

**MINUTES**  
**RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2015**  
**MCLAIN SCHOOL**  
**6:30 PM**

**\*5:30-6:00 PM – RETIREE RECEPTION\***

**Executive Session – 6:00-6:30 pm**

1. Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and a quorum was declared. Carol Bachofner, Sally Carleton, and George Emery were excused absent.
2. Executive Session:

To go into Executive Session per 1 MRSA 405 (6)(A) to discuss personnel matters

*It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to go into Executive Session per 1 MRSA 405 (6)(A) to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried unanimously (of those present). Executive Session entered at 6:01 pm and Chair Roberts declared the board out at 6:02 pm.*

*Chair Roberts acknowledge and thanked the following retirees for their service and dedication to the students of RSU 13: Peter Carriveau\*, Barbara Ezell, Barbara Hart\*, Christine Knutson\*, Eileen Limoges, Susan McNeilly\*, Holly Smith\*, Leslie Spear. (\* present)*

*It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to go into Executive Session per 1 MRSA 405 (6)(A) to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried unanimously (of those present). Executive Session entered at 6:10 pm and Chair Roberts declared the board out at 7:02 pm.*

**\*\*\* Break at 7:02 pm – return at 7:07 pm \*\*\***

**Regular Board Meeting – resumed at 7:07 pm**

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
4. Election of School Board Officers 2015-2016

*Loren Andrews nominated Steve Roberts and was seconded by Noreen Mullaney. Tess Kilgour nominated Don Robishaw and was seconded by Christine Curtis. Votes for Steve Roberts: 492 – Votes for Don Robishaw: 258. Steve Roberts was declared Board Chair.*

*Noreen Mullaney nominated Loren Andrews and was seconded by Steve Roberts. Tess Kilgour nominated Christine Curtis and was seconded by Don Robishaw. Votes for Loren Andrews: 328 – Votes for Christine Curtis: 422. Christine Curtis was declared Board Vice Chair.*

5. Adjustments to the Agenda: (see italics and underlined under Business Items)
6. Public Participation: Citizens are welcome to speak to agenda matters before the Board (up to 30 minutes total)
  - Debby Atwell: resident of Rockland; spoke on the proposed gas power plant, its proximity to the schools, and its emissions. She presented a folder of information to the board.
  - Tony Coyne: resident of Rockland; spoke on contracts for Administrators and Non-Aligned personnel and energy audits.
  - Beth Heidemann: resident of Rockland; spoke about volunteers and asked for clarification on who is paying for the fingerprinting cost.

7. Consent Agenda

- A. Acknowledge the retirement of Peter Carriveau, History Teacher, OHS-East
- B. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of April 16, 2015, and May 7, 2015

*Hearing no objection, the Consent Agenda was acknowledged. Mr. Carriveau was recognized earlier in the meeting.*

8. Business Items

- A. Accept the resignation of:

- (1) Michael Reese, Special Education Teacher, RDMS
- (2) Darcey Ripley, Special Education Teacher, LLS
- (3) Holly Merrow, Teacher, SS
- (4) Kathy Hollicker, Principal, RDMS
- (5) Aubray Futera, Teacher, SS
- (6) Jacob Eichenlaub, Teacher, OHS-W

*It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Christine Curtis to accept the resignations as presented with regret and gratitude. Motion carried unanimously (of those present).*

- B. Authorization for the Superintendent to approve grant submissions during the summer

*It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Noreen Mullaney to authorize the Superintendent to approve grant submissions during the summer. Steve Roberts suggested this be the policy all the time and that the board only approve acceptance. Motion carried unanimously (of those present).*

- C. Authorization for the Superintendent to hire and issue contracts during the summer

*It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to authorize the Superintendent to hire and issue contracts during the summer. Tess Kilgour requested the board be notified of those hired (48 hour notice). Don Robishaw asked for the Personnel Change form. Motion carried unanimously (of those present).*

- D. To renew the contracts of the following administrators for two years:

- (1) Neal Guyer, Director of School Improvement
- (2) William Gifford, Principal, OHS-W/TGS
- (3) Jesse Bartke, Assistant Principal, OHS-E

