

MINUTES
RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 5, 2015
MCLAIN SCHOOL
6:30 PM

Executive Session – 5:30 pm

1. Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and a quorum was declared. Noreen Mullaney was excused absent.

2. Executive Session

A. To enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(A)

It was moved by Carol Bachofner and seconded by Susan Allen Thomas to go into Executive Session per 1 MRSA 405 (6)(A) to a discuss personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously (of those present).

Executive Session entered at 5:32 pm and Chair Roberts declared the board out at 6:08 pm

Board Meeting – 6:30 pm

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

4. Adjustments to the Agenda: *None*

A moment of silence was held for Janet Godin, lunch duty aide at South School, who passed away unexpectedly on November 2, 2015.

5. Presentation

A. NCLB and Local Entitlements overview with Neal Guyer and Erin Frazier

Special Education Director Erin Frazier explained how Local Entitlement funds are utilized in the Special Ed department.

Director of Instructional Improvement Neal Guyer detailed the various No Child Left Behind (NCLB) grants: Title IA, Title IIA, and Title VI.

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

- *Larry Schooley: resident of Thomaston; spoke about his support of the “Schools of Our Future” Plan and Chair Roberts leadership. He highlighted the accomplishments of OHS-W, how they were achieved, and suggested the continuation of some programs going forward.*
- *John Spear: resident of South Thomaston; spoke about prior board meetings with municipalities. He was concerned that proper notice was not made, meeting minutes were not recorded, and proper meeting procedures were not conducted.*

7. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of October 1, 2015

Hearing no objection, the Consent Agenda was acknowledged.

8. Business Items

- A. Motion to accept in concept and move forward with the “Schools of Our Future” Plan.

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Carol Bachofner to accept in concept and move forward with the “Schools of Our Future” Plan.

Loren Andrews moved the question. Motion carried unanimously (of those present).

Motion to accept the concept carried unanimously (of those present).

- B. Motion to authorize the Superintendent to enter a letter of interest to Seiman’s Energy.

It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Jesse Butler to authorize the Superintendent to modify the March 13, 2015, letter of intent with Seiman’s Energy Inc. to add a break-fee of no more than \$150,000, in the event that RSU #13 does not execute an agreement with Siemens. Upon receipt of any fee, all audit and engineering will become the property of RSU #13. Business Manager Pete Orne offered further explanation for the wording change.

Loren Andrews moved the question. Motion carried unanimously (of those present).

Motion to accept the modified letter carried 806 – 98 – 98 (Don Robishaw against; Noreen Mullaney absent).

- C. Appointment of coaches who are not regular employees:

- (1) Matt Breen, OHSE Boys Varsity Basketball Head Coach
- (2) Larry Reed, OHSE Boys JV Basketball Head Coach
- (3) Darren Randall, OHS Boys Freshman Basketball Head Coach
- (4) Samantha Wiley, OHSE Girls Varsity Basketball Head Coach
- (5) Ashley Geel, OHSE Girls JV Basketball Head Coach
- (6) Hope Billingsley, OHSE Varsity Cheerleading Head Coach
- (7) Ryan Ford, OHSW Boys Blue 8th Grade Basketball Coach
- (8) Daniel McNichol, OHSW Girls Blue 8th Grade Basketball Coach
- (9) Ricky Jones, OHSW Girls White 8th Grade Basketball Coach
- (10) Brian Secord, OHSW Boys White 7th Grade Basketball Coach
- (11) Wes Drinkwater, OHSW Boys Blue 7th Grade Basketball Coach
- (12) Jeff Woodman, OHSW Girls White 7th Grade Basketball Coach
- (13) Jason Yates, OHSW MS Wrestling Coach & OHSE Varsity Wrestling Coach - Volunteer
- (14) Nate Grade, OHSE Indoor Track Head Coach

It was moved by Don Robishaw and seconded by Jesse Butler to remove the approval of coaches. It was moved by Chair Roberts and seconded by Jesse Butler to table this item, to allow Superintendent make these appointments, and refer this to the Policy committee. It was amended by Chair Roberts and seconded by Jesse Butler to table this item, to allow Superintendent make these appointments, to refer to the Policy committee, to only approve statutory appointments, and leave the rest of staff employment to the Superintendent. Motion to

amend carried unanimously (of those present). Motion as amended carried unanimously (of those present).

