

MINUTES
RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2015
McLAIN SCHOOL
6:30PM

1. Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and a quorum was declared. Sally Carleton and Nancy Jeffers were excused absent. David Hynd was absent. Sherm Hoyt arrived at 6:32 pm. Noreen Mullaney arrived at 6:40 pm.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
3. Presentation
 - A. Technology Integrators and Students
Technology Integrators Kristin Gould, Esther McKay and Laurie Walsh explained about coding and how they are implementing it at the various grade levels.
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 February 26, 2015
Hearing no objection, the Consent Agenda was acknowledged as presented.
7. Business Items
 - A. Approval of plan to make-up snow days
Superintendent McDonald discussed his research on the various options. April vacation is not an option as staff commitments prevent sufficient coverage. He recommends converting the March 13 full workshop day to a half instructional day and offering Saturday attendance on March 21, March 28, April 11, and May 9. It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Tess Kilgour to approve the make-up days as recommended. Motion carried unanimously (of those present).
 - B. Approval of an unpaid leave request for Brittany Green beginning June 15, 2015 until the end of the school year
It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Christine Curtis to approve the unpaid leave request for Brittany Green beginning June 15, 2015, until the end of the school year. Motion carried unanimously (of those present).
 - C. Approval of request from the Oceanside Key Club to attend the New England District Educational Conference in Springfield, MA, April 10, 11, and 12, 2015.
It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Loren Andrews to approve the request of the Oceanside Key Club to attend the New England District Educational Conference. Motion carried unanimously (of those present).
8. Communications: *none*
9. Reports
 - A. Report of the Superintendent: *Superintendent McDonald attended the Meet-and-Greet for the new City Manager last Monday and a meeting in the near future is planned.*

B. Report of the Board Chair: *Chair Roberts also attended the Meet-and Greet.*

10. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings - *The board chair dispensed with committee reports.*

A. Curriculum: *No report.*

B. Facilities & Transportation: *Next meeting rescheduled to March 17, 2015, at 5:00 pm.*

C. Finance & Insurance: *No report.*

D. Policy: *No report.*

E. Technology: *No report.*

F. Many Flags: *No report.*

G. MCST: *Next meeting is March 25, 2015, at 7:00 pm.*

Budget process begins March 30, 2015, at 6:00 pm.

Attendance figures were noted, and discussion ensued regarding reasons and speculations. The Superintendent will research enrollment trends for future discussion prior to the next board meeting. Reactivating the Dropout/Truancy Committee was recommended. It was suggested by Tess Kilgour that a future discussion include: drop in attendance and cause, 20 students lost (reason), status of the Dropout/Truancy Committee (made up of faculty, Superintendent, Board member, and a community member). It was also inquired about the status of student representatives to the board.

11. Adjournment: *It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Christine Curtis to adjourn at 7:15 pm.*