

MINUTES
RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015
MCLAIN SCHOOL
6:30PM

Executive Session

1. Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm and a quorum was declared. Sally Carleton and Nancy Jeffers were excused absent; David Hynd was absent.

2. Executive Session

A. To enter Executive Session to discuss negotiations pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(D).

It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Christine Curtis to enter Executive Session to discuss negotiations pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(D). Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session entered at 6:34 pm and Chair Roberts declared the board out of Executive Session at 6:48 pm.

Regular Board Meeting – resumed at 6:48 pm

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted. A moment of silence was held for LLS Custodian Richard Winslow, who passed away today. He has been with the district since April 1987.

4. Adjustments to the Agenda: *None*

5. Public Participation: Citizens are welcome to speak to agenda matters before the Board (up to 30 minutes total): *None*

6. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of January 22, 2015

B. Acknowledge the retirement of:

(1) Susan McNeilly, Teacher, RDMS

(2) Christine Knutson, Teacher, SGS

Hearing no objection, the Consent Agenda was acknowledged as presented. Tess Kilgour acknowledged their long time service with gratitude and congratulated them on their retirements.

7. Business Items

A. To undertake a second reading of revised Policy IKF – *Graduation Requirements*.

It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by George Emery to accept in second reading the revised Policy IKF-Graduation Requirements. Tess Kilgour noted this was to accept for date only; Superintendent McDonald acknowledged that the dates need to be in line with what has been submitted to DOE. There was discussion regarding additional changes that need to be made. Motion carried 497 – 168 – 80 – 255 (Carol Bachofner and Don Robishaw against; Noreen Mullaney abstained; Sally Carleton, David Hynd, and Nancy Jeffers absent).

B. Auditor Contract Extension

It was moved by Don Robishaw and seconded by Christine Curtis to extend the auditors' contract by one year. It was amended by Loren Andrews and seconded by Carol Bachofner to put the auditors' contract out to bid when the current contract expires. Business Manager Pete Orne explained his request for the board to consider extending the contract with the current auditor. There was discussion regarding the St. George representatives voting on this issue.

Tess Kilgour moved the question. Motion carried 745 – 255 (Sally Carleton, David Hynd, and Nancy Jeffers absent). Motion to amend failed 328 – 417 – 255 (Christine Curtis, Sherm Hoyt, Tess Kilgour, Steve Roberts, and Don Robishaw against; Sally Carleton, David Hynd, and Nancy

Jeffers absent). Motion to extend one year carried 417 – 328 – 255 (Loren Andrews, Carol Bachofner, George Emery, and Noreen Mullaney against; Sally Carleton, David Hynd, and Nancy Jeffers absent).

C. Budget Timeline Approval

The Budget Adoption Timeline was reviewed. It was suggested to include part of the budget review process at the regular board meeting on April 16, 2015. It was also agreed to eliminate the April 20 and April 22 meetings and review as needed on April 27, 2015.

D. Appointment of Katrina Gavett, Special Education Resource Room Teacher, RDMS

It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Don Robishaw to appoint Katrina Gavett as Special Education Resource Room teacher at RDMS. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Approval of Agreement with Energy Services Company for an Energy Conservation and Air Quality Improvement Audit

It was moved by George Emery and seconded by Don Robishaw to authorize the Superintendent to enter into a letter of intent with Energy Services Company for an Energy Conservation and Air Quality Improvement Audit. Business Manager Pete Orne detailed the services and benefits from the energy audit. Loren Andrews moved the question. Motion carried unanimously. Motion carried 661 – 84 – 255 (Tess Kilgour against; Sally Carleton, David Hynd, and Nancy Jeffers absent).

8. Communications: *None*

9. Reports

A. Report of the Superintendent: *Superintendent McDonald reported we have received the ED 279 and recommended discussion at next finance committee; he has concluded meetings with staff on the future of RSU 13, next is to meet with parents and community members; and because snow days to date are ten, he asked for approval to pursue various options to make up the days (e.g., during April vacation, on Saturdays, converting workshop days to instructional days, etc). The Board asked the Superintendent to consult with other area superintendents for a consensus of options.*

B. Report of the Board Chair: *Chair Roberts recognized the artwork by Holly Smith's art classes at OHS-E; and Curriculum Committee had a presentation about the Fishermen's Academy and by Kit Harrison on language arts.*

10. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

A. Curriculum: *Met on February 26, 2015. Next meeting is March 26, 2015, at 5:30 pm.*

B. Facilities & Transportation: *Met on February 3, 2015. Next meeting is March 3, 2015, at 5:00 pm.*

C. Finance & Insurance: *Met on February 12, 2015. Next meeting is March 12, 2015, at 4:00 pm.*

D. Policy: *Met on February 17, 2015, but no quorum. Next meeting is March 16, 2015, at 5:00 pm.*

E. Technology: *Met on January 26 and February 23, 2015. Next meeting is March 23, 2015, at 3:00 pm.*

F. Many Flags: *Next meeting is March 12, 2015, at 6:30 pm.*

G. MCST: *Met on January 28 and February 25, 2015. Next meeting is March 25, 2015, at 7:00 pm.*

11. Adjournment: *It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Christine Curtis to adjourn at 8:42 pm.*

Next meeting is March 5, 2015, at 6:30 pm.