

**MINUTES**  
**RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2013**  
**MCLAIN SCHOOL**

1. Called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and declared a quorum with all present, except Darryl Sanborn who was unexcused absent.
  
2. The Pledge of Allegiance
  
3. Public comments  
Jennifer Garrett – St. George: I did not support the budget as proposed and need a full time principal at St. George and need to reinstate the teacher at St. George and fund Expeditionary Learning and add the art position back at Oceanside High School-East.

Connie Hayes – Rockland: Arts are very important and wants to see the art position added back.

George Terrien – Rockland: The arts are very important, need to act on your values. Education is the most important vehicle for attaining social justice.

Don Choquette – St. George: Should consider adding back the Expeditionary Learning program and the St. George teacher added back. Need to add the high school positions back.

Steve Carroll – Rockland: Need to look at how to get to a flat increase. Need to look at overall payroll. Need to keep positions that are directly serving students and look at administrative positions.

Steve Roberts – Rockland: Need to re-visit the consolidation of more schools.

4. Discussion and Possible Vote - 2013-2014 Budget  
Tess Kilgour asked each Board member to comment on their thoughts of where the budget should be:  
Christine Curtis – Need to look at fewer dollars carried in the contingencies; supported the budget as it was, but since the voters rejected it, supported option 3 which includes use of some contingency money.  
Bill Pearce – It was bad to cut the high school art teacher and social studies teacher at Oceanside High School-East and that is what he has heard from those he has talked with.  
Nancy Jeffers – Supports budget as it was presented and would support option 3.  
Tess reminded the Board that upwards of 50% of the June subsidy payment from the State will be withheld until mid-July.  
Lew Collins reviewed the three options he sent out to the Board.  
Option 1. Brings budget to zero increase.  
Option 2. Adds back all positions and programs cut  
Option 3. Cuts budget to a 1.2% increase  
Sally Carleton – There seems to be confusion around the new administrative positions and how they are funded. Prefer to keep the same budget but will support option 3.  
Loren Andrews – Supports option 3.  
George Emery – Feel need to reinstate the teaching positions.

Arvilla Collins – The Board has to look at all areas and balance all the needs. Always need to look at positions not at the person in the position.

Don Robishaw – Did not feel there was enough time spent on the budget. Supports the development director. The High School is losing enrollment and we need to adjust the number of teachers. Most who have spoken to me want a zero increase.

Carol Bachofner – Voted no for the budget. Felt process was too quick. Would like to see the add backs of art teacher, social studies and Expeditionary Learning. Feels Oceanside High School-West is top heavy with two administrators. All of the people I have spoken with want the positions added back. Many said didn't vote because felt it was hopeless. Support option 3 plus some add backs.

Sherm Hoyt – Supports option 2 puts children first.

Tess Kilgour - Feel have fulfilled the promise of more opportunities at the high school then before the merger. We have also added to the sports opportunities. Support option 3. Feel it is a mistake to postpone maintenance.

Motion by Loren Andrews and seconded by Sally Carleton to adopt option 3 at a total budget amount of \$26,883,562.

Amendment by Carol Bachofner and second by Bill Pearce to add \$124,288 to Loren's motion. Voting in Favor: Carol Bachofner, Loren Andrews, George Emery, and Bill Pearce. (total 332 votes) Voting against: Christine Curtis, Nancy Jeffers, Sally Carleton, Tess Kilgour, Arvilla Collins, Don Robishaw (total votes 513). Abstaining: Sherm Hoyt (75 votes). Motion failed: Motion to amend failed.

Original Motion: Voting in favor: Christine Curtis, Nancy Jeffers, Sally Carleton, Tess Kilgour, Arvilla Collins, Don Robishaw, Loren Andrews, Bill Pearce (total votes 686). Voting against: Carol Bachofner, George Emery, Sherm Hoyt (total votes 234).

Tess related a conversation with Mayor Clayton that he might be able to share the City of Rockland's Development Director.

Don suggested that maybe we could find a grant writing company that would work for a percentage of what they bring in.

Question: What might we get if the State budget is adopted?

What is the latest we can vote?

Low responded: The proposed State budget would remove much of the Maine State Retirement cost from the local side and should mean at least another \$100,000 in savings that would be applied to the fund balance.

We have to schedule the Regional Budget meeting within 45 days and that makes July 26<sup>th</sup> the deadline. Next Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> would be the latest we could act and meet all our deadlines.

Tentatively set the date for the next regional meeting for Wednesday, July 24, 2013 at 6:30 PM.

Next Special Board meeting is Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:00PM to 6:30PM is an executive session and a public session to send the budget to District Budget Meeting will be at 6:30PM.

Motion by Arvilla Collins and seconded by Loren Andrews to adjourn at 6:45 PM. All present voting in favor.