

**MINUTES**  
**RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**THURSDAY – JANUARY 7, 2016**  
**MCLAIN SCHOOL**  
**6:30PM**

**Executive Session – 5:30pm**

1. Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and a 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 Carol Bachofner and seconded by Susan Thomas to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter per 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 6:15pm.*  
*Nancy Jeffers arrived late for the Executive Session. Don Robishaw was absent for the Executive Session, but arrived for the regular School Board meeting.*

**Board Meeting – 6:30pm**

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
4. Adjustments to the Agenda – (see italics and underlined under Business Items.)  
*Business Item 10A (Approval of a request to take five (5) students to Harvard for a national speech and debate competition) was removed from the agenda. A motion to accept the resignation of Susan Bragg, Music Teacher at Oceanside High School East was added.*
5. Student Representatives–  
*Student representatives, Krissy McNichol and Grace Carias, gave reports about a hugely successful Boats for Bikes campaign, as well as other holiday activities, including a food and toy drive. They also brought up concerns regarding the graduation date which is currently scheduled for June 14, 2016.*
6. Presentation
  - A. Fishermen’s Academy- *Presentation given by Fisherman’s Academy students, Payton Simmons and Kurt Ilvonen. They provided an overview of how the program works and why they feel it is so successful at engaging students.*
7. Recognitions
  - A. Boats for Bikes- *A charitable campaign that began one week before Christmas, challenging Lobstermen and the community to donate bikes for children. 85 bicycles were collected in 7 days. It was wildly successful and they are hoping to do something similar next year.*
  - B. OHS-E Food Drive- *Students and staff collected upwards of \$10,000 worth of food, sponsoring 20 local families.*
8. Public Participation: Citizens are welcome to speak to agenda matters before the Board (up to 30 minutes total)
  1. **Tess Kilgour**- Resident of Rockland, asked that the Board slow down the process for Siemens projects, requesting that the Board postpone the vote to close Gilford Butler School.

2. **Christine deLormier**- Resident of Thomaston, spoke to her support of Lura Libby School.
3. **Molly Tobin**- Resident of Owls Head, and Senior Class President, requested a change in the graduation date.
4. **Gerald Weinand**- Resident of Rockland, asking that the Board slow down the project process. Recommends that we don't move any students this year.
5. **Paul Gibbons**- Attorney for the Town of Thomaston- Presented a letter from a Thomaston Selectman.

9. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of December 3, 2015-

*It was moved by Susan Thomas and seconded by Don Robishaw that the December 3, 2015 minutes be amended to reflect the correct spelling of 'Siemens'. Motion carried unanimously. The consent agenda was then acknowledged.*

10. Business Items-

- ~~A. Approval of a request to take five (5) students to Harvard for a national speech and debate competition.~~

- B. Closure of Lura Libby School, slated for July 1, 2016-

*Nancy Jeffers motioned that the Vote entitled, "Vote to Approve Closure of Lura Libby School be adopted in form presented to this meeting and that an attested copy of this Vote be filed with the minutes of this meeting." The motion was seconded by Loren Andrews. Motion carried unanimously.*

- C. Closure of Gilford Butler School, slated for July 1, 2017-

*Nancy Jeffers motioned that the Vote entitled, "Vote to Approve Closure of Gilford Butler School," be adopted in form presented to this meeting and that an attested copy of this Vote be filed with the minutes of this meeting. The motion was seconded by Loren Andrews. The motion carried 901-98 (Don Robishaw against).*

- D. Request to use contingency funding for planning activities-

*It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Nancy Jeffers that \$45,000 be transferred out of the contingency fund to fund planning activities. Discussion ensued. Jesse Butler moved to call the question. Motion to call the question carried 901-98 (Don Robishaw against). Question was called and motion carried 901-98 (Don Robishaw against.)*

- E. Motion to authorize Business Manager to be signatory of Wells Fargo scholarship account

*It was moved by Jesse Butler and seconded by Susan Thomas that the Business Manager be a signatory of the Wells Fargo Scholarship account. Motion carried unanimously.*

- F. To undertake a first reading of:

- (1) Revised Policy JICK – Bullying – *It was moved by Jesse Butler and seconded by Loren Andrews to undertake the first reading of Revised Policy JICK- Bullying. Discussion ensued regarding the language of Section 2, number 5. Carol then moved to modify Section 2, number 5 to read "making a knowingly false accusation of bullying behavior." Motion seconded by Ron Gamage. The motion to amend carried 901 – 98 (Jesse Butler against). The original motion to undertake a first reading of Revised Policy JICK – Bullying, as amended, was carried unanimously.*

- (2) Policy JKAA-R – Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion Procedure- *It was moved by Jesse Butler and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to undertake the first reading of Policy JKAA-R – Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion Procedure. Motion carried unanimously.*

- (3) Policy GBI – Staff Gifts and Solicitations- *It was moved by Jesse Butler and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to undertake a first reading of Policy GBI – Staff Gifts and Solicitations. Motion carried unanimously.*
- (4) Policy DB – Annual Budget- *It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Jesse Butler to undertake a first reading of Policy DB – Annual Budget. Motion carried unanimously.*
- (5) Policy DA – Fiscal Management Goals/Priority- *It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Ron Gamage to undertake a first reading of Policy DA – Fiscal Management. Motion carried unanimously.*

