.org:**

- (1) Cubby Hooks for First Graders, \$947**
- (2) Keep on Swimmin’ project, \$449**

It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Loren Andrews to accept the following donations to Thomaston Grammar School from DonorsChoose.org. (1) Cubby Hooks for First Graders, \$947 and (2) Keep on Swimmin’ Project, \$449. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.

- H. Approval of scope of renovation projects for Oceanside Middle School and Oceanside High School –

Nancy Jeffers moved to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation to renovate existing space and construct additions to Oceanside Middle School in Thomaston and Oceanside High School in Rockland in the amount of approximately \$13.9 million dollars, subject to voter approval. And, because of the immediate need for classroom space at Oceanside Middle School, she further moved to authorize the Superintendent to extend the agreement with WBRC Architects and begin work on construction bid documents for Phase 1, as outlined, at Oceanside Middle School to add classroom space. This motion was seconded by Loren Andrews. Discussion ensued. Motion carried 588 – 98 (with Don Robishaw against).

- I. Approval of Memo of Understanding from Village Soup TV – *no motion*

- J. To change the early release in-service day from January 25, 2017 to November 22, 2016 –

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to change the early release in-service day from January 25, 2017 to November 22, 2016. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.

- K. Request for unpaid leave from an employee – *It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to approve the request for unpaid leave from an employee. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.*

8. Communications - *None*

9. Reports

- A. Report of the Superintendent – *Superintendent McDonald reported that he attended the Maine School Board Association Conference on October 27th and 28th, with School Board members Chair Roberts and Ron Gamage. He discussed Oceanside Middle School Parent Night that took place on November 1st and*

Parent/Teacher Conferences on November 3rd. He also gave a quick update on the Schools of Our Future Projects.

- B. Report of the Business Manager – *Not present, no report.*
- C. Report of the Board Chair – *Chair Roberts also spoke in depth about the Maine School Board Association Conference, specifically about discussions around defining the role of the Commissioner of Education and Superintendent Agreements being denied locally by Superintendents and then overturned by the Department of Education.*

10. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

- A. Curriculum & Technology – *No October meeting as most of the committee was unable to attend. Next meeting tentatively scheduled for November 28th.*
 - B. Finance & Facilities - *Met October 18th, 2016. Next meeting November 15th, 2016 at 5:00 PM.*
 - C. Policy & Communications – *Met October 17th, 2016. Next meeting November 15th, 2016 at 5:00 Pm.*
 - D. MCST – *Met on October 26th, 2016. Next meeting November 10, 2016, to accept election results.*
11. Adjournment – *It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Kella River to adjourn, at 7:40 PM.*