

MINUTES
RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 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 Sherm Hoyt were excused absent. Noreen Mullaney arrived at 6:35 pm.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
3. Presentation
 - A. RDMS Students – ‘Arts in Action’ Program: *Alexis Iammarino introduced the Arts in Action project at RDMS and the mural created at RDMS by fifteen RDMS students. Michael (grade 5), Heather (grade 5) and Amanda (grade 7) shared what they learned and enjoyed during the project.*
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 meetings of March 19, 2015, and April 2, 2015
 - B. Acknowledge the retirement of:
 - (1) Holly Smith, Art/Photography Teacher, OHS-E
 - (2) Leslie Spear, Grade 4 Teacher, CCS

Hearing no objection, the Consent Agenda was acknowledged as presented. Chair Roberts expressed his appreciation for Holly Smith’s and Leslie Spear’s years of service and dedication to the students of RSU 13.
7. Business Items
 - A. Accept the resignation of:
 - (1) Silvia Moreno Tilton, Spanish Teacher at OHSE
 - (2) Doug Tonner, Industrial Technology Teacher at TGS & RDMS
 - (3) Ashby Bartke, Math Teacher at OHSW

It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to accept the resignations of Silvia Moreno Tilton, Doug Tonner, and Ashby Bartke with regret and gratitude. Motion carried unanimously (of those present).
 - B. Approval of the application for library grants from the James Patterson/Scholastic books fund for TGS, OHCS, and RDMS Libraries

It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to approve the application for library grants from the James Patterson/Scholastic books fund for TGS, OHCS, and RDMS libraries. Motion carried unanimously (of those present).
 - C. Approval of a leave request for Darcie Watkinson, Kindergarten Teacher, SS, beginning May 21, 2015, and returning on November 2, 2015

It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to approve the leave request of Darcie Watkinson. Motion carried unanimously (of those present).

- D. To appoint first year probationary teachers to a second year probationary contract effective September 1, 2015

It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to appoint first year probationary teachers to a second year probationary contract and appoint second year probationary teachers to a third year probationary contract, both effective September 1, 2015. Hearing no objection, the motion was amended to include Item D and Item E. Motion carried unanimously (of those present).

- E. To appoint second year probationary teachers to a third year probationary contract effective September 1, 2015

(Approved above).

- F. To appoint third year probationary teachers to a continuing contract effective September 1, 2015

It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to appoint third year probationary teachers to a continuing contract effective September 1, 2015. Tess Kilgour acknowledged she will be abstaining. Motion carried 750 – 84 – 166 (Tess Kilgour abstained; Sally Carleton and Sherm Hoyt were absent).

- G. To approve budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and sign the warrants

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Noreen Mullaney to accept the FY 2015-2016 budget of \$25,567,159. (It is noted that this is an incorrect figure as quoted by Mr. Andrews as he did not have the most current revision; the correct budget figure should have been quoted as \$25,564,891.84. This error was acknowledged at some point during the discussions below.)

It was moved by Don Robishaw and seconded by Tess Kilgour to amend the budget by: increasing page 57, Legal Services to Board, from \$35,000 to \$75,000; reducing page 77, line 139-140, by \$51,651.51; removing the earmark for Great School Partnership of \$30,000; removing the Proficiency-Based Education (PBE) position; and imposing a hiring freeze to be in effect district wide until final configuration of one middle school (grades 6-8) and one high school (grades 9-12), except for staff required by state mandate (e.g. special education) and to add one Gifted & Talented teacher. There were discussions regarding Great School Partnership, the PBE project, and the hiring freeze.

It was moved by Christine Curtis and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to amend Mr. Robishaw's motion to remove the \$51,651.51 (custodial supervisor position) reduction. There was discussion regarding the supervisor acting as a sub custodian. Chair cautioned that that may be a personnel issue and Superintendent McDonald asked that any concerns be addressed to him.

Motion to amend Mr. Robishaw's motion to remove the \$51,651.51 reduction CARRIED 338 – 168 – 328 – 166 (Tess Kilgour and Don Robishaw against; Loren Andrews, George Emery, Noreen Mullaney, and Steve Roberts abstained; Sally Carleton and Sherm Hoyt were absent).

There was further discussion regarding Mr. Robishaw's amendment.

It was moved by Ron Gamage and seconded by Carol Bachofner to amend Mr. Robishaw's motion to remove the hiring freeze.

Loren Andrews moved the question. Motion FAILED (not 2/3 majority) 501 – 258 – 75 – 166 (Christine Curtis, Tess Kilgour, and Don Robishaw against; George Emery abstained; Sally Carleton and Sherm Hoyt were absent).

Motion to amend Mr. Robishaw's motion to remove hiring freeze CARRIED . 422 – 84 – 328 – 166 (Don Robishaw against; Loren Andrews, George Emery, Noreen Mullaney, and Steve Roberts abstained; Sally Carleton and Sherm Hoyt were absent).

Motion by Mr. Robishaw to amend (as amended above) FAILED 258 – 501 – 75 – 166 (Loren Andrews, Carol Bachofner, Ron Gamage, Nancy Jeffers, Noreen Mullaney, and Steve Roberts against; George Emery abstained; Sally Carleton and Sherm Hoyt were absent).

