

**MINUTES**  
**RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**THURSDAY - MARCH 6, 2014**  
**MCLAIN SCHOOL**  
**5:30 PM**

**Executive Session – 5:30-6:30 pm**

1. Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and a quorum was declared. Don Robishaw was excused absent. Darryl Sanborn arrived at 5:50 pm.
2. Executive Session
  - A. To enter Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel matters regarding the St. George withdrawal pursuant to 1. M.R.S.A. 405(6)(E)

*It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters. Motion carried unanimously.*

*The Chair declared the board in Executive Session at 5:33 pm and out at 6:20 pm.*
  - B. To enter Executive Session regarding a personnel matter pursuant to 1. M.R.S.A. 405(6)(A)

*It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Darryl Sanborn to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously.*

*The Chair declared the board in Executive Session at 6:22 pm and out at 6:25 pm.*

*It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Darryl Sanborn to accept the leave without pay for Katherine Geary and Gloria Lord. Motion carried unanimously.*
  - C. To enter Executive Session regarding labor negotiations with the Seacoast Education Association pursuant to 1. M.R.S.A. 405(D)

*It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Darryl Sanborn to go into Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations. Motion carried unanimously.*

*The Chair declared the board in Executive Session at 6:25 pm and out at 6:35 pm.*

**Regular Board Meeting – 6:39 pm**

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
4. Adjustments to the Agenda

*Add 6. a. Presentation by Many Flags after the Student Representatives Report.*

*Add Business Items D. 1. St George Withdrawal Discussion after the approval of the FY13 Audit.*
5. Staff Member of the Month Presentation

*OHS-W Principal Larry Schooley presented the Staff Member of the Month to Charles “Sam” Pendleton, Physical Education Teacher at OHS-W.*
6. Student Representatives – Report

*Payton Billingsley reported on the activities and events at OHS-E.*

  - a. Many Flags Presentation: Loren Andrews and Audrey Lovering detailed the organization’s focus and direction – education, collaboration, and innovation. Their new website is manyflags.org. “Promise Neighborhood” is a new initiative to develop a ‘cradle-to-career’ pipeline.

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

- Bill Reinhardt: St. George resident; spoke on behalf of the St. George Withdrawal Committee expressing their dismay with communications and the counter proposal.
- Jennifer Garrett: St. George resident; spoke on lack of information regarding the St. George Withdrawal on the RSU 13 website; her daughter's potential choice of high school if St. George withdraws.
- Greg Billingsley and Doug Curtis: Rockland resident; updated board on status of former RDHS/GVHS memorabilia.
- Maureen Mullaney: Thomaston resident; spoke on Business Item 9. c. (Policy BCA).
- Dena Davis: Thomaston resident; spoke on Business Item 9. c. (Policy BCA) and on the middle school merger.
- Beth Heidemann: Cushing resident; encouraged with our resources – citizens, teachers, administrators.

8. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes of Meetings of January 20, January 21, January 22, January 23, and February 11, 2014
- B. Appointment of coaches for Spring 2014 who are not regular employees:
  - (1) Rusty Worcester, Varsity Softball – Head Coach
  - (2) Don Shields, Varsity Baseball – Head Coach
  - (3) Steven Hiller, Varsity Baseball – Asst. Coach
  - (4) Bill Curtis, Varsity Baseball – Volunteer Assistant
  - (5) Shawn Hiller, Freshman Baseball – Head Coach
  - (6) Patrick O'Donnell, Outdoor Track – Asst. Coach
  - (7) Angela Vachon, Girls Varsity Lacrosse – Head Coach
  - (8) Gene Drinkwater, Oceanside West 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Softball
  - (9) Eric Nelson, Oceanside West 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Softball
  - (10) Wes Drinkwater, Oceanside West 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Baseball

*It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.*

9. Business Items

- A. To approve a request from the Oceanside Key Club to attend the New England District Educational Conference in Springfield, MA, April 4, 5, and 6, 2014  
*It was moved by Sally Carleton and seconded by Loren Andrews to approve the Key Club request. Motion carried unanimously.*
- B. To approve a request from John Hagin for a student marine research trip (the Cape Eleuthera Research Expedition) tentatively scheduled for July 3-14, 2014  
*It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Marla McGeady to approve the student research trip to Cape Eleuthera. Motion carried unanimously.*
- C. To undertake first readings of Policies IKF – Graduation Requirements and BCA – Board Member Code of Ethics

*Superintendent Wilhelm said a vote is not needed. Sherm Hoyt passed out an amended draft of Policy BCA-Board Member Code of Ethics.*

D. To approve the FY 13 Audit

*It was moved by Darryl Sanborn and seconded by Tess Kilgour to approve the FY 2013 Audit. Motion carried unanimously.*

