

MINUTES
RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2014
MCLAIN SCHOOL
5:30PM

Executive Session – 5:30pm

1. Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and a quorum was declared. Loren Andrews arrived at 5:40 pm.
2. Executive Session
 - A. To enter executive session to discuss a legal matter pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(E)

It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Christine Curtis to enter Executive Session to discuss a legal matter pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(E). Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Roberts declared the Board out of Executive Session at 5:53 pm.

Regular Board Meeting – 6:30pm

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
4. Presentation
 - A. Bridge Program – Beth Fisher, MCST

MCST Executive Director Beth Fisher invited the board members to visit the facility. Linda Anderson, a teacher who is piloting program at MVHS, presented a video on the “The Bridge Year Program.” A partnership between MCST, OHS-E, and UM, the program allows students to begin college earlier through courses, internships, and job shadowing. Olivia Wheeler (Junior at MVHS) detailed her experiences in the program. JC Bakely, Curriculum Coordinator, also spoke.

- B. Teacher Evaluation Committee

CCS/LLS Principal Ainslee Riley presented the Teacher Evaluation and Professional Growth Program based on the Marzano Evaluation Model, a pilot program for the 2014-2015 school year, with the intent to implement for the 2015-2016 school year. A few teachers will volunteer and be selected for this pilot program. Superintendent McDonald is also reviewing models for Administrators’ evaluation and will make a recommendation to the Committee.

5. Adjustments to the Agenda: *None.*
6. Public Participation: Citizens are welcome to speak to agenda matters before the Board (up to 30 minutes total)

There was no public participation.

7. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of September 4, 2014, and September 18, 2014.

Hearing no objection, the Consent Agenda was accepted as presented.

8. Business Items

- A. To appoint School Board members as the RSU 13 Representative and Alternate Representative to the Maine School Boards Association Delegate Assembly, which is scheduled for October 23, 2014.

Chair Roberts asked for volunteers and having none, Mr. Roberts offered to attend as Representative. He appointed Noreen Mullaney as Alternate Representative.

- B. To appoint School Board members to the MCST Board of Directors.

Chair Roberts clarified that RSU 13 has five seats on the MCST Board, which are for three year terms, and only one must be a Board member. Chair Roberts nominated and Sally Carleton seconded to appoint Nancy Jeffers to the MCST Board of Directors for a three year term.

9. Communications: *None.*

10. Reports

- A. Report of the Superintendent: *Superintendent McDonald reported on a swift repair of a major computer network issue, school safety/security plans, implementation of proficiency-based grading in the elementary schools, initial plans for a pre-K program grant, the Ad Hoc Facilities Committee's plans for public input, the workshop day on October 10, and current class enrollment figures.*

- B. Report of the Board Chair:

Discussion ensued regarding the high school schedule and the danger of micro-management by the board. Tess Kilgour asked Policy Chair Sherm Hoyt to add the topic to the next Policy Committee agenda.

It was moved by Chair Roberts and seconded by Tess Kilgour to move the discussion of the schedule to the Policy Committee. It was amended by Sally Carleton and seconded by Noreen Mullaney to move the discussion to Curriculum Committee. Motion to amend passed 916 – 84 (Tess Kilgour abstained). Motion to move to Curriculum passed 916 – 84 (Tess Kilgour against).

It was moved by Carol Bachofner and seconded by Tess Kilgour that a possible recommendation move from the Curriculum Committee to the Policy Committee with a final policy recommendation to the full board. After discussion, Carol Bachofner withdrew her motion.

Chair Roberts attended an Education & Business Conference presented by the Chamber of Commerce and a discussion on Cultural Planning at the Farnsworth. He reminded committee chairs to provide agendas on time for sufficient public notice.

11. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

- A. Curriculum: *Met on September 25, 2014. Next meeting is October 23, 2014, at 5:30 pm.*
- B. Facilities & Transportation: *Met on September 9, 2014. Next meeting is October 7, 2014, at 4:00 pm.*
- C. Finance & Insurance: *Met on October 1, 2014. Next meeting is November 13, 2014, at 4:00 pm.*
- D. Policy: *Met on September 8, 2014. Next meeting is October 20, 2014, at 4:00 pm.*
- E. Technology: *Met on September 22, 2014. Next meeting is October 27, 2014, at 3:00 pm.*
- F. Many Flags: *Met on September 11, 2014. Next meeting is October 9, 2014, at 6:00 pm.*
- G. MCST: *Met on September 24, 2014. Next meeting is October 15, 2014, at 7:00 pm.*

12. Adjournment: *It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Tess Kilgour to adjourn at 8:23 pm.*

**The next workshop of the RSU 13 School Board
will be October 16, 2014, at 6:30 pm.**

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