

MINUTES
RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2016
MCLAIN SCHOOL
6:30PM

5:30-6:00PM – RETIREE RECEPTION

Executive Session – 6:00pm

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum- *Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Christine Curtis 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 6:03 pm and Chair Roberts declared the Board out at 6:25pm. Carol Bachofner was absent and the Thomaston seat remains unfilled.*

School Board Meeting – 6:30pm

3. Pledge of Allegiance- *The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.*
4. **Public Hearing for Lura Libby School Closure – None**
5. Adjustments to the Agenda- *Remove Business Item 9 D (approval of Siemens Financing Terms) and replace with Authorize the Superintendent to hire a teaching principal for Cushing School. Also add Business Item G, the signing of warrants for the amounts adopted at Regional Budget Meeting. **See bold and underlined.***
6. Presentation
 - A. Spain Trip – *Presentation and slide show given by Gretchen Jordan about the Spain trip that 21 students from Oceanside East and West attended. .*
7. Public Participation: Citizens are welcome to speak to agenda matters before the Board (up to 30 minutes total) – *Hal Perry, a Rockland resident and RSU 13 employee, thanked the Board for the presentation of the budget at the Regional Budget Meeting.*
8. Consent Agenda
 - A. Acknowledge the retirement of:
 - (1) Susan Johnson, Art Teacher, OHS-East
 - (2) Peggy Weeks, Math Teacher, OHS-West
 - (3) Robert Jean, Elementary Title 1 Teacher
 - B. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of May 5, 2016 and May 12, 2016
Hearing no objections, the consent agenda was acknowledged.
9. Business Items
 - A. Authorization for the Superintendent to hire and issue contracts during the summer.

It was moved by Jesse Butler and seconded by Loren Andrews to authorize the Superintendent to hire and issue contracts during the summer. Motion passed 708 – 98 (with Don Robishaw against).

B. To renew the contracts of the following administrators:

- (1) Molly Bishop, Athletic Director
- (2) Erin Frazier, Special Education Director
- (3) Ed Hastings, Assistant Principal, OHS-W
- (4) Ainslee Riley, Principal, CCS/LLS
- (5) Lynsey Ward, Principal, RDMS/SS

It was moved by Jesse Butler and seconded by Susan Thomas to renew the contracts of Molly Bishop, Erin Frazier, Ed Hastings, Ainslee Riley, and Lynsey Ward. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.

C. To renew the contracts of the following non-aligned personnel:

- (1) Mark Leavitt, Physical Therapist
- (2) Shannon Parker, Adult Education Director
- (3) Kelly Pelletier, Clinical Coordinator

It was moved by Jesse Butler and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to renew the contracts of Mark Leavitt, Shannon Parker, and Kelly Pelletier. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.

D. **Authorize the Superintendent to hire a Teaching Principal for Cushing School –**

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to authorize the Superintendent to hire a teaching principal for Cushing School. Motion carries 708 – 98 (with Don Robishaw against.)

E. To undertake a first reading of Draft Policy EEA-P - *School Bus Drivers and Van Drivers Procedural Guidelines – Responsibilities and Duties*

It was moved by Jesse Butler and seconded by Susan Thomas to undertake the first reading of Draft Policy EEA-P – School Bus Drivers and Van Drivers Procedural Guidelines. Motion carries unanimously, of those present. .

F. To undertake a second reading of:

- (1) Policy GCG – *Employment of Substitutes*

It was moved by Jesse Butler and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to undertake the second reading of Policy GCG – Employment of Substitutes. Motion carries unanimously, of those present.

- (2) Policy IMG – *Animals in Schools*

It was moved by Jesse Butler and seconded by Susan Thomas to undertake the second reading of Policy IMG – Animals in Schools. Motion carries unanimously, of those present.

G. Signing of the Warrants for the amounts adopted at the Regional Budget Meeting –

Nancy Jeffers moved, that under and by virtue of the provisions of M.R.S.A. 20-A, §1451 - §1512, the directors of Maine Regional School Unit Number 13, organized in pursuance thereof, hereby issue their warrants for the assessment of taxes on the City of Rockland and Towns of Cushing, Owls Head, South Thomaston and Thomaston for the year covering the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Motion was seconded by Susan Thomas, and carried unanimously, of those present.

10. Communications - *none*

11. Reports

- A. Report of the Superintendent- *Superintendent McDonald reported that he would be attending the Honors Brunch on June 5, 2016. There are 17 Honor Graduates this year. Graduation will be held on June 7th at 7:00 PM. He also reminded those present and the public that the Budget Validation Referendum is June 14, 2016, and thanked those who attended for coming to the Regional Budget Meeting held at Oceanside East on May 31. RSU 13 Food Service Director, Charles Butler, won Farm to School Cook-off Competition, with a team name of Knox Rocks. Beth Heidemann, Kindergarten Teacher at Cushing Community School, won Knox County Teacher of the Year and in the running for Maine Teacher of the Year.*
- B. Report of the Board Chair- *Chair Roberts announced that the next June meeting would be the reorganization of the Board.*

12. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

- A. Curriculum & Technology- Meeting cancelled- Next meeting is 6/27 at 3:30 pm. SETF- meets Monday, June 7th at 1:00 pm.
- B. Finance & Facilities – met on May 5th, 2016. Meeting has already been reported on. Next meeting is June 14th at 5:00 pm.
- C. Policy & Communications- met May 16, 2016. Next meeting June 20, 2016
- D. MCST

13. Adjournment – *It was moved by Susan Thomas and seconded by Jesse Butler to adjourn at 7:15 pm.*