1. *St. George Withdrawal Negotiation Advisory Committee:* *It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Tess Kilgour that the formation of a withdrawal committee (Don Robishaw, chair, Tess Kilgour, Christine Curtis) at the January 9, 2014, board meeting be ratified and approved for the purpose of monitoring and providing guidance to the Superintendent and the district's legal counsel with respect to the negotiation of the withdrawal agreement with the St George Withdrawal Committee. Motion passed 677 – 239 – 84 (Carol Bachofner, George Emery, and Marla McGeady against; Don Robishaw absent).*

E. To establish a search committee for a permanent Superintendent of Schools

*It was moved by Darryl Sanborn and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to set up a committee. Chair Roberts noted there is a policy on how the committee is comprised. Motion carried unanimously. He called for those interested – Carol Bachofner, Sally Carleton, Marla McGeady, and Steve Roberts. George Emery is interested in being an alternate. Don Robishaw will also be approached for his possible interest.*

F. To discuss the time frame for the merging of the middle schools

*It was moved by George Emery and seconded by Darryl Sanborn that the Chair set up a series of public forums for allowing public input and presenting RSU 13 ideas for a middle school merger to be completed prior to the April meeting of the full board. Motion carried unanimously.*

*It was moved by Christine Curtis and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to postpone any board action on the middle school merger to the April meeting of the full board. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Superintendent Wilhelm offered some suggestions and thoughts on the process.*

G. To discuss the implications of the revenue shortfall for FY 15 as to its impact on the local contribution in the determination of a budget amount for FY 15.

*Superintendent Wilhelm would prefer to delay this discussion due to lack of information at this time. He hopes to bring something to the board by end of March or beginning of April.*

H. To discuss having further meetings with Bob Hasson of MSMA

*Superintendent Wilhelm has presented an outline of topics to Mr. Hasson. who is willing to come again on Thursday, March 20, 2014 at approx 5:30 or 6:00 pm. It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Marla McGeady to invite Mr. Hasson to meet with the board on March 20, with the time to be confirmed. Motion carried unanimously*

*It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by George Emery to add an item to the agenda regarding holding a second monthly board meeting. Motion carried 832 – 84 – 84 (Tess Kilgour abstained; Don Robishaw absent).*

*It was moved by Darryl Sanborn and seconded by Tess Kilgour to add an item to the agenda - to read the letter of response from the district's attorney to the St George Withdrawal Committee. Motion carried 743 – 173 – 84 (Loren Andrews and Carol Bachofner against; Don Robishaw absent).*

1. *Second monthly board meeting:* *It was moved by Marla McGeady and seconded by Loren Andrews to add a second workshop style board meeting per month. It will be a public meeting. Motion carried unanimously.*

2. Read the letter of response from the district's attorney to the St George Withdrawal Committee: *It was moved by Darryl Sanborn and second by Tess Kilgour to have the Chair read the February 28, 2014, letter of response by the district's attorney to the St George Withdrawal Committee. There was a friendly amendment to also include posting the document on the RSU website. Motion carried 663 – 253 – 84 (Loren Andrews, Carol Bachofner, and Marla McGeady against; Don Robishaw absent).*

10. Communications - **none**

11. Reports

A. Report of the Superintendent

- (1) School year 14-15 Calendar: *for informational purposes*
- (2) State request for plan for Audit Corrections: *A listed of suggested policies for internal accounting activities were distributed.*
- (3) Request State review of lunch program: *This is a no-cost option for access to their expertise.*
- (4) Oceanside-East art work: *The students' displayed work was recognized.*

B. Report of the Board Chair

*Chair Roberts is committed to keeping RSU 13 together and appreciates the members' confidence in him.*

12. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

A. Curriculum: *Met on March 5. Next meeting is March 20, 2014, at 4:00 pm.*

B. Facilities & Transportation: *Met on March 4. Next meeting is April 1, 2014, at 5:30 pm.*

*It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to approve a Facilities & Transportation sub-committee to investigate long term planning for the use and/or consolidation of buildings. Motion carried unanimously. This group will meet Monday, March 10, 2014, at 5:00 pm.*

C. Finance & Insurance: *Met on February 13. Next meeting is March 13, 2014, at 6:00 pm.*

*It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by George Emery to continue meeting beyond 9:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.*

D. Policy: *Met on February 25. Next meeting is March 17, 2014, at 4:00 pm.*

E. Technology: *Met on February 24. Next meeting is March 24, 2014, at 3:00 pm.*

F. Many Flags: *Met on ????. Next meeting is April 10, 2014, at x:xx pm.*

G. MCST: *Met on February 26. Next meeting is April 17, 2014, at 7:00 pm.*

13. Adjournment: *It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Marla McGeady to adjourn at 9:10 pm.*

**The next meeting of the RSU 13 School Board  
will be April 3, 2014 at 6:30pm.**