

MINUTES
RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY – MAY 1, 2014
MCLAIN SCHOOL
6:30PM

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Roberts at 6:33 pm and a quorum was declared. Sherm Hoyt was excused absent. Darryl Sanborn arrived at 6:42 pm and Christine Curtis arrived at 7:02 pm.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
3. To enter Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing the proposed negotiated agreement between RSU 13 and Teachers of the Seacoast Education Association pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(D).

It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to go in Executive Session per MRSA 405(6)(d) to review the proposed negotiated agreement between RSU 13 and Teachers of the Seacoast Education Association. Motion carried unanimously (Christine Curtis, Sherm Hoyt, and Darryl Sanborn were absent).

Executive Session entered at 6:35 pm and Chair Roberts declared the Board out of Executive Session at 6:58 pm.

4. Adjustments to the Agenda: *as noted w/ " * "*

Add Business Items H. To discuss extending Interim Superintendent contract.

5. Recognitions

- A. RSU 13 Math Coach, Donna-Marie Hardt, awarded the 2014 Jacqueline Mitchell Mathematics Educator Award for her outstanding contributions to math education in the State of Maine.
- B. OHS-W Cyber Mission Team, First Place in State competition
- C. Kartarina Cova, OHS-W Geography Bee winner, qualified for the State competition
- D. Connor McGonagle, OHS-W, New England Wrestling Champion – update: won the National Tournament in NY
- E. Ashley Ellis, accepted at STRIVE U (Only six students are accepted per year)
- F. * Elena Laustsen, OHS-E, won the 2014 Congressional Art Competition for Maine's First District with her color pencil drawing, 'Salmon', that will hang at the Capitol in Washington; Honorable Mention for a photograph in the annual Maine Photography Show

6. Staff Member of the Month Presentation

Principal Mary Alice McLean presented the Staff Member of the Month to Jeff Cushman, custodian at SGS and former bus driver.

7. Student Representatives – Report: *no representative was present.*

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

- Jeanne Ackor: *resident of Rockland; appreciative of the public forums but concerned with elimination of foreign language in elementary grades.*
- Kirsten Cronin: *resident of Thomaston; spoke on a survey created about the FY 2013-2014 budget. A Power Point presentation of results was emailed to the board members.*
- John Bragg: *resident of Owls Head; spoke on providing a 'robust education for our children.'*

9. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of April 3, 2014

Hearing no objection, Chair Roberts acknowledged that the minutes of the April 3, 2014, meeting were adopted.

B. Acknowledge the retirement of:

- (1) Tom Forti, Principal, Oceanside High School-East
- (2) Leslie Spear, Grade 4 Teacher, Cushing Community School
- (3) Billie Gaudette, Special Education Teacher, St. George School
- (4) Holly Cumler, Grade One Teacher, Lura Libby School
- (5) Hank Read, Tech Integrator, OHS-E/OHS-W
- (6) Anne Pavalkis, Grade 5 Teacher, Thomaston Grammar School
- (7) Sara Gilfenbaum, Grade 6 Teacher, Thomaston Grammar School
- (8) Susan Davenport, Grade 4 Teacher, Lura Libby School
- (9) * Larry Schooley, Principal, Oceanside High School-West

C. * Accept the resignation of Megan Marks, Kindergarten Teacher, SS

After hearing no objection, Chair Roberts acknowledged that the remaining items on the Consent Agenda were adopted. Chair Roberts expressed appreciation to these professionals for their many years of service and their dedication to the students of this district.

10. Business Items

A. To undertake a first reading of Policy BDDA, Fiscal Management - Internal Controls, and a first reading of revisions to the Wellness Policy (JL) as recommended by the Policy Committee

Superintendent Wilhelm explained that Policy BDDA was a consolidation of recommendations by the Maine DOE and that Policy JL was updated with new requirements per law. The first reading of Policy BDDA and first reading of revisions of Policy JL were acknowledged.

B. To appoint first year probationary teachers to a second probationary contract effective September 1, 2014

It was moved by Darryl Sanborn and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to appoint first year probationary teachers to a second probationary contract effective September 1, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

C. To appoint second year probationary teachers to a third probationary contract effective September 1, 2014

Superintendent Wilhelm noted this is the first year of the three year requirement. It was moved by Darryl Sanborn and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to appoint second year probationary teachers to a third probationary contract effective September 1, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- (1) Ed Hastings, Assistant Principal, OHS-W
- (2) Jim Leonard, Athletic Director

It was moved by Don Robishaw and seconded by Tess Kilgour to renew the contracts for the two administrators for one year. Motion failed 258 – 667 – 75 (Loren Andrews, Carol Bachofner, Sally Carleton, George Emery, Nancy Jeffers, Marla McGeady, Steve Roberts, Darryl Sanborn against; Sherm Hoyt absent).

It was moved by Darryl Sanborn and seconded by Loren Andrews to renew the contracts for the two administrators for two years. Motion carried 503 – 422 – 75 (Carol Bachofner, Christine Curtis, Tess Kilgour, Marla McGeady, and Don Robishaw against; Sherm Hoyt absent).

