

MINUTES
RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY – APRIL 3, 2014
MCLAIN SCHOOL
6:30PM

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Roberts at 6:30 pm and a quorum was declared. Tess Kilgour was excused absent.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
3. Adjustments to the Agenda:
 - * *Recognitions:*
 - *Chloe Courant, Grade 6, Rockland District Middle School, 4th place in the State Spelling Bee*
 - *Henry Ackor, Kindergarten, Gilford Butler School, First Place for age group in the Knox County Soil and Water Conservation Poster Contest*
 - *Oceanside High School-East/MidCoast School of Technology:*
 - *Devan Long, Gold Medal winner in Skills USA Competition (Auto Refinishing)*
 - *Eli MacDougall, Gold Medal winner in Auto Collision Repair*
 - *Jalynn Hurd, Mercedes Schweighauser, Sarah Tarbox, Gold Medal in Community Service*
 - *Logan Grubbs, Bronze Medal in Auto Tool Recognition*
 - *Oceanside High School-East cast and crew of The Neverending Story, tied for second place in State Class A One Act Play Competition*
 - *Jacob Hyatt, Senior, Oceanside High School-East, Maine Principals Association Recognition*
 - * *Add to 11. Committee Reports, H. Superintendent Search.*
4. Staff Member of the Month Presentation:

Principal Kathy Hollicker presented the Staff Member of the Month to Suzanne McMackin, RTI teacher at RDMS.
5. Student Representatives – Report

Tabbie Johnston reported on the activities and events at OHS-E.
6. Public Participation: Citizens are welcome to speak to agenda matters before the Board (up to 30 minutes total):
 - *Michelle Peaco: resident of Rockland; spoke on the proposed graduation requirements and training for teachers to accommodate the potential curriculum changes, as well as more information on the proposed merger.*
 - *Beth Heidemann: resident of Rockland; spoke about her approval of the change of school start times.*
 - *Val Blastow: Town Manager for Town of Thomaston; read and distributed copies of a letter from the Thomaston Select Board regarding the potential closing of TGS.*
7. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of Minutes of Meetings of March 6, 2014, and March 20, 2014

Corrections to the March 20, 2013, minutes: Sherm Hoyt noted he was recused from the meeting on the advice of the district's attorney. Marla McGeady, not "Roberts," seconded the adjournment. It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Marla McGeady to approve the March 6, 2014, and March 20, 2014, minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Acknowledge the retirement of Richard Walton, District Music Teacher
Sally Carleton noted it should be "with regret." He has served the district for 44 years.

C. Appointment of coaches for Spring 2014 who are not regular employees:

(1) Dan Wiley, Boys Varsity Tennis Coach

(2) Darryl Townsend, Freshmen Baseball Coach

Don Robishaw questioned the additional baseball coach, questioning if Title 9 would come in to play if the number of baseball vs. softball coaches were compared. It was moved by Sally Carleton and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to approve the coaches for Spring 2014. Motion carried 832 – 84 – 84 (Don Robishaw against; Tess Kilgour absent).

8. Business Items

A. To adopt a calendar for the FY 14-15 school year and to consider a request by the Superintendent to move school start times to 7:30 am for the Middle School and High School and 8:30 am for the Elementary Schools.

It was moved by Darryl Sanborn and seconded by Loren Andrews to adopt the calendar for FY 14-15 school year and to change the school start times as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

B. To undertake a second reading and approval of Policies IKF – Graduation Requirements and BCA – Board Member Code of Ethics.

It was moved by George Emery and seconded by Loren Andrews to approve Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements. There was discussion on state law requirements and the effects on curriculum. Motion carried 752 – 164 – 84 (Carol Bachofner and Marla McGeady against; Tess Kilgour absent).

It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Marla McGeady to accept Policy BCA – Board Member Code of Ethics in second reading. Motion carried 832 – 84 – 84 (Carol Bachofner absent at vote; Tess Kilgour absent).

C. To undertake a first reading of Policies BDDA, BDDB, and BDDC – RSU 13 Financial Management policies regarding I-9 Review, Bank Account Reconciliation and Account Building.

The first reading of Policies BDDA, BDDB, and BDDC were acknowledged. It was suggested to find other financial policies to review/implement.