It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Loren Andrews to increase Article 9 (Operations & Maintenance) by \$300,000, funded by undesignated fund balance. Business Manager Pete Orne explained how this funding doesn't increase the cost to tax payers but still allows the board to authorize expenditure(s) as and/or if needed. It is a contingency that is encumbered. The fund balance figure and its use were discussed.

Motion to increase Article 9 by \$300,000 CARRIED 759 – 0 – 75 – 166 (George Emery abstained; Sally Carleton and Sherm Hoyt were absent).

It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Don Robishaw to reduce Article 1 by \$326,179.45 and reduce Article 5 by \$98,580.

***** Break at 8:07 pm – return at 8:15 pm *****

It was moved by Christine Curtis and seconded by Ron Gamage to amend Mrs. Kilgour's motion to remove the \$98,580 reduction.

Motion to amend Mrs. Kilgour's motion to remove \$98,580 FAILED 0 – 338 – 499 – 166 (Christine Curtis, Ron Gamage, Tess Kilgour, and Don Robishaw against; Loren Andrews, Carol Bachofner, George Emery, Nancy Jeffers, Noreen Mullaney, and Steve Roberts abstained; Sally Carleton and Sherm Hoyt were absent).

Motion by Mrs. Kilgour to reduce Article 1 by \$326,179.45 and reduce Article 5 by \$98,580 FAILED 258 – 501 – 75 – 166 (Loren Andrews, Carol Bachofner, Ron Gamage, Nancy Jeffers, Noreen Mullaney, and Steve Roberts against; George Emery abstained; Sally Carleton and Sherm Hoyt were absent).

Members indicated their support for or against the FY 2015-2016 budget.

Motion to accept the FY 2015-2016 Amended Budget as \$25,864,891.84 carried 421 – 338 – 75 – 166 (Christine Curtis, Ron Gamage, Tess Kilgour, and Don Robishaw against; George Emery abstained; Sally Carleton and Sherm Hoyt were absent).

- H. Approval of the Vote entitled, "Vote to Authorize Amendments to MSMA Property & Casualty Insurance Declaration of Trust and Participation Agreement" be adopted in form presented to this meeting and that a copy of said Vote be filed with the minutes of this meeting.

It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to approve the vote . Motion carried unanimously (of those present).

- I. Approval of the Vote entitled, "Vote to Authorize Amendments to the MSMA Unemployment Compensation Declaration of Trust" be adopted in form presented to this meeting and that a copy of said Vote be filed with the minutes of this meeting.

It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to approve the vote. Motion carried unanimously (of those present).

- J. Authorize Superintendent to enter into a lease agreement with Gorham Leasing for computer equipment

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Tess Kilgour to enter into a lease agreement with Gorham Leasing in the amount of \$17,298 for a 7 year term and at a nominal interest rate of 3.6% for replacement computer service. Motion carried unanimously (of those present).

- K. To undertake a first reading of Policy IHBB – Gifted and Talented Programs

The first reading of Policy IHBB – Gifted and Talented Programs was acknowledged.

Loren Andrews would like to offer an item to the agenda. It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Noreen Mullaney to add (Item L) below. Motion to amend the agenda carried 585 – 0 – 249 – 166 (Christine Curtis, George Emery, and Tess Kilgour abstained; Sally Carleton and Sherm Hoyt were absent).

- L. To direct the Superintendent to draft a Comprehensive Facilities Plan

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Noreen Mullaney to direct the Superintendent to draft a comprehensive facilities plan and present it to the board by October 1, 2015. Motion carried 675 – 84 – 75 – 166 (Don Robishaw against; Sally Carleton and Sherm Hoyt were absent).

8. Communications: *None*

9. Reports

A. Report of the Superintendent: *Superintendent McDonald read his letter sent to teaching staff for Teacher Appreciation Week; will update the board on the 'Schools of the Future' in July; the artwork displayed is from Richard Wehnke's classes at OHCS, TGS, and RDMS.*

B. Report of the Board Chair: *Chair Roberts allowed Tess Kilgour to report on the 149 graduates from OHS-E and listed the higher learning institutes they will be attending; Carol Bachofner announced Payton Billingsley was top female scholarship winner from Elks. Chair reminded board members of Superintendent's upcoming evaluation.*

10. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

A. Curriculum: *Met with Facilities & Transportation on April 20, 2015. Next meeting is May 20, 2015, at 5:00 pm.*

B. Facilities & Transportation: *Met with Curriculum on April 20, 2015, and May 5, 2015. Next meeting is June 2, 2015, at 5:00 pm.*

C. Finance & Insurance: *Met on April 9, 2015. Next meeting is May 19, 2015, at 4:00 pm.*

D. Policy: *Met on April 27, 2015. Next meeting is May 18, 2015, at 5:00 pm.*

E. Technology: *Met on April 27, 2015. Next meeting is TBD.*

F. Many Flags: *Met on . Next meeting is May 14, 2015, at 6:30 pm.*

G. MCST: *Met on April 29, 2015. Next meeting is May 27, 2015, at 7:00 pm.*

11. Adjournment: *It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Loren Andrews to adjourn at 9:01 pm.*