

**Minutes**  
**RSU 13 CURRICULUM & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**  
**RSU 13 FINANCE, INSURANCE, FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, August 5, 2015 – 5:30 PM**  
**McLain Building, Rockland**

*Please note: This will be a joint meeting of the RSU 13 Curriculum & Technology and Finance, Insurance, Facilities & Transportation Committees.*

Curriculum & Technology Committee	Committee & Admin. Liaison	Committee or Visitors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loren Andrews, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Betts
<input type="checkbox"/> Sally Carleton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John McDonald, Supt.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Roberts
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donald Robishaw	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bruce Johnson, Admin. Liaison	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carol Bachofner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neal Guyer, Admin. Liaison	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Time IN: 5:30PM</b>	<b>Time OUT: 6:25PM</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Results / Follow Up</b>	

Finance, Insurance, Facilities & Transportation Committee	Committee & Admin. Liaison	Committee or Visitors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nancy Jeffers, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Gamage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christine Curtis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John McDonald, Supt.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noreen Mullaney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Orne, Admin. Liaison	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<p>1. Summary of constituent's survey and feedback results, community survey, staff feedback, etc. regarding <b>Schools of Our Future</b>; Supt. McDonald</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion &amp; implications</li> <li>• Identifications of premier and guiding questions to assist in the continuing review process</li> </ul>	<p><b>Review survey summary:</b></p> <p>Survey was created and posted in March. It's been available since then on our web page as well as Facebook. Links to the survey were also posted on Bangor Daily News and Village Soup websites.</p> <p>Mr. McDonald presented the survey results. There were about 290 respondents. The school board has been emailed the entire results of the survey.</p> <p><b>Q1. What programs do we have currently that we want to preserve?</b></p> <p>No. 1 answer was the arts (music, art, drama) as well as foreign language, AP classes, sports, g &amp; t and vocational education.</p> <p><b>Q2. What programs do we value and want to implement?</b></p> <p>Top 2 answers were Gifted and Talented and foreign language at the elementary level (Spanish mentioned quite frequently.) Also mentioned were early college courses, Pre K and more Advanced Placement and electives.</p>
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**Q3. What configuration for school would you recommend?**

Keep same (16.73%)

9-12 High School, 6-8 Middle School, grades PreK-5 Elementary in each community (67.3%)

PK-8 in each community (15.97%)

**Q4. Another configuration? Suggestions.**

Top responses are along the lines of reorganizing schools and reducing costs. Responses also suggested closing Gilford Butler School and/or combining Gilford Butler and Owls Head.

**Q5. What goes would you like to see accomplished by the end of the 2016 school year.**

#1 answer is to put student achievement first

Responses also include:

- Improve support and provide professional development for teachers
- Implement reorganization of schools
- Reduce budget expenditures

**Q6. What areas should be priorities for investing our resources?**

#1 Students!!

Schools: Facilities and programming

Teachers: provide support and development

**Q7. How should we involve stakeholders in charting our future?**

#1 Engage with the community, forums, meetings, surveys, and groups

Include the student voice

Use social media

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Discussion around how many people took the survey. Concerns about some people being unable to take the survey as they don't have internet access.

<p>2. Discussion/identification of next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administrative review</li> <li>• Process steps and timeline for moving forward</li> <li>• Discussion/Planning of September 10<sup>th</sup> Summit</li> </ul>	<p>Will have a proposal on reconfiguration by October.</p> <p>Meeting with municipal leaders on September 10, 2015. John requests board members to help work on agenda and format for that meeting. Carol and Steve said they would be willing to help with that.</p> <p>We need to decide what education model we are going to use, and substantiate why. Will be justified in terms of curriculum and social development.</p> <p>Loren asked if it was possible to do a staff specific survey so we can get employee input. Survey was sent to staff already, and John has been around to schools discussing this. Administrators will also bring staff opinions. Not doing staff survey at this time.</p> <p>We need to have a plan that is out there for discussion and not connected in any way to the budget process.</p> <p>Next step will be to hear from John regarding details of the municipal summit on 9/10. Details and agenda to follow shortly. Meeting was originally scheduled for 8/22. Please note date change.</p>
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