

Superintendent Duties & Responsibilities

The position of Superintendent of Schools is created by state law to provide each school board with the benefit of advice from a professional educator. The state statues and rules give the Superintendent the necessary authority to carry out the responsibilities assigned to him/her in relation to the role assigned to school boards.

School Board Complaint Policy

All parents, students, or other citizens initiating complaints or concerns regarding any aspect of the school department or a school employee shall be encouraged to seek a resolution at the lowest possible level. If the complaint cannot be resolved at the lowest level, the person may appeal to the next level. If the complaint cannot be resolved at any lower level, it may be appealed to the Superintendent's level. It shall be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting for the Board sub-committee's consideration if requested by the person making the complaint. If the sub-committee does not resolve the issue, the complaint can be heard by the full Board.

RSU 13 SCHOOLS & PRINCIPALS

Cushing Community School (K-5)

Teaching Principal:
Telephone: 354-2312

Gilford Butler School (K-2)

Principal: Ben Tripp
Telephone: 594-7666

Owls Head Central School (3-5)

Principal: Ben Tripp
Telephone: 594-5650

South School (PreK-6)

Principal: Lynsey Ward
Asst Principal: Justin Bennett
Telephone: 596-2020

Thomaston Grammar School (K-5)

Principal: Ainslee Riley
Telephone: 354-6353

Oceanside Middle School (7-8)

Principal: William Gifford
Asst Principal: Ed Hastings
Telephone: 354-2502

Oceanside High School (9-12)

Principal: Jennifer Curtis
Asst Principal: Jesse Bartke
Telephone: 596-2010

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING



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REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 13

Board Meetings

The Board welcomes public attendance and input at Board meetings. The RSU 13 Board of Directors generally meets at 6:30PM on the first Thursday of each month in the McLain School Building, unless notice is provided about another location. In addition, there are several sub-committee meetings each month. Agendas are prepared by the Superintendent and Board Chairman. They are published at least five days in advance of each meeting and are available at the Superintendent's Office, in each school, and on our website.

Board Members

Steven Roberts, Chair	Rockland
Loren Andrews, Vice Chair	Cushing
Carol Bachofner	Rockland
Christine Curtis	So. Thomaston
Ron Gamage	Thomaston
Nancy Jeffers	Rockland
Kella River	Thomaston
Donald Robishaw	Rockland
Susan Allen Thomas	Owls Head
Open	Rockland

Administration

John McDonald, Superintendent
Neal Guyer, Director of School Improvement
Peter Orne, Business Manager
Open, Special Education Director
Larry Schooley, IEP Coordinator
Bruce Johnson, IT Director

Public Participation

Meetings of the Board are public in the sense that they are held in public. This does not mean they are public meetings in the same sense as a 'town meeting'. However, comments and concerns related to the matters under consideration by the Board are welcome within the guidelines set forth in Board policy 'Public Participation at Board Meetings'. The Chair will provide an opportunity for public comment at the appropriate time on the agenda. Please be aware of these 'ground rules' from our policy:

- Citizens of the school unit, employees and others with a legitimate interest in the Board's business are welcome to participate as provided in this policy. Others may be recognized to speak at the Board's discretion. Individual employees and/or employee groups will not be permitted to discuss matters for which other, more appropriate forums are provided.
- The Chair may limit the time allotted for comments on a particular topic as well as the time each individual may speak.
- The Chair will require persons interested in speaking to sign up so they may be called on in the most expedient order, with priority given to those addressing items on the agenda.
- All speakers must identify themselves as they begin talking. Speakers are not permitted to share gossip, make defamatory comments, or use abusive or vulgar language. The Chair has the authority to stop any presentation which violates the public participation guidelines or the privacy rights of others. Persons who disrupt the meeting may be asked to leave, and the Chair may request law enforcement assistance if necessary to restore order.
- Constructive comments, suggestions and questions are welcomed and given consideration by the Board. All speakers are to address the Chair and direct questions or comments to particular Board members or the Superintendent only with approval of the Chair. The Chair may, at his/her discretion, refer questions to the Superintendent to address at a later time.
- Questions directed to citizens must be addressed through the Chair.
- No complaints or allegations will be allowed at Board meetings concerning any person employed by the school system. Personal matters or complaints concerning student or staff issues will not be considered in a public meeting but will be referred through established resolution procedures.
- The Board requests that groups or organizations be represented by designated spokespersons.

In order to make efficient use of meeting time, the Board discourages duplication or repetition of comments to the Board.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

Executive Session

In accordance with the Freedom of Access (Right to Know) Law, Board meetings are held in public. The Board may go into Executive Session, upon vote of 3/5 of the members present and voting, for consideration of certain matters specified by law (e.g., personnel, student suspension/expulsion, contracts to be negotiated, collective bargaining, consultations with an attorney concerning legal rights, pending litigation and settlement offers). No final action may be taken in Executive Session.

Board Committees

Full Board	1 st Thursday	6:30pm
Curriculum & Technology	4 th Monday	3:30pm
Finance & Facilities	3 rd Tuesday	5:30pm
Policy & Communications	3 rd Monday	5:00pm

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME

School Board Duties & Responsibilities

Maine State law charges school boards with the responsibility to 'manage the schools'. This is done essentially by selecting a Superintendent and providing him/her with authority and direction. It is not the duty of the Board to operate the schools but to see that they are well operated.

The Board concerns itself primarily with broad questions of policy rather than with administrative details. The application of policies is an administrative task to be performed by the Superintendent and his/her staff, who shall be held responsible for the effective administration and supervision of the entire school system.

Members of the Board have authority only when acting as a Board legally in session. The Board shall not be bound in any way by an action or statement of an individual member except when such statement or action is in pursuance of specific instructions from the Board.