E. To renew the contract of Carissa Veit, Title II Projects Administrator, for one year

This is a non-aligned contract – her title should have been listed as Projects Director. It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Christine Curtis to renew the contract of Carissa Veit for one year. Motion carried unanimously

- F. ~~To approve a negotiated agreement for teachers with the Seacoast Education Association~~
Removed from agenda as it has not been ratified by the Seacoast Education Association.

- G. To approve a budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and sign the warrants

Warrants will need to be prepared after approval; Chair Roberts asked board members to come in to sign before Monday. It was moved by Darryl Sanborn and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to approve the budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 at \$27,589,910.

It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Darryl Sanborn to amend the budget to accept deduction by not hiring OHS-E principal. Motion withdrawn.

It was moved by Carol Bachofner and seconded by Marla McGeady to amend the budget in order as presented in the list generated at the April 16, 2014, Budget Workshop. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Don Robishaw to cut item #1 – High School Industrial Technology position. This position is for the 5th and 6th grades, not High School. Motion carried 581 – 344 – 75 (Loren Andrews, Carol Bachofner, Sally Carleton, Marla McGeady against; Sherm Hoyt absent).

Move the question by George Emery: Y 839 / N 89 / O 75; total vote = 839+89 = 925; 839 divided by 925 = 90.70%; motion passed.

It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Christine Curtis to reduce item #2 – World Language by \$41,100. Darryl Sanborn proposed a friendly amendment, seconded by Marla McGeady, to reduce item #2 to one position (salary TBD). Teacher Kit Harrison expanded on a couple of funding options (FLTA from French embassy, e.g.). The spirit of the motion is to keep the dollar amount of one position. Amendment to motion carried 850 – 75 – 75 (George Emery against; Sherm Hoyt absent).

Move the question by George Emery: Y 661 / N 264 / O 75; total vote = 661+264 = 925; 661 divided by 925 = 71.46%; motion passed. Motion carried 506 – 419 – 75 (Loren Andrews, Carol Bachofner, Sally Carleton, George Emery, Marla McGeady against; Sherm Hoyt absent).

It was moved by Darryl Sanborn and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to fill the open OHS-E principal with an existing administrator. Motion withdrawn. It was moved by Darryl Sanborn and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to change the principal coverage as proposed by Superintendent Wilhelm (per grid). Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Don Robishaw to reduce item 4 – two Library/Media positions. It was moved by Marla McGeady and seconded by Carol Bachofner to reduce only the 60% position. Amendment to motion carried 583 – 342 – 75 (Christine Curtis, Nancy Jeffers, Tess Kilgour, Don Robishaw against; Sherm Hoyt absent). Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Tess Kilgour to consider remaining items 5, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 as a whole. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Marla McGeady to make all additional reductions, except the Business Manager position. It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to remove the exception of the Business Manager position.

Move the question by Christine Curtis: Y 497 / N 344 / A 84 / O 75; total vote = 497+344+84 = 925; 497 divided by 925 = 53.73%; motion failed. Motion to remove exception failed 426 – 499 – 75 (Loren Andrews, Carol Bachofner, Sally Carleton, George Emery, Marla McGeady, Darryl Sanborn against; Sherm Hoyt absent).

Move the question by Tess Kilgour: Y 841 / N 84 / O 75; total vote = 841+84 = 925; 841 divided by 925 = 90.92%; motion carried. Motion carried 841 – 84 – 75 (Don Robishaw against; Sherm Hoyt absent)

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to suspend the vote on the budget. Motion carried unanimously.

H. To discuss extending the Interim Superintendent's contract

It was moved by Darryl Sanborn and seconded by Tess Kilgour to extend the Interim Superintendent's contract until May 31, 2014, and to extend on a per diem basis until June 30, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Communications: none

12. Reports

A. Report of the Superintendent

- 2014-15 calendar adjustment – to move the April 16 Teacher Conference day to March 12
It was the consensus of the board to approve the calendar adjustment.

B. Report of the Board Chair:

Chair Roberts reported all is going well.

13. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

A. Curriculum: *Next meeting is May 15, 2014, at 4:00 pm.*

B. Facilities & Transportation: *Next meeting is May 6, 2014, at 5:30 pm.*

C. Finance & Insurance: *Met on April 10. Next meeting is May 8, 2014, at 6:00 pm.*

D. Policy: *Met on April 15. Next meeting is May 20, 2014, at 5:00 pm.*

E. Technology: *Next meeting is May 19, 2014, at 3:00 pm.*

F. Many Flags: *Met on April 10. Next meeting is May 8, 2014, at 6:30 pm.*

G. MCST: *Met on April 30. Next meeting is May 28, 2014, at 7:00 pm.*

H. Superintendent Search: *Met before tonight's board meeting. Next meeting has not been determined. May 20 is the deadline for application submission to MSMA.*

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Darryl Sanborn to continue the meeting beyond 10:00 pm. Motion carried 757 – 168 – 75 (Nancy Jeffers and Tess Kilgour against; Sherm Hoyt absent).

Tess Kilgour left the meeting at 10:04 pm.

It was moved by Darryl Sanborn and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to accept the budget as amended to \$27,103,985. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Adjournment: *It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Christine Curtis to adjourn at 10:07 pm.*

**The next regular meeting of the RSU 13 School Board
will be June 5, 2014 at 6:30pm.**