

**FINANCE AND FACILITIES BUDGET WORKSHOP
5:00 PM**

**MINUTES
RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY – APRIL 7, 2016
MCLAIN SCHOOL
6:30PM**

1. Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and a quorum was declared. Jesse Butler was excused absent and Noreen Mullaney arrived at 6:45 PM.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
3. Adjustments to the Agenda- See *italicized underlined*
 - *Business Item G: To accept the Verizon Innovative App Challenge Grant Award*
4. Student Representatives – *Student Representative Krissy McNichol reported on the success of the one-act play, 'All in Disguise' winning several awards, including Best Theatrical Production in the State for Class A. Oceanside High School East will be hosting a blood drive on April 8, 2016. Spring sports are starting following an impressive run by the Oceanside Mariner Boys Varsity Basketball team. She also gave information about a STEM endorsement that was recently approved.*
5. Presentations
 - A. *Verizon Innovative App Challenge Team- Presentation given by the Verizon Innovative App Challenge Winners: Ben Witham, Alaina Myers, Sophie Mergendahl, and Maia McCue. Not present was team member, Jameson Bell. They gave an overview of what the app was about and discussed the prizes that they won. They also very graciously agreed to donate the \$5000 cash prize to help fund the science program at Oceanside Middle School next year.*
 - B. *LEAPS Program- Presentation given by some of the 4th grade students that participated in the "Leaps of Imagination" program at Lura Libby and Cushing Community Schools, along with Principal Ainslee Riley and Nancy Frohlich. LEAPS is a school art program that brings mentors into the classroom two mornings per week for four weeks, with a public art showing at the end of the program. Students presenting were Grace Webber, Michael McCue, Hannah Erickson, Jillian Barnard, and Opal Butler.*
 - C. *MCST's Potential Building Project- Beth Fischer from Mid Coast School of Technology provided a Power Point presentation of some of the current conditions of the MCST building and the construction plans for a new one.*
6. Recognitions
 - A. *Oceanside High School East- One Act Play State Champions- performance of 'All in Disguise' Class A high school top honors.*
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 meeting of March 3, 2016- *Hearing no objection, the consent agenda was acknowledged.*

9. Business Items

- A. Approval of the 2016-2017 school calendar

It was moved by Susan Thomas and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to approve the 2016 – 2017 school calendar. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.

- B. Approval of the Curriculum and Technology Committee's Proposal for MLTI Refresh

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Carol Bachofner to approve the Curriculum and Technology Committee's Proposal for MLTI refresh. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.

- C. To Accept the Retirement of:

- (1.) Suzanne Philbrook, Administrative Assistant at OHCS

It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Noreen Mullaney to accept the retirement of Suzanne Philbrook, Administrative Assistant at OHCS. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.

- (2.) Deborah Glover, Ed Tech II at OHCS

It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Susan Thomas to accept the retirement of Deborah Glover, Ed Tech II at OHCS. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.

- D. To Accept the Resignation of Renee Thompson, Principal at OSH – E.

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Susan Thomas accept the resignation of Renee Thompson, Principal at OSH – E. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.

- E. Approval to renegotiate tuition agreement with St. George Municipal School Unit.-

It was moved by Carol Bachofner and seconded by Ron Gamage to discuss the renegotiation of the tuition agreement with the St. George Municipal School unit. It was then moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Susan Thomas to table the motion. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.

- F. To undertake a second reading of:

- (1) Policy JLCDA – *Medical Marijuana in Schools* –

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to undertake a second reading of Policy JLCDA – Medical Marijuana in Schools. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.

- (2) Policy EBCF – *Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)*

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Susan Thomas to undertake the second reading of Policy EBCF – Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). Motion carried unanimously, of those present.

(3) Policy LDA – Student Teaching and Internships-

It was moved by Susan Thomas and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to undertake the second reading of Policy LDA – Student Teaching and Internships. Motion carried 803 – 98 (Don Robishaw against).

(4) Policy IIMGA – Service Animals in Schools –

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Ron Gamage to undertake the second reading of Policy IIMGA – Service Animals in Schools. Motion carried 803 – 98 (Don Robishaw against).

G. To accept the Verizon Innovative App Challenge Grant Award-

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Carol Bachofner to accept the Verizon Innovative App Challenge Grant award. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.

10. Communications - None

11. Reports

A. Report of the Superintendent-

Another round of congratulations to the Oceanside High School - East Drama Festival winners and a “thank you” to FMC for providing grants for some of the lighting and other things that went into the production. Congratulations to Sylvia Percy, Art teacher at Oceanside High School – West, for writing and receiving a grant for \$500 from Maine Arts Commission to take eleven students from the Gifted & Talented Program to the Portland Museum of Art. On March 16, 2016 Superintendent McDonald attended a bi-monthly meeting of the FMC community advisory panel, viewing a presentation on their excellence in manufacturing initiative at the plant. On March 30, 2016 Superintendent McDonald and Business Manager Peter Orne met with Siemens and WBRC architects to begin initial plans to coordinate work on the Schools of Our Future Projects. On April 6, Superintendent McDonald drafted and sent a letter to the Town of Thomaston regarding the proposed closure of the Lura Libby School, which he then read. To conclude the report, Superintendent McDonald spoke of the viewing of “Paper Tigers” which was shown by members of the Student Engagement Task Force on March 30, 2016 at Oceanside High School – East.

B. Report of the Business Manager-

Business Manager Pete Orne reported that RSU 13 is 75% of the way through the school year, with approximately 30% of budget remaining. He also spoke of the meeting with Siemens and WBRC, adding that the next step is to get that same group together with the addition of Maine Bureau of General Services and the Maine Department of Education. He has been spending a lot of time on responses and conference calls with banks regarding the interest rates for the Schools of Our Future project, adding that they are still in line with what has been budgeted. He has worked a lot with Bruce Johnson, IT Director, on obtaining a \$500,000 Russ Grant. The financial audit is in draft form; planning to present to the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting next week. There was a fiscal compliance audit of the Local Entitlement Grant, which is used for Special Education costs and programming. There were no surprises. There may be some findings, but nothing that hasn't already been corrected moving forward. There is also an audit of the NCLB grant (Title 1, Title 2, Title 6) next week. RSU 13 received its preliminary cost estimate of what it would be to keep Lura Libby School open. The next step is to file the full Lack of Need Report, one to the DOE Commissioner and one to the Town of Thomaston. Finally, he stated that the budget will go to the Finance and Facilities committee on Tuesday, and if recommended, to the full Board on Thursday 4/14/16.

C. Report of the Board Chair-

Chair Roberts announced, with regret, the resignation of Noreen Mullaney from the Board. He also mentioned the viewing of Paper Tigers at Oceanside High School - East, and stated that he would like arrange another viewing and discussion period for the School Board.

12. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

- A. Curriculum & Technology – *Met on 3/18, next meeting 4/25 at 3:30 PM. Also mentioned SETF- met on 4/4, next meeting 5/2.*
- B. Finance & Facilities – *Met on 3/17, next meeting 4/12 at 5:30 PM.*
- C. Policy – *Meeting date was snow day, next meeting 4/25 at 5:00 PM.*
- D. MCST- *Presentation tonight, next meeting is 4/27 at 7:00 PM.*

13. Adjournment –

It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Carol Bachofner to adjourn at 8:39 PM. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.