*It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Steve Roberts to renew the contracts of the administrators presented for two years. It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Don Robishaw to table Item D (and Item E) to the second meeting of the month. Motion to table carried 661 – 89 – 250 (Loren Andrews against; Carol Bachofner, Sally Carleton, and George Emery absent).*

- E. To renew the contracts of the following non-aligned personnel:

- (1) Peter Orne, Business Manager
- (2) Bruce Johnson, IT Director
- (3) Carissa Veit, Project Manager-Proficiency Based Education
- (4) Scott Hall, Maintenance and Transportation Director
- (5) Roy Grotton, Transportation Supervisor
- (6) Steve Sylvester, Custodial Supervisor
- (7) Charles Butler, Food Services Director
- (8) Jeff Monahan, Field Services Coordinator

(9) Susan Fossett, IEP Coordinator/Assistant Special Education Director

(10) Abby Lourie, Day Treatment Coordinator

*It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Steve Roberts to renew the contracts of the non-aligned personnel presented. Tess Kilgour had included Item E in the motion above, but the Chair asked that it be moved separately. It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Don Robishaw to table Item E to the second meeting of the month. Motion to table carried 661 – 89 – 250 (Loren Andrews against; Carol Bachofner, Sally Carleton, and George Emery absent).*

F. To undertake a second reading of Policy IHBB – Gifted and Talented Programs

*It was moved by Don Robishaw and seconded by Tess Kilgour to accept Policy IHBB – Gifted and Talented Programs as presented. Motion carried unanimously (of those present).*

G. *In accordance with section 15008(3) of Title 20-A, the School Board authorizes the Business Manager to expend \$100,000 from the Fuel Stabilization Fund to offset fuel costs for heating and transportation that exceed budgeted amounts. The current balance in the Fuel Stabilization Fund is \$100,000.*

*It was moved by Don Robishaw and seconded by Tess Kilgour to authorize the Business Manager to expend \$100,000 from the Fuel Stabilization Fund to offset fuel costs for heating and transportation that exceed budgeted amounts. It was asked if this would affect the SGS withdrawal; Business Manager Pete Orne confirmed it would not. Motion carried unanimously (of those present).*

9. Communications

*Superintendent McDonald read a complimentary letter to the district received earlier today from a Rockland resident.*

10. Reports

A. Report of the Superintendent: *Superintendent McDonald spoke about the (legislative) Appropriations Committee's intent to increase funding to school districts; informed the board that we were again selected for a Fresh Fruit and Produce grant (\$40,400); scholarship awards are tonight at the high school (approximately \$543,700 in local scholarships, approximately \$585,493 from college & university scholarships and grants, and \$162,969 from Federal and State grants); he will be attending the honors graduates brunch this Sunday at the Samoset with 27 attendees who had a GPA of 93 or above; Rockland Economic Development Committee chair Joanne Billington has invited him to meet with them.*

B. Report of the Board Chair: *Chair Roberts will be making committee assignments and announce them at the July meeting.*

11. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

A. Curriculum: *Met on May 28, 2015. Next meeting is with Facilities & Transportation on July 23, 2015, at 5:00 pm.*

B. Facilities & Transportation: *Met on June 2, 2015. Next meeting is July 7, 2015, at 5:00 pm and a joint meeting with Curriculum on July 23, 2015, at 5:00 pm.*

C. Finance & Insurance: *Met on May 19, 2015. Next meeting is June 11, 2015, at 4:00 pm.*

D. Policy: *Did not meet in May. Next meeting is June 15, 2015, at 5:00 pm.*

E. Technology: *Did not meet in May. Next meeting is June 22, 2015, at 3:00 pm.*

F. Many Flags: *Met on May 14, 2015. Next meeting is June 11, 2015, at 7:00 pm.*

G. MCST: *Met on May 27, 2015. Next meeting is June 24, 2015, at 7:00 pm.*

**Next board meeting will be on June 18, 2015, with an Executive Session beginning at 6:00 pm.**

12. Adjournment: *It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to adjourn at 8:04 pm.*