

**MINUTES**  
**RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2014**  
**McLAIN SCHOOL**  
**6:30PM**

1. Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and a quorum was declared. Noreen Mullaney was excused absent. George Emery arrived at 6:40 pm.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted, led by Sarah and Jordan.
3. Presentation

*Music Teacher Beverly Pacheco led an after-school group of 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade SGS students in a wonderful holiday chorale.*

  - A. Gretchen Jordan, Spanish Teacher – 2016 Trip to Spain

*OHS-W Spanish Teacher Gretchen Jordan outlined a proposed two week trip to Spain in the spring of 2016. She anticipates 10-15 students will participate. Lincoln Academy has used the same travel company for several years with great success.*
  - B. Many Flags – By-laws

*Board member Loren Andrews reviewed the 2014-2015 Project Initiatives and the General Principles for the Governance of Many Flags. He suggested it be addressed in January.*
  - C. John Hagin, Biology Teacher – Trip to Cape Eleuthera

*OHS-E Biology Teacher John Hagin detailed the educational experience trip to Cape Eleuthera next July. The trip is open to six juniors, with space available opportunities to sophomores.*
4. Adjustments to the Agenda:

*Remove 7. Business Items E. To approve 'Let's Go!' Knox mini-grant proposal.*
5. Public Participation: Citizens are welcome to speak to agenda matters before the Board (up to 30 minutes total)
  - Connie Beal: resident of Owls Head; spoke on the nutrition program and asked for settlement of the contract.
  - Ken Pride: resident of Rockland; spoke on the support staff of RSU 13 and their contract.
  - Nathan Davis: resident of Rockland; spoke on recent K-9 search at OHS-E.
  - Jennifer Garrett: resident of Spruce Head; asked for settlement of contract and upset that students missed class time and tools needed during the recent search at OHS-E.
6. Consent Agenda
  - A. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of November 6, 2014.
  - B. Acknowledge the resignation of Elizabeth Dickerson, Computer Science and Technology Teacher, Oceanside High School-East
  - C. Appointment of Coaches for Winter 2014/2015 who are not regular employees:
    - (1) Kara Adolphsen, Freshman Girls Basketball Coach
    - (2) Rick Jones, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach

Hearing no objection, the Consent Agenda was accepted as presented. Carol Bachofner wished to acknowledge Elizabeth Dickerson's resignation with gratitude.

7. Business Items

- A. To approve trip to Spain proposed for Spring of 2016

*It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to table for more information.*

- B. To add a Behavior Assistant position at South School

*It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to add a Behavior Assistant position at South School. Special Education Director Erin Frazier detailed the reasons for the need. Funds would have to come from the Special Education contingency line. Motion carried 920 – 0 – 80 (Noreen Mullaney absent).*

- C. To undertake a second reading of Policy IJOC – School Volunteers

*It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Don Robishaw to adopt Policy IJOC – School Volunteers. A budget line will need to be added for additional background check costs. Motion carried 920 – 0 – 80 (Noreen Mullaney absent).*

- D. Will the RSU 13 Board of School Directors vote to authorize the transfer of funds between articles/cost centers not to exceed 5% of the cost center that the funds are being transferred from to close out the fiscal year 2013-2014?

*It was moved by Don Robishaw and seconded by Tess Kilgour that pursuant to Section 1485(4) of Title 20-A of the Maine Revised Statutes this Board transfers the following amounts in the fiscal year 2013-2014 budget: From: Article 1, Regular Instruction \$210,500; Article 2, Special Education \$155,000; Article 4, Other Instruction \$30,000; Article 5, Student & Staff Support \$135,000; Article 9, Facilities Maintenance \$175,000; To: Article 3, Career and Technical Education \$500; Article 6, System Administration \$185,000, Article 11, All Other Expenditures \$520,000. Motion carried 845 – 75 – 80 (George Emery abstained; Noreen Mullaney absent).*

- E. ~~To approve 'Let's Go!' Knox mini-grant proposal~~ (removed per Adjustments to Agenda)

- F. To accept a donation of \$1,200 for the band program at Rockland District Middle School

*It was moved by George Emery and seconded by Loren Andrews to accept a donation of \$1,200 for the band program at Rockland District Middle School. Motion carried 920 – 0 – 80 (Noreen Mullaney absent).*

- G. To accept a classroom set of drums for South School purchased by the PTF

*It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Carol Bachofner to accept a classroom set of drums for South School purchased by the South School PTF. Motion carried 920 – 0 – 80 (Noreen Mullaney absent).*

- H. **To approve trip to Cape Eleuthera proposed for July 5-15, 2015**

*It was moved by George Emery and seconded by Carol Bachofner to approve the trip to Cape Eleuthera proposed for July 5-15, 2015. Motion carried 920 – 0 – 80 (Noreen Mullaney absent).*

8. Communications: none

9. Reports

- A. Report of the Superintendent: *Superintendent John McDonald was invited to the CCS Harvest Dinner, has started the budget process, is working with Margot Kelly (SG WD cmte) on anticipated enrollment, current board members from SG elected to the new SGMSU board are not in conflict of interest but may recuse themselves from future budget votes, has been provided information on the proposed Bridge program, locked in next year's oil price at \$2.455/gal (a savings of over \$150,000), and is excited to announce that we have been awarded the pre-K grant money (which will allow us to implement three fully funded classes, then add an additional class for the next three years).*

- B. Report of the Business Manager: *(as presented above under Business Item D.)*
- C. Report of the Board Chair: *Chair Steve Roberts congratulated the board on a successful year and wished all Happy Holidays. There was discussion on the next regular board meeting date – January 22, 2015 was determined by consensus.*

10. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

- A. Curriculum: *Met on November 20, 2014. Next meeting is December 18, 2014, at 5:30 pm.*
- B. Facilities & Transportation: *Met on November 18, 2014. Next meeting is December 16, 2014, at 5:00 pm.*
- C. Finance & Insurance: *Met on November 13 and December 11, 2014. Next meeting is January 8, 2015, at 4:00 pm.*
- D. Policy: *Met on November 17, 2014. Next meeting is December 15, 2014, at 5:00 pm.*
- E. Technology: *Met on November 24, 2014. Next meeting is January 26, 2015, at 3:00 pm.*
- F. Many Flags: *Met on November 13, 2014. Next meeting is January 8, 2015, at ? :00 pm.*
- G. MCST: *Met on November 19, 2014. Next meeting is December 18, 2014, at 7:00 pm.*

*Tess Kilgour recognized the National Honor Society induction last week and was disturbed by the attendance levels at OHS-W and OHS-E.*

*The art work displayed is from SS and SGS.*

11. Adjournment: *It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to adjourn at 8:35 pm.*