

MINUTES
RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2014
MCLAIN SCHOOL
6:30PM

1. Chair Kilgour called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and a quorum was declared. Darryl Sanborn was excused absent. Marla McGeady was unexcused absent.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
3. Presentation – CCS Students

Chair Kilgour acknowledged Beth Heidemann as the 2012 Presidential Award winner for Math & Science from the entire State of Maine. CCS Principal Ainslee Riley introduced Beth and her students. Ms. Heidemann presented a video and the children read some of their book that they wrote, designed, and produced.

4. Adjustments to the Agenda

- ~~Add Item 6. Presentation by the OHS-E Student Representatives - NOT HERE~~
- Add 8. Business Items, j. Lease – new bus

It was moved by Carol Bachofner and seconded by George Emery to address the personnel in 7. Consent Agenda, b. Extension of Employment Contracts, separately. Chair Kilgour noted it should be addressed when the Consent Agenda is addressed.

- Add 8. Business Item, k. Change of February meeting date

5. Staff Member of the Month Presentation

CCS and LLS Principal Ainslee Riley presented the Staff Member of the Month to Trish Mellor, Title 1 reading teacher at LLS, and Beth Heidemann, Kindergarten teacher at CCS.

6. Public Participation: Citizens are welcome to speak to agenda matters before the Board (up to 30 minutes total)

- *Brian Messing: Rockland resident; spoke in detail regarding the mismanagement of the finances, the fund balance carryover, and food service of RSU 13.*
- *Mark Piscitelli: Rockland resident; concerned with direction, affairs and behavior of the RSU 13 board, and the severance package awarded to the outgoing Superintendent.*
- *Don Choquette: St. George resident; concerned that the Superintendent's resignation is prematurely on the agenda.*
- *Jennifer Garrett: St. George resident; discussed the delay in the St. George withdrawal procedure.*

7. Consent Agenda

It was requested by Carol Bachofner to move 7. Consent Agenda, b. Extension of Employment Contracts to 8. Business Items, a.

- a. Approval of Minutes of Meetings of December 3, 2013, December 5, 2013, and December 12, 2013

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Don Robishaw to approve Consent Agenda item a. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Extension of Employment Contracts for: moved to 8. Business Items, a.
 - (1) Erin Frazier, Director of Special Education
 - (2) Jess Yates, Assistant Director of Special Education / IEP Coordinator
 - (3) Kelly Pelletier, Behavior Analyst
 - (4) Kacie Collins, Behavior Analyst
 - (5) Ainslee Riley, Principal, LLS & CCS
 - (6) Lynsey Ward, Principal, SS

8. Business Items

- a. Extension of Employment Contracts (1-6 above, and add 7 below) – for 2 years.
Sally Carleton requested to add (7) OHCS/TGS Principal Susan Stilwell (exp 7/31/14). It was moved by Carol Bachofner and second George Emery to approve the extension of employment contracts. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Superintendent Resignation
It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Don Robishaw to accept the resignation of Superintendent Lew Collins effective February 15, 2014, and to accept the severance and release agreement between the Superintendent and the RSU 13 Board of Directors.
Move question by Nancy Jeffers; Y 501 / N 339 / O 160; total vote = 501+339=840; 501 divided by 840 = 59.64%; motion failed.
Move question by Steve Roberts; Y 426 / N 414 / O 160; total vote = 426+414=840; 426 divided by 840 = 50.71%; motion failed.
There were several discussions regarding Loren Andrews stepping down as Vice Chair.
Move question by George Emery; Y 666 / N 174 / O 160; total vote = 666+174=840; 666 divided by 840 = 79.29% - motion passed.
The motion to accept the Superintendent's resignation passed 681 – 159 – 160 (Carol Bachofner, George Emery against; Marla McGeady and Darryl Sanborn absent).
- c. Discussion - Interim Superintendent
Several board members expressed their suggestions and concerns with the options and costs. It was decided to meet Wednesday, January 15, 2014, 6:30 – 7:30 pm, and Monday, January 20, 2014, 6:30 – 7:30 pm.
- d. Request for Sabbatical Leave
It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Christine Curtis to accept the Sabbatical Leave request from Lynn Snow, 5th grade teacher at TGS. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Lease – Bus Garage
There were discussions regarding typographical errors in the document, building safety issues, facility amenities, and costs. Outsourcing of transportation, negotiating a shorter term of lease or purchasing the building were suggested.
It was moved by Christine Curtis and seconded by Don Robishaw to table the Bus Garage Lease until the February 2014 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Appointment of Interim Business Manager
Superintendent Collins would like to appoint Helen Slocomb, Accounts Payable Specialist, as Interim Business Manager, as well as authorize a stipend for Barbara Dyer, Human Resources Specialist, and Karen Littlefield, Payroll Administrator, for additional duties that will be assigned.

It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Sally Carleton to accept the appointment and stipends as presented by Superintendent Collins. Motion carried unanimously.

g. Discussion - St. George Withdrawal

A meeting needs to be scheduled with Don Robishaw, Christine Curtis, Tess Kilgour and the St. George group.

h. Discussion – Banners (Gym) – swap with Item i. Budget Overview 2014/2015

Steve Roberts suggested a strong alumni association to take responsibility for those items. George Emery pledged to research a location and means of catalog for the artifacts. Mr. Billingsley agreed to facilitate this process and will report his progress at next month's meeting.

i. Budget Overview 2014/2015 – swap with Item h. Discussion – Banners

Superintendent Collins gave an overview of the fund balance and revenue status, and how the formula is generated and calculated.

Loren Andrews left the meeting at 9:25 pm (after the Budget Overview discussion and before the Banner discussion).

j. Set Date/time for Board Facilitated Meeting

Chair Kilgour will contact Mr. Hasson (or someone he may suggest in his stead) for his availability to attend the Interim Superintendent discussion meeting(s).

k. Lease – new bus

Superintendent Collins presented the new five (5) year bus lease. It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Sally Carleton to approve the new bus lease. Motion carried 676 – 75 – 249 (Sherm Hoyt against; Marla McGeady, Darryl Sanborn and Loren Andrews absent).

l. Discussion – change of February meeting date

Due to conflicts, it was agreed to swap the regular monthly Board Meeting scheduled on February 6, 2014, at 6:00 pm with the Facility/Transportation Committee on February 13, 2014.

9. Communications

The artwork displayed was created by OHS-W and OHS-E art classes.

10. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

- a. Curriculum: Did not meet last month. Next meeting is January 16, 2014, at 5:30 pm.
- b. Facilities & Transportation: Did meet last month. Next meeting is January 28, 2014, at 5:30 pm.
- c. Finance & Insurance: Did not meet December 12, 2013. Next meeting is February 6, 2014, at 6:00 pm.
- d. Policy: Did not meet last month. Next meeting is January 27, 2014, at 4:00 pm.
- e. Technology: No report. Next meeting (regular date?)
- f. Many Flags/One Community: No report. Next meeting (regular date?)
- g. MCST: Did meet last month. Next meeting (regular date?)

11. Adjournment: *It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Christine Curtis to adjourn at 9:59 pm.*

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