D. Approval of employee salaries who have non-aligned contracts.

It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Susan Allen Thomas to approve employee salaries who have non-aligned contracts. Motion carried 711 – 95 – 98 – 95 (Ron Gamage against; Don Robishaw abstained; Noreen Mullaney absent).

E. To undertake a second reading of:

(1) Revised Policy BB – School Board Legal Status and Organization

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to approve Revised Policy BB-School Board Legal Status and Organization. It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to add “on the third Thursday each June” to the first line of the last paragraph for the organizational meeting. It was moved by Carol Bachofner and seconded by Ron Gamage to amend to read “the first meeting in July”.

Motion to amend (first meeting in July) failed 297 – 607 – 98 (Jesse Butler, Christine Curtis, Nancy Jeffers, Steve Roberts, Don Robishaw, Susan Allen Thomas against; Noreen Mullaney absent).

Motion to amend (third Thursday each June) carried 806 – 98 – 98 (Don Robishaw against; Noreen Mullaney absent).

Motion to approve Policy BB as amended carried 806 – 98 – 98 (Carol Bachofner against; Noreen Mullaney absent).

(2) New Policy KIA – Rules for Spectators at Athletic Events

It was moved by Jesse Butler and seconded by Loren Andrews to approve New Policy KIA-Rules for Spectators at Athletic Events. Athletic Director Molly Bishop commented on her recommendation of this policy. Motion carried unanimously (of those present).

F. Motion to authorize the Superintendent to enter into two leases with Gorham Savings for two busses.

It was moved by Christine Curtis and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to authorize the Superintendent to enter into two leases with Gorham Savings for two busses. Motion carried unanimously (of those present).

9. Communications:

Superintendent McDonald read a card from Eileen Limoges, retired Ed Tech at OHS-W (and the Supt’s former high school English teacher!). He also received in the mail from California an antique postcard depicting the McLain School and former high school (Lincoln Street Center). Interestingly, a few years ago this same gentleman sent an antique postcard of a Belfast area school when Mr. McDonald was Assistant Superintendent in that district.

Don Robishaw replied to his comments made at the October 1, 2015, meeting regarding Ed Tech I’s.

10. Reports

A. Report of the Superintendent: *Superintendent McDonald appeared on VSTV on October 1st (see link on RSU 13 Facebook page), attended reading program at GBS, attended MSMA Conference, a power outage in Thomaston caused a two hour delay and revealed some OneCall glitches, Parent Teacher Conferences were held on November 4, very pleased with referendum results, and is now beginning to form transition teams for each of the major “Schools of Our Future”*

projects. There will be a schedule of public forums to discuss plans, receive input, and answer questions about the "SOOF" Plan.

- B. Report from the Business Manager: Business Manager Orne provided a broad overview of components and possible process steps for the "SOOF" Plan.*
- C. Report of the Board Chair: Chair Roberts thanked Tess Kilgour for her nine years of service, acknowledged new member Jesse Butler and re-elected member Nancy Jeffers, and enjoyed the MSMA Conference.*

11. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

- A. Curriculum & Technology: Met on October 26, 2015. Next meeting is November 23, 2015, at 3:30 pm.*
- B. Finance & Facilities: Met on October 20, 2015. Next meeting is November 17, 2015, at 5:30 pm.*
- C. Policy: Did not meet in October. Next meeting is November 16, 2015, at 5:30 pm.*
- D. MCST: Met on October 28, 2015. Next meeting is November 18, 2015, at 7:00 pm.*
- Board retreat at Samoset Resort on Saturday, November 7, 2015, beginning at 10:00 am.*

12. Adjournment: *It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Jesse Butler to adjourn at 8:36 pm.*