D. To consider approval of a leave of absence for Steffany Tribou for the fall semester of the 2014-15 school year.

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Darryl Sanborn to approve the leave of absence for Steffany Tribou. Motion carried unanimously.

E. To consider approval of a leave of absence for Silvia Moreno Tilton for the 2014-15 school year.

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Darryl Sanborn to approve the leave of absence for Silvia Moreno Tilton. Motion carried unanimously.

Report of the Superintendent: Superintendent Wilhelm reviewed the potential impact of FY 14-15 budget on the district and taxpayers. He distributed a budget timeline.

F. To consider the input from the surveys and forums regarding the middle school consolidation and the proposed organizational design of the consolidated grades 5-7 school and the estimated costs and savings of consolidation and to determine if the consolidation should move forward for implementation for the FY 14-15 school year.

It was moved by Darryl Sanborn and seconded by Carol Bachofner to not go forward with the merger. Motion carried 826 – 90 – 84 (Christine Curtis abstained; Tess Kilgour absent).

It was moved by Steve Roberts and seconded by Darryl Sanborn that the Facilities Committee, and where appropriate its subcommittee, for a comprehensive future plan be charged with completing the prescribed actions in the Strategic Plan, Lead Objective IV, Paragraphs A, B, D, E, F, G, and H by August 30, 2014; that the chair of the Facilities Committee make regular reports to the board regarding the progress of such activity; and that the Facilities Committee make a final report to the Board at the regular board meeting in September 2014, and further that the Board take such actions as is necessary for proper public input, amendment as necessary, and adoption of the final product of these actions no later than the regular board meeting in December 2014. Motion carried 841 – 75 – 84 (George Emery abstained; Tess Kilgour absent).

- G. To acknowledge the intent of the Administrators to negotiate a successor contract agreement.

This charges the Negotiations Committee with another task.

- H. To authorize the movement of \$55,000 from Article 2 to cover expenditures in Article 6 that have been and will be spent for audit and legal expenses.

Superintendent Wilhelm explained the need for the transfer.

It was moved by Darryl Sanborn and seconded by Marla McGeady to authorize the movement of funds. Motion carried unanimously.

- I. To approve a scholarship – William Hoch, Class of 1952 - \$10,000. The funds reside in a savings book account at Rockland Savings Bank.

It was noted that this was an additional anonymous donation to this scholarship fund. It was moved by Don Robishaw and seconded by Loren Andrews to accept the anonymous donation for the new scholarship. Motion carried unanimously.

- J. To approve a scholarship – Henry and Norma Zieke - \$20,000. The funds reside in the scholarship investment account at Acadia Trust.

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Marla McGeady to approve the scholarship. Motion carried unanimously.

- K. To approve a scholarship – Edward R. Killeran - \$21,800. This was set up in 2009 with funding pending sale of a piece of land. The funds reside in the scholarship investment account at The First Advisors.

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Carol Bachofner to approve the scholarship. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Communications:

A letter to extend the time for SG withdrawal.

9. Reports

A. Report of the Superintendent: *(reported above – prior to Business Item F. middle school consolidation).*

B. Report of the Board Chair: *Chair Roberts expressed the need to implement the directives of the Strategic Plan.*

11. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

A. Curriculum: *Met on March 27. Next meeting is May 15, 2014, at 4:00 pm.*

- B. Facilities & Transportation: *Met on April 1. Next meeting is May 6, 2014, at 5:30 pm.*
 - C. Finance & Insurance: *Met on March 20. Next meeting is April 10, 2014, at 6:00 pm.*
 - D. Policy: *Met on March 18. Next meeting is April 15, 2014, at 5:00 pm.*
 - E. Technology: *Met on March 24. No meeting in April due to budget meetings.*
 - F. Many Flags: *Met on March ???. Next meeting is April 10, 2014, at 6:30 pm.*
 - G. MCST: *Next meeting is April 17, 2014, at 7:00 pm.*
 - H. Superintendent Search: *Carol Bachofner is serving as Chair. They met before tonight's Board meeting and a broad mix of members has been selected.*
12. Adjournment: *It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Christine Curtis to adjourn at 9:26 pm.*

**A Board meeting to approve the FY '15 budget
is scheduled for April 24, 2014 at 6:30pm.**

**The next regular meeting of the RSU 13 School Board
will be May 1, 2014, at 6:30 pm.**