G. To undertake a second reading of:

- (1) Revised Policies ADC and ADC-R – Tobacco Use and Possession- *It was moved by Jesse Butler and seconded by Susan Thomas to undertake a second reading of Revised Policies ADC and ADC-R – Tobacco Use and Possession. Motion carried 901 – 98 (Carol Bachofner abstained).*

H. **To approve the appointment of David ‘Jake’ Carlson, Special Education Teacher, SS.-**

*It was moved by Don Robishaw and seconded by Christine Curtis to approve the appointment of David ‘Jake’ Carlson, Special Education Teacher at South School. Motion carried unanimously.*

I. **Accept the resignation of Susan Bragg-**

*It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Ron Gamage to accept the resignation of Susan Bragg. Motion carried unanimously.*

11. Communications - None

12. Reports

A. Report of the Superintendent-

*Oceanside High School East received a \$24,000 MELMAC grant. This grant will help fund activities designed to assist students in attending post-secondary education. Oceanside High School East was also chosen as a ‘Champion School’ by Project Unify and Special Olympics Maine. Anne Pietroski and her team of students at Thomaston Grammar School were winners of the Verizon Innovative App Challenge.*

B. Report of the Business Manager-

*Financial report given by Business Manager, Pete Orne. He provided a summary of financial information to date, as well as an update on the audit. He also discussed the new Employee Self Service program. In an update on facilities, Mr. Orne advised the Board that the district received a notification that there were high levels of lead found in a handwashing sink at Gilford Butler School. The problem was fixed immediately and notification went out to parents. He also advised that there is currently only one working furnace at Rockland District Middle School. He and the Maintenance Department are working on a back-up plan. Finally, he gave a report on Food Service.*

C. Report of the Board Chair-

*Chair Roberts reported that the next meeting would be January 21, 2016.*

13. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

- A. Curriculum & Technology: Met on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Next meeting is January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- B. Finance & Facilities: Met on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Oceanside High School West. Next meeting is January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- C. Policy- Met on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Next meeting is January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

D. MCST- Met on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Next meeting is January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

14. Adjournment- It was moved by Noreen Mullaney and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to adjourn at 8:43 PM.

January 7, 2016

Motion: I move that the Vote entitled, "Vote to Approve Closure of Lura Libby School," be adopted in form presented to this meeting and that an attested copy of this Vote be filed with the minutes of this meeting.

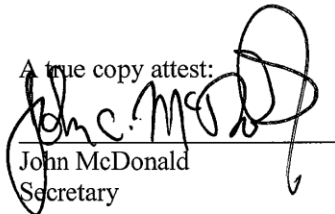
**VOTE TO APPROVE CLOSURE OF LURA LIBBY SCHOOL**

The School Board of Regional School Unit No. 13 hereby votes as follows:

That the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 13 hereby finds that Lura Libby School is unnecessary or unprofitable to maintain within the meaning of Section 4102(3) of Title 20-A of the Maine Revised Statutes; authorizes and directs the Superintendent of Schools to file a school closing report with the Commissioner of Education pursuant to Section 4102(3) of Title 20-A of the Maine Revised Statutes; and authorizes the Superintendent of School to close Lura Libby School after the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year subject to approval of the voters of the Town of Thomaston at a Regional School Unit referendum to be held in that Town pursuant to Section 1512 of the Maine Revised Statutes.

*Note: This Vote requires an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the voting power of those serving on the school board at the time of the vote.*

A true copy attest:

  
John McDonald  
Secretary

January 7, 2016

Motion: I move that the Vote entitled, "Vote to Approve Closure of Gilford Butler School," be adopted in form presented to this meeting and that an attested copy of this Vote be filed with the minutes of this meeting.

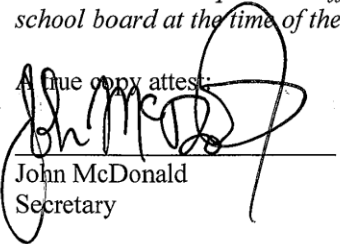
**VOTE TO APPROVE CLOSURE OF GILFORD BUTLER SCHOOL**

The School Board of Regional School Unit No. 13 hereby votes as follows:

That the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 13 hereby finds that Gilford Butler School is unnecessary or unprofitable to maintain within the meaning of Section 4102(3) of Title 20-A of the Maine Revised Statutes; authorizes and directs the Superintendent of Schools to file a school closing report with the Commissioner of Education pursuant to Section 4102(3) of Title 20-A of the Maine Revised Statutes; and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to close Gilford Butler School after the conclusion of the 2016-2017 school year subject to approval of the voters of each of the Towns of South Thomaston and Owls Head at a Regional School Unit referendum to be held in those Towns pursuant to Section 1512 of Title 20-A of the Maine Revised Statutes.

*Note: This Vote requires an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the voting power of those serving on the school board at the time of the vote.*

A true copy attests:

  
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John McDonald  
Secretary