

MINUTES
RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 1, 2018
MCLAIN SCHOOL
6:30PM

Executive Session – 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum- *Chair Andrews called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and quorum was declared. Chair Andrews, Carol Bachofner, Gerald Weinand, Nancy Jeffers, Ron Gamage, and Tom Peaco were present. There are currently three unfilled seats: Thomaston, So. Thomaston, and Rockland. Susan Allen Thomas was absent.*
2. Executive Session
 - A. To enter Executive Session to discuss negotiations pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(D) – *It was moved by Carol Bachofner and seconded by Ron Gamage to enter Executive Session to discuss negotiations pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(D). The motion carried unanimously, of those present. Executive Session was entered at 6:00 PM and Chair Andrews declared the Board out at 6:34 PM.*

School Board Meeting – 6:30 PM – *The regular School Board began at 6:37 PM.*

3. Pledge of Allegiance – *The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.*
4. Adjustments to the Agenda – **Business Item H: Authorization for a lease of 3 mini vans; and Business Item I: Approval of the tuition agreement between RSU 13 and St. George MSU. See also bold and underlined.**
5. Presentation
 - A. Alex Fogarty- *Wrestler from Oceanside High School was recognized for winning his 100th career match on January 27th. Mr. McDonald presented him with a plaque.*
 - B. RHR Smith & Co. – *Representatives from RHR Smith & Company presented an overview of the RSU 13 FY 2017 Audit.*
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 meeting of December 7, 2017 *It was moved by Ron Gamage and seconded by Carol Bachofner to approve the minutes from December 7, 2017. Motion carried unanimously, and the minutes are entered as record.*
 - B. To acknowledge the retirement of Lorrie Callaway, Grade 5 Teacher, Owls Head Central School, effective August 31, 2018- *It was moved by Carol Bachofner and seconded by Ron Gamage to approve the retirement of Lorrie Callaway, Grade 5 Teacher, Owls Head Central School, effective August 31, 2018. Board members, Superintendent McDonald, and OHCS Building Principal Ben Tripp all wished her well in her retirement. The motion carried unanimously, of those present.*
8. Business Items
 - A. To accept the FY 2017 Audit – *It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Carol Bachofner to accept the FY 2017 Audit. The motion carried unanimously, of those present.*

- B. To acknowledge the appointment of:
 - (1) Rebecca Watson, Board Certified Behavior Analyst, District-
 - (2) Christina Fish, Social Worker, South School-

It was moved by Ron Gamage and seconded by Tom Peaco to approve the appointments of Rebecca Watson, Board Certified Behavior Analyst- District, and Christina Fish, Social Worker, South School. The motion carried unanimously, of those present.

- C. To undertake a second reading of draft Policy KG – *Memorial Objects on RSU 13 Property and Facilities* – *It was moved by Carol Bachofner and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to undertake a second reading of draft Policy KG- Memorial Objects of RSU 13 Property and Facilities. The motion carried unanimously, of those present.*
- D. Approval of new position: Special Services Coordinator – *It was moved by Carol Bachofner and seconded by Tom Peaco to approve the new Special Services Coordinator position. The motion carried. After some discussion and more information from Superintendent McDonald and Special Education Director Jessica Yates, the motion carried unanimously, of those present.*
- E. Approval of Job Description for Special Services Coordinator- *It was moved by Carol Bachofner and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to approve the Job Description for the Special Services Coordinator position. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.*
- F. Recommendation for name of the new Elementary School – *It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Gerald Weinand to accept Superintendent McDonald’s recommendation of Ash Point Elementary School. After some discussion and concerns, Nancy Jeffers amended the motion to call the school “Ash Point Community School”. Gerald Weinand seconded the motion to amend. The motion to amend passed unanimously, as did the final vote on the amended motion.*
- G. Election of School Board Vice Chair- *Tom Peaco nominated Nancy Jeffers as School Board Vice Chair and the nomination was seconded by Carol Bachofner. There were no objections, and the vote carried unanimously.*
- H. **Authorization for the lease of three minivans – Nancy Jeffers moved that the resolution entitled, “Resolution to Authorize Lease Purchase of 3 School Vans in the Principal Amount of up to \$70,000”, be adopted in form and presented to this meeting, and to dispense with the reading of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Carol Bachofner, and carried unanimously, of those present.**
- I. **Approve the Tuition Agreement between RSU 13 and St. George MSU – It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Tom Peaco to approve the tuition agreement between RSU 13 and St. George MSU. The motion carried 398 – 193, with Carol Bachofner and Ron Gamage opposed.**

9. Communications – *Superintendent McDonald read an email from DonorsChoose.org, informing the Board of funding received for Thomaston Grammar School for “Bored Without Board Games.”*

10. Reports

- A. Report of the Superintendent –
- B. Report of the Business Manager
- C. Report of the Board Chair –

The reports’ of the Superintendent, Business Manager, and Board Chair were all a tribute to former RSU 13 School Board Chair, Steven Roberts, who recently passed away very suddenly. Everyone shared memories or stories of Steve, sent condolences to his friends and family, and thanked him for his leadership.

11. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

- A. Curriculum & Technology – *Met on January 22, 2018, next meeting on February 26th, 2018 at 3:30 PM, at Central Office.*

- B. Student Engagement Task Force – *Met on December 5, 2017. Next meeting February 5, 2017, at 3:30 PM, at Central Office.*
 - C. Finance & Facilities – *Met on February 1st, 2018. Next meeting March 5, 2018, at 5:00 PM, at Central Office.*
 - D. Policy & Communications – *No January meeting, next meeting is February 12, 2018, at 3:30 PM, at Central Office.*
 - E. Building Committee Reports from OMS/OHS and New Elementary School Committee Chairs – *There hasn't been an OMS/OHS Building Committee meeting for a while, but one will be scheduled in the next two to three weeks. The Ash Point Community School Building Committee will meet on February 8, 2018, at 3:30 PM, at Owls Head Central School.*
 - F. Strategic Planning – *Met on January 29th, 2018. Next meeting to be determined, and will be publicly noticed.*
 - G. MCST- *Met on January 24, 2018. Next meeting February 28th, 2018 at 7:00 PM, at Mid-Coast School of Technology.*
12. Adjournment- *It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Gerald Weinand to adjourn, at 8:10 PM.*