

MINUTES
RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY – MAY 3, 2018
MCLAIN SCHOOL
6:30PM

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum – *Chair Andrews called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM and quorum was declared. Ron Gamage, Jason McLean, Nancy Jeffers, Vera Roberts, Tom Peaco, Carol Bachofner and Gerald Weinand were present. Susan Allen Thomas was absent. One Thomaston seat remains unfilled.*
2. Pledge of Allegiance – *The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted. A moment of silence was held for Brian Plourde, Health & PE Teacher at Oceanside Middle School, who passed away recently due to cancer.*
3. Adjustments to the Agenda – **Item 5- Presentations- District Priorities, Superintendent McDonald and Steffany Tribou; Business Item E. – Review and acceptance of amendments to the Region 8 Cooperative Agreement; Business Item F. – Approval of the RSU 13 Proposed FY 19 Budget as presented, and to direct the Superintendent of Schools to prepare appropriate warrants and processes to conduct a public budget meeting on May 24th, 2018 and a budget validation referendum vote on June 12, 2018. See also bold and underlined.**
4. Public Participation: Citizens are welcome to speak to agenda matters before the Board (*up to 30 minutes total*)-
Thomaston resident and 5th grade teacher Lynn Snow brought seed packets to the Board, thanking them for the new fence that was constructed at the 5th Grade Common Ground Garden and Outdoor Classroom. The seed packets were recently sold by students as a fundraiser for the garden.
5. Presentation
 - A. Spain Trip (*Gretchen Jordan*) – *Gretchen Jordan, Spanish Teacher at Oceanside High School, gave a presentation of the recent trip to Spain.*
 - B. **District Priorities (Superintendent McDonald and Steffany Tribou)** – *Superintendent McDonald and Curriculum Coordinator Steffany Tribou, gave a presentation regarding the priorities of the district. Highlights of the presentation were Proficiency Based and Social Emotional Learning.*
6. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 5, 2018 – *Hearing no objections, the minutes of the meeting April 5, 2018, we entered as record.*
 - B. To acknowledge the retirement of:
 - (1) Ferolyn Curtis, Grade 4 Teacher, South School
 - (2) Pamela Walton, Grade 2 Teacher, Gilford Butler School
 - (3) Edward Hastings, Assistant Principal, Oceanside Middle School

It was moved by Carol Bachofner and seconded by Vera Roberts to acknowledge the retirements of Ferolyn Curtis, Grade 4 Teacher at South School, Pamela Walton, Grade 2 Teacher at Gilford Butler School, and Edward Hastings, Assistant Principal at Oceanside Middle School. Motion passed unanimously, of those present, with many thanks to all for their years of service.

7. Business Items

A. To acknowledge the appointment of:

- (1) Terri Church, Special Education Case Manager, District- *It was moved by Carol Bachofner and seconded by Vera Roberts to acknowledge the appointment of Terri Church, Special Education Case Manager, District. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.*
- (2) Rebecca Tucker, Special Education Office Coordinator, District – *It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Carol Bachofner to acknowledge the appointment of Rebecca Tucker, Special Education Office Coordinator, District. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.*

B. To undertake a second reading of Policy GCSB - *Use of Social Media by School Employees – It was moved by Tom Peaco to table Business Item B. Motion to table was seconded by Nancy Jeffers, and passed unanimously, of those present.*

C. To accept the amended 2018-2019 School Calendar – *It was moved by Carol Bachofner and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to accept the amended 2018 -2019 School Calendar. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.*

D. To approve wage scale for Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant (COTA) and Speech Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA) – *It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Carol Bachofner to approve the wage scale for Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant (COTA) and Speech Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA). Motion carried unanimously, of those present.*

E. **Review and acceptance of amendments to the Region 8 Cooperative Agreement** – *It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Carol Bachofner to review and accept amendments to the Region 8 Cooperative Agreement. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.*

F. **Approval of the RSU 13 Proposed FY 19 Budget as presented, and to direct the Superintendent of Schools to prepare appropriate warrants and processes to conduct a public budget meeting on May 24th, 2018 and a budget validation referendum vote on June 12th, 2018.** – *Nancy Jeffers moved accept the Superintendent's Recommended Budget of \$29,035,000, and direct the Superintendent of School to prepare appropriate warrants and processes to conduct a public budget meeting on May 24, 2018 and a budget validation referendum vote on June 12th, 2018.. This budget represents an average 3% increase to the taxpayers of RSU 13, excluding the district's share of the amount authorized, through public referendum, to build a new Mid Coast School of Technology in Rockland. The increase to the taxpayers, including the RSU's share, is 5.4%. The motion was seconded by Vera Roberts, and passed 701 – 95, with Ron Gamage against.*

8. Communications - none

9. Reports

A. Report of the Superintendent – *Superintendent McDonald began his report announcing that the calendar is now set for the end of the year. The last day is June 14th, and that will be a half day for students. Seniors will graduate on June 5th, as planned. There will be an Honors Lunch at the Samoset on June 3rd. The Budget Validation Meeting will be held on May 24, 2018 at 6:00 PM, and the referendum will be on June 12th. Budget documents are available online. Superintendent McDonald will meet with Chief Boucher and Rockland City Council on May 7th. He spoke about a new after school program that is being offered at the Langlais property in Cushing. This is sponsored by Georges River Land Trust and the Leaps of Imagination program. He concluded his report with a huge thank you to Dennis and Doris Norton for all of the work completed on the athletic fields of RSU 13. Rededication ceremonies were held April 21st. The new official names for the fields are Robert Morrill Baseball Field and Gene Drinkwater Softball field. Superintendent McDonald also sent out a special Thank You to Machias Savings Bank for the new scoreboards and BBQ lunch.*

B. Report of the Business Manager – *Business Manager Peter Orne discussed the implementation of Frontline Education, a new electronic time sheet system. He would like to incorporate this with identification cards to grant building access. He also spoke briefly about a plan for a new voice over internet phone system, which would allow for a phone line in every classroom.*

- C. Report of the Board Chair – *Chair Andrews began his report with stating how proud he is of the budget process this year. He discussed the fact that we are continuing to experience rising special education costs. He mentioned that the Board is still negotiating the ESP contract, and they are hoping to have a new contract in place before the end of June.*

10. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

- A. Curriculum & Technology – *met on April 23, 2018. Next meeting May 21, 2018, at 2:30 PM.*
- B. Student Engagement Task Force – *met April 2, 2018. Next meeting June 4, 2018, at 3:00 PM.*
- C. Finance & Facilities – *Met April 5th, 2018. Next meeting May 7th, 2018, at 5:00 PM.*
- D. Policy & Communications – *Policy and Communication did not meet in April Next meeting is May 23, 2018, at 3:30 PM.*
- E. Building Committee Reports from OMS/OHS and Ash Point Community School Committee Chairs – *OHS/OMS Building Committee met on April 30. Next meeting date is still to be determined. Ash Point Community School meeting was held on Thursday, May 3rd. Next meeting date June 7th, 2018, at 3:30 PM.*
- F. MCST – *Met on April 25, 2018. Next meeting May 23rd, 2018, at 7:00 PM.*

11. Adjournment – *It was moved by Nancy Jeffers to adjourn, at 7:53 PM.*