

MINUTES
RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY – JUNE 5, 2014
MCLAIN SCHOOL

5:30-6:00PM – RETIREE RECEPTION

Executive Session – 6:00-6:30 pm

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Roberts at 6:03 pm and a quorum was declared. Carol Bachofner was excused absent.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
3. Executive Session: to go into Executive Session per 1 MRSA 405(6)(E) for consultation with legal counsel

It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to go in to Executive Session per 1 MRSA 405(6)(E) for consultation with legal counsel. Motion carried unanimously (Carol Bachofner and Darryl Sanborn absent).

Executive Session entered at 6:06 pm and Chair Roberts declared the board out of Executive Session at 6:22 pm.

Darryl Sanborn arrived at 6:22 pm.

Regular Board Meeting – 6:25 pm

4. Adjustments to the Agenda
 - *Additional Recognitions (5.D.-J.)*
 - *To enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(A) (7.)*
 - *To authorize the Superintendent to issue contracts prior to Board action within 24 hours of notification of qualifications to Board through August, 2014. (12.I.)*
 - *Correspondence - letter from members of the high school faculty (Communications)*
 - *Superintendent's Report - update on St. George negotiations (Supt Rep, 4.)*
 - *To entertain a discussion regarding Board reorganization (12.A.1.; 12.A. becomes 12.A.2.)*
 - *To consider holding a 2nd Board meeting in June (12. J.)*
5. Recognitions
 - A. Donald Pietroski, OHS-E teacher – recipient of the Amherst 2014 Phebe and Zephaniah Swift Moore Award to a teacher who makes a difference in a student's life.
 - B. Erin Frazier, Special Education Director and the Special Education Staff – The Special Education Program has been deemed in compliance.
 - C. Abe LeMole and Alex Mahar, RDMS 7th graders – qualified for the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth program (CTY) and for its 3 week summer program
 - D. *Emmanuel Tung, OHS-W 9th grade – invited to the American Regions Mathematics League annual competition at Penn State. Emmanuel is the 2nd highest scoring freshman in the Central Maine Math League comprised of 24 high schools.*
 - E. *Boys Varsity Tennis – 12-0 season. Nate Philbrook and Eli Thorbjornson – selected to KVAC second team for 2nd and 3rd singles*

- F. OHS-W – one of the top 25 schools in State for student growth, which reflects on the work of TGS, RDMS and SGS that growth, is largely the result of work in 7th grade, given the fall to fall testing.
- G. Mariah St. Clair, 5th grade student at RDMS – 2nd place in the Rockland Public Library poetry contest
- H. RDMS Girls Track team – 2nd Place in Championship meet
- I. RDMS Boys Track team – 4th place in championship meet
- J. Emmanuel Tung, Nathan Hersom, Hunter Dinsmore and Ryan Lawrence, OHS-W's eCybermission 9th grade team – State winner for grade level for second year in a row

6. Staff Member of the Month Presentation

Principal Ainslee Riley presented the Staff Member of the Month to Carla Myrick, Administrative Assistant at CCS, and to Aimee Sanfilippo, Administrative Assistant at LLS.

7. Executive Session: to go into Executive Session per 1 MRSA 405(6)(A) to discuss a personnel matter.

It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Darryl Sanborn to go in to Executive Session per 1 MRSA 405(6)(A) to discuss a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session entered at 6:36 pm and Chair Roberts declared the board out of Executive Session at 7:24 pm.

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Darryl Sanborn to negotiate a contract for Interim Superintendent Leon Levesque. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Student Representatives – Report - *(This was done after the Pledge of Allegiance and before the first Executive Session) Payton Billingsley reported on activities at OHS-E.*

9. Presentations

A. Carissa Veit – Proficiency Diploma

Proficiency-Based Project Manager Carissa Veit presented information on timeline achievements, a sample transcript from Great Schools Partnership, and DOE extension options. OHS-W Principal Larry Schooley explained the proficiency-based pilot program at OHS-W this year and that they expect to implement the programs next year. They will be meeting on June 16 to decide which of the seven options to propose.

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

There was no public participation.

It was moved by Marla McGeady and seconded by Loren Andrews to allow the Facilities ad hoc committee to present now, rather than as the Committee Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Greg Billingsley and Kirstin Cronin presented some compelling comparison data, including state subsidy, budgets, and education proficiency (when comparing ours to five other comparably-sized school districts). It was suggested to have a similar presentation available on the public access channel.

11. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of May 1, 2014

Hearing no objection, Chair Roberts acknowledged that the minutes of the May 1, 2014, meeting were adopted.

B. Acknowledge the retirement of:

- (1) Susan Cook, Teacher, SGS
- (2) Mariellen Eaton, Teacher, OHS-E
- (3) Bruce 'Bud' Gilbert, Bus Driver/Custodian (CCS)
- (4) Sally Gilbert, Educational Technician, CCS
- (5) Paola McCabe, After School Director, LLS
- (6) Allen Craney, Custodian, SGS

C. Accept the resignation of Michael Dennett, Teacher, TGS

Hearing no objection, the remainder of the Consent Agenda was accepted as presented.

12. Business Items

A.

1. To entertain a discussion regarding Board reorganization

It was moved by Don Robishaw and seconded by Tess Kilgour to vote for Board Chair and Vice Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Don Robishaw to nominate Steve Roberts for Board Chair. Having no other nominations, motion carried 827 – 89 – 84 (Loren Andrews abstained; Carol Bachofner absent).

