

MINUTES
RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2016
McLAIN SCHOOL
6:30PM

Executive Session – 5:30pm

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum – *Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and quorum was declared.*
2. Executive Session
 - A. To enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(A) – *It was moved by Susan Thomas and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(A). Motion carried unanimously, of those present. Executive session entered at 5:30 pm and Chair Roberts declared the Board out at 6:22 pm.*

School Board Meeting – 6:30pm

3. Pledge of Allegiance – *The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.*
4. Adjustments to the Agenda – *The Worthington Scholars presentation is being removed from the agenda. Additions are Business Item E- To approve an Oceanside Key Club Trip, September 23-25, 2016 and Item F- Motion to approve a .5 Social Worker position at Oceanside High School. It was then moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Susan Thomas to add the appointment of Justin Bennett as Interim Principal of South School for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion to amend the agenda carried unanimously, of those present. Business Item F added. **See also bold and underlined.***
5. **Presentation**
~~Worthington Scholars (Beverly Worthington)~~
6. Public Participation: Citizens are welcome to speak to agenda matters before the Board (up to 30 minutes total) - *None*
7. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of July 21, 2016 and August 4, 2016 – *Don Robishaw objected to the approval of the minutes from August 4th. It was then moved by Don Robishaw and seconded by Ron Gamage to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2016 meeting. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.*
8. Business Items
 - A. To accept the resignation of:
 - (1) John Sommo, Social Worker, Owls Head Central School and Gilford Butler School
 - (2) Tanya Robinson, Special Education Teacher, former Rockland District Middle School
 - (3) Kelly Pelletier, Clinical Coordinator, South School
 - (4) Stephen Foster, Social Studies, former Oceanside High School-West
 - (5) Ellen Spring, Elementary Library/Media Specialist
 - (6) Louis-Pierre Lachapelle, Art Teacher, Oceanside High School

It was moved by Susan Thomas and seconded by Ron Gamage to accept the resignations of John Sommo, Tanya Robinson, Kelly Pelletier, Stephen Foster, Ellen Spring, and Louis-Pierre Lachapelle. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.

B. To approve the appointment of:

- (1) Lauren Casey, Music Teacher, Oceanside High School
- (2) Jeffrey Kinney, Math Teacher, Oceanside High School
- (3) Larry Schooley, IEP Coordinator

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Susan Thomas to approve the appointment of Lauren Casey, Jeffrey Kinney, and Larry Schooley. It was then moved by Don Robishaw to remove (3) to be voted on and discussed separately. It was then moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Susan Thomas to approve the appointment of Lauren Casey and Jeffrey Kinney. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Kella River to approve the appointment of Larry Schooley, IEP Coordinator. Discussion ensued. Motion carried 696 – 98, with Don Robishaw against.

C. To undertake a first reading of:

- (1) Policy EEA-P - School Bus Drivers and Van Drivers Procedural Guidelines – Responsibilities and Duties

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Kella River to undertake the first reading of Policy EEA-P. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.

- (2) New Policy - Employee Concerns and Complaints

It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Loren Andrews to undertake the first reading of New Policy – Employee Concerns and Complaints. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.

D. To undertake a second reading of:

- (1) Policy KBF – Parent Involvement in Title 1A

It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Susan Thomas to undertake a second reading of Policy KBF – Parent Involvement in Title 1A. Motion carried unanimously, of those present. .

E. To approve an Oceanside Key Club Trip, September 23-25, 2016

It was moved by Ron Gamage and seconded by Loren Andrews to approve an Oceanside Key Club Trip. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.

F. Motion to approve .5 Social Worker position at Oceanside High School-

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Kella River to approve a .5 Social Worker position at Oceanside High School. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.

G. To approve the appointment of Justin Bennett as Interim Principal of South School for the 2016-2017 school year.

It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Carol Bachofner to appoint Justin Bennett as the Interim Principal at South School for the 2016/2017 School Year. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.

9. Communications- Superintendent McDonald read a letter from Mr. & Mrs. David Worthington addressed to Scott Browning, Jobs for Maine Grads Specialist at Oceanside High School. With the letter was a donation of \$2000, to help fund activities and curriculum used to enhance student preparation for college and work. He then read letters from RSU 13, to both Coastal Children's

Museum and Rockland Public Library, thanking them each for their generous donations of school supplies.

10. Reports

- A. Report of the Superintendent – *Superintendent McDonald reported that the moves are complete and RSU 13 is open for business. Mr. McDonald visited South School on the first day to greet students and teachers. There was an in-service day on August 24th and another one tomorrow, September 2nd, at which staff is receiving technology training on the new devices. Staff have already received their equipment, and they will be deployed to students within the next two weeks. Siemen's projects are about 70% done, and they will now be working after hours to finish up the rest of the work. It will likely be the end of October or mid-November before everything is complete. Playgrounds are in at Thomaston Grammar and South School. The Pre-K programs are all licensed at South School, and the classrooms are mostly full. There are 4 Pre-K programs this year, two at South School and two in the Penquis Building. Next year there will be at least 5. Mr. McDonald has requested that the Curriculum and Technology Committee recommend a World Language program at elementary level. The program has been temporarily discontinued so that it can be rebuilt appropriately. He then congratulated Reid Robishaw, student at Gilford Butler School, for winning a poster contest for the CDC. The district is working extremely hard to address staffing issues, in Special Education department in particular. These are state wide issues. Positions for a Special Education teacher, Ed Tech IIIs, and BATs remain open, and the search for a Special Education Director continues. Finally, he reported that the Student Engagement Task Force is scheduled to meet again the first Monday of October, and he will update the Board after that meeting.*
- B. Report of the Business Manager- *Business Manager Peter Orne reported that it has been a busy summer. He reiterated Superintendent McDonald's report on the Siemen's projects being almost complete. He is currently looking at the idea to putting a Bus Garage on RSU 13 property, and has met with the Rockland City Manager to discuss sharing services. Lura Libby is cleaned out and empty and ready to be transferred back to the Town of Thomaston. He mentioned that in addition to Special Education staffing issues, there is a need in the Custodial department as well. Transportation is off to a good start, but they are researching ways to make bus routes more efficient. There is now a meeting calendar on the RSU 13 website, which will include all regular School Board meetings and workshops, and committee meetings as well. Technology for the Board is almost ready. The last devices are set to be delivered shortly. He also mentioned that there is a request in to the Department of Transportation requesting preferential treatment for busses going back and forth to Thomaston when the one-lane construction starts up again next week.*
- C. Report of the Board Chair – *Chair Roberts addressed the need to form a Strategic Plan Revision committee. He asked that the Board make recommendations as to whom they would like to serve on that committee.*

11. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

- A. Curriculum & Technology – *Met on 8/15. Next meeting 9/26 at 3:30 pm at Herring Gut.*
- B. Finance & Facilities – *Workshop tonight, just prior to Board Meeting to discuss long term plans. Next meeting 9/20 at 5:00 pm.*
- C. Policy & Communications - *Met on 8/15. Next meeting 9/19 at 5:00 pm.*
- D. MCST – *Met on 8/24. Next meeting September 28th at 7:00 pm.*

12. Adjournment – *It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Susan Thomas to adjourn at 7:45 pm.*