

MINUTES
RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2017
MCLAIN SCHOOL
6:30PM

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum – *Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and quorum was declared. Susan Allen Thomas, Kella River, Loren Andrews, Gerald Weinand, Tom Peaco, Carol Bachofner, Ron Gamage and Chair Roberts were present. Christine Curtis and Nancy Jeffers were absent.*
2. Pledge of Allegiance – *The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.*
3. Adjustments to the Agenda- **See underlined and bold.**
4. Presentations
 - A. Lynn Snow and TGS Students – *Cooking in the Classroom – Lynn Snow and 5th grade students Michael McCue and Miles Murray gave a presentation about the Cooking in the Classroom program. They spoke about the whole process; harvesting vegetables from the garden, learning about the importance of food safety, and the actual prepping and cooking of the food. They provided a slide show of their different creations, and then offered the Board and audience chocolate chip cookies to complete the presentation.*
 - B. OMS and OHS Principals – Educational Benefits of Schools of our Future Projects – **Rescheduled for next meeting.**
5. Public Participation: Citizens are welcome to speak to agenda matters before the Board (up to 30 minutes total) –
Don Robishaw, resident of Rockland, spoke about bond issues (Agenda Item D).
6. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of December 1, 2016 –
Hearing no objections, the consent agenda was acknowledged.
7. Business Items
 - A. To approve the appointment of Christy Monroe as Adult Education Director-
It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Susan Allen Thomas to approve the appointment of Christy Monroe as Adult Education Director. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.
 - B. To approve a request for **an unpaid** sabbatical leave for the 2017-2018 school year –
It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Kella River to approve a request for sabbatical leave for the 2017 – 2018 school year. Motion carried 696 – 98 – 205 (with Tom Peaco abstaining and Nancy Jeffers and Christine Curtis not present).

- C. To approve a request for an additional six weeks of unpaid maternity leave beyond the six weeks of paid maternity leave –

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Susan Allen Thomas to approve the request for an additional six weeks of unpaid maternity leave beyond the six weeks of paid maternity leave. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.

- D. Warrant and Notice of Election to call an RSU 13 regional referendum and for the purpose of approving school construction projects throughout the district

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Carol Bachofner that a warrant and Notice of Election to call an RSU 13 regional referendum and for the purpose of approving school construction projects throughout the district. Mr. Andrews then amended the motion, to be read as recommended by legal. The motion read:

That the warrant and notice of election of Regional School Unit No. 13 presented to the meeting be approved and that a referendum election for the RSU be called for February 28th, 2017, for the purpose of approving the issuance of bonds or notes of the RSU for school construction and minor capital project purposes as described therein.

That the Notices of Public Hearing presented to the meeting be approved and that a public hearing on the issuance of bonds or notes for school construction project purposed be held on February 16th, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. as provided therein.

The motion, as amended, was seconded by Susan Allen Thomas. Discussion ensued. It was then moved by Loren Andrews to waive the reading of the entire document. Motion was seconded by Carol Bachofner. Motion to waive passed 699 – 95 – 205 (with Ron Gamage against and Nancy Jeffers and Christine Curtis absent). More discussion. It was then moved by Ron Gamage to amend the motion to include the dollar amount, but then he withdrew the motion. He then moved to amend the motion again to include both the dollar amount and the phrase “not to exceed”. Motion to amend was seconded by Loren Andrews, and carried 696 – 98 – 205, (with Carol Bachofner against and Nancy Jeffers and Christine Curtis absent). The amended motion then carried unanimously.

- E. To authorize the Superintendent to enter into a lease for the purpose of financing the heating system at 28 Lincoln Street –

Susan Allen Thomas moved that the resolution entitled, “Resolution to Authorize Lease Purchase of 28 Lincoln Street Heating System in the Principal Amount of \$142,508.00” be adopted in form presented to this evening. The motion was seconded by Loren Andrews, and passed unanimously, of those present.

- F. To authorize the Superintendent to enter into a lease for the purchase of two busses –

Kella River moved that the resolution entitled, “Resolution to Authorize Lease Purchase of Two School Busses in the Principal Amount of \$178,173.00,” be adopted in form presented to this meeting. The motion was seconded by Loren Andrews, and passed unanimously, of those present.

- G. Motion to form Board ad hoc subcommittees to oversee building projects at Owls Head Central School, Oceanside Middle School/Oceanside High School (two committees) –

It was moved by Ron Gamage and seconded by Loren Andrews to form Board ad hoc subcommittees to oversee building projects at Owls Head Central School, Oceanside Middle School/Oceanside High School (two committees). Motion carried unanimously, of those present.

- H. Motion to offer the McLain School building to the City of Rockland

Susan Allen Thomas moved that the Vote entitled, “Vote to Offer the Former McLain School to the City of Rockland,” be adopted in form presented to this meeting and that an attested copy of this Vote be filed with the minutes of this meeting. VOTE TO OFFER THE FORMER MCLAIN SCHOOL TO THE CITY OF ROCKLAND: The School Board of Regional School Unit No. 13 (the “RSU”) hereby finds that if the RSU voters and the Commissioner of Education approve a proposed RSU school construction project, which includes an addition and renovations to the Oceanside Middle School, the

Administrative Office, now located in the former McLain School, 28 Lincoln Street in Rockland, can be relocated to South School; and

The School Board further votes as follows: That the Superintendent is authorized to offer to transfer ownership of the former McLain School property to the City of Rockland, such offer to be held open until Noon on Monday, May 1, 2017, subject to the Superintendent's exercise of discretion; and

That, if said offer is timely accepted, the Superintendent is authorized to take the necessary steps to effect the transfer ownership of the former McLain School Property to the City of Rockland, including preparations, execution, and delivery of a quitclaim deed without covenant.

The motion was seconded by Loren Andrews, and passed unanimously, of those present.

8. Communications - none
9. Reports
 - A. Report of the Superintendent – Superintendent McDonald reported that the Gifted and Talented plan was approved again this year. Oceanside High School applied for and received the BARR (Building Assets, Reducing Risks). RSU 13 received a \$30,000 grant from Siemens for STEM related instruction. He also read through the Schools of Our Future Handout, which bullets all of the improvements to RSU 13 through this plan.
 - B. Report of the Business Manager – Business Manager Orne did not have a report to present, but spoke to state of our debt when questioned by Ron Gamage. The debt load on the budget, in our worst year, will be about 7.8%. This amount is well below the state average and a very responsible amount.
 - C. Report of the Board Chair – Chair Roberts reported that he and Superintendent McDonald had met earlier that evening with Rockland Main Street, and said that the meeting was great. He also said that now the motion has passed for building committees, we need people willing to serve on those. He also thanked Superintendent McDonald and Business Manager Orne for working ahead of time in regards to the budget.
10. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings
 - A. Curriculum & Technology – *Did not meet in December due to holidays, next meeting January 23, 2017 at 3:30 PM.*
 - B. Finance & Facilities – *Met on December 20, 2016, next meeting January 17, 2017 at 5:00 PM.*
 - C. Policy & Communications – *Met on December 19, 2016, next meeting January 17, 2017 at 5 PM.*
 - D. MCST – *Met on December 21, 2016, next meeting January 25, 2017 at 7:00 PM.*
11. Adjournment – *It was moved by Susan Allen Thomas and seconded by Kella River to adjourn, at 7:54 PM.*