It was moved by Sally Carleton and seconded by Darryl Sanborn to nominate Loren Andrews for Board Vice Chair. Having no other nominations, motion carried 742 – 174 – 84 (Christine Curtis and Tess Kilgour against; Carol Bachofner absent).

2. To undertake a second reading and adoption of Policy BDDA-Fiscal Management-Internal Controls

It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Darryl Sanborn to adopt Policy BDDA-Fiscal Management-Internal Controls as recommended by the Policy Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

B. To undertake a second reading and adoption of revisions to the Wellness Policy (JL) as recommended by the Policy Committee

It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Darryl Sanborn to adopt Wellness Policy (JL) as recommended by the Policy Committee. Christine Curtis had suggestions for wording changes: 1) under the Nutrition Education section 1, to add "positive reinforcement"; 2) under the Nutrition Education section 3, to add "positive reinforcement"; and 3) under High School beverages (she questioned what was included in 'calorie free/lower calories beverages'), to no artificial sweeteners. This was amended to state "no aspartame or saccharine."

Change to section 1 – motion carried unanimously. Change to section 3 – motion carried unanimously. Change to High School beverages — motion, with changes, carried unanimously.

C. To undertake a first reading of Policy DD-Grants and Policy KCD-Public Gifts and Donations

The first reading of Policy DD-Grants and Policy KCD-Public Gifts and Donations was acknowledged.

D. To consider approval of a leave of absence for Katherine Stinson from the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year until December 1, 2014.

Supt Wilhelm noted this is an extended unpaid FMLA leave after maternity. It was moved by Marla McGeady and seconded by Darryl Sanborn to approve the leave of absence for Katherine Stinson. Motion carried unanimously.

- E. To enter executive session to discuss negotiations with the Seacoast Education Association pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(D).

NOT NEEDED...

- F. To approve the negotiated agreement between the RSU 13 Board of Directors and Teachers of the Seacoast Education Association

It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Darryl Sanborn to approve the negotiated agreement between the RSU 13 Board of Directors and Teachers of the Seacoast Education Association. Motion carried unanimously.

- G. To set a timetable for Board goal setting for the 2014-2015 school year

Supt Wilhelm suggested this to help administrators and teachers understand what is expected in the upcoming school year. It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Christine Curtis that the goals for RSU be ready to present at the regular August board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

- H. To reconfigure 1.5 music positions at RDMS, SGS and GBS **from** a .5 band position at RDMS and a full-time general music position at RDMS, GBS, and SGS **to** a full-time band, chorus and general music position at RDMS (and potentially .5 day at GBS) and half-time general music position for SGS and GBS.

It was moved by Darryl Sanborn and seconded by Marla McGeady to reconfigure the 1.5 music positions as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Darryl Sanborn left the meeting at 8:47 pm.

- I. To authorize the Superintendent to issue contracts prior to Board action within 24 hours of notification of qualifications to the Board through August 2014

It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Sally Carleton to authorize the Superintendent to issue contracts prior to Board action within 24 hours of notification of qualifications to Board through August 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

- J. To consider holding a 2nd Board meeting in June

It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Sally Carleton to hold a second regular meeting on June 26, 2014, at 6:00 pm. It was asked to have an agenda item added for discussion on moving or skipping the July 3 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Communications

- Letter from members of the high school faculty: This is in regards to the extension request to the state on the proficiency based deadline.

14. Reports

A. Report of the Superintendent

- (1) Cushing School has been gifted 10 pieces of artwork by the Kohler Foundation/Colby College from the Bernard Langlais' estate. Six pieces on loan at Cushing School and four other pieces at TGS, OHS-W, and OHS-E. The artwork was delivered on 5/19 and the school will have a family art event on 6/3. The four schools have been asked to be part of the Langlais art trail, which provides interested art aficionados a path to the entire collections disbursement across the state.

CCS Principal Ainslee Riley detailed the art and the family art event.

- (2) Financial Report: A summary report as of May 31, 2014, was presented, and it is planned to make it a part of the monthly board packet.

(3) After School Care Program at LLS: *The YMCA is anticipating expanding into the Rockland area, and administrators were approached to pilot an after school K-4 program. This will begin at CCS, LLS, & SS next fall (until the new facility is open) and is totally funded by the YMCA.*

(4) Update on St. George negotiations: *Supt Wilhelm read an email summary from the attorney.*

B. Report of the Board Chair

A new Interim Superintendent has been engaged. Regarding the Supt. Search, eight packets were submitted, interviewees have been chosen, interview questions will be finalized Monday night, and interview dates will be set next week. The regular board committee will be vetting the final candidates.

15. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

A. Curriculum: *Met on May 15, 2014. Next meeting is June 19, 2014, at 5:30 pm.*

B. Facilities & Transportation: *reported above; next meeting is July 1, 2014, at 5:30 pm.*

C. Finance & Insurance: *Met on May 8, 2014. Next meeting is June 12, 2014, at 6:00 pm.*

D. Policy: *Met on May 20, 2014. Next meeting is June 26, 2014, at 4:00 pm.*

E. Technology: *Did not meet on May 19, 2014. Next meeting is June 9, 2014, at 3:00 pm.*

F. Many Flags: *Met on May 8, 2014. Next meeting is June 12, 2014, at 6:30 pm.*

G. MCST: *Met on May 28, 2014. Next meeting is June 18, 2014, at 7:00 pm.*

H. Superintendent Search: *reported above under Report of the Board Chair.*

16. Adjournment: *It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to adjourn at 9:30 pm.*