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5:30pm RSU 13 School Board Executive Session 6:30pm Regular School Board Meeting Thursday, August 2, 2012 – McLain School – Rockland

The meeting was called to order at 5:40pm. It was moved by Sally Carleton and seconded by Arvilla Collins to go into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining matter. Brian Messing and Sherman Hoyt absent, South Thomaston representative open. A quorum was declared. The Chair declared the Board out of Executive Session at 6:01pm.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:38pm and a declaration of a quorum was declared.

It was moved by Arvilla Collins and seconded by Darryl Sanborn to implement the wage steps for the expired support staff contracts. Motion passed unanimously, with the exception of Brian Messing absent and the South Thomaston vote is open.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

3. Adjustments to the Agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

4. Acknowledgements & Presentations

- a. Welcome Lewis Collins, RSU 13 Superintendent – E. Kilgour

Tess welcomed new Superintendent Lew Collins and said the Board is looking forward to a long relationship. The Board thanked the Superintendent Search Committee for all their work.

Lew thanked the Board. He said he hopes to have a long and fruitful relationship with RSU 13, he is excited to be here, and there is a lot of talent in the district.

- b. South School anti-bullying presentation – *The Domino Effect* - Waterville Film Festival student submission finalist – N. Nickerson & T. Martin

Todd Martin said that last spring Nancy Nickerson was doing a literature study on a common thing, bullying, and she wrote and directed a video on anti-bullying.

*Nancy said there was a lot of student and family support. They had to edit the film from an hour and a half to six minutes for the Film Festival. They have been interviewed by Channel 8, Good Day Maine, and newspapers. There is a letter from the Department of Education on the front page of the on-line website. They won 2nd place (1st runner up) for their age group. The slideshow, *The Domino Effect*, was viewed.*

5. Public Participation: Citizens are welcome to speak to matters before the Board (up to 30 minutes total)

There was no public participation.

6. Communications

There were no communications.

7. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of minutes of Regular RSU 13 School Board Meeting - July 5, 2012
- b. Approval of minutes of RSU 13 School Board Executive Session – July 3, 2012
- c. Approval of minutes of RSU 13 School Board Executive Session – July 9, 2012
- d. Approval of minutes of RSU 13 School Board Executive Session – July 16, 2102
- e. Approve the employment of new teachers:
 - (1) Rebecca Albright, GBS Kindergarten
 - (2) Deanne Tibbetts, LLS, CCS, SS, GBS Library/Media
 - (3) Abigail Nash, RDMS .5 Music
 - (4) Megan Rivard, SS Kindergarten
 - (5) Sandra Francis, OHS-W Mathematics
 - (6) Andrea Reichard, LLS Special Education
 - (7) Sarah Barnard, Elementary French
 - (8) Maurie Stockford, OHS-E Library/Media Specialist
 - (9) Patricia English, SGS .5 FTE Instrumental Music Teacher (This is a one-year half-time position for the duration of Carolyn Kanicki's approved leave of absence.)
- f. Approve the following personnel appointments:
 - (1) Lynsey Ward, .5 FTE Technology Integrator, SS & RDMS
 - (2) Elizabeth Dickerson, .5 FTE Technology teacher, OHS-E (The combination of this position and her current .5 FTE position will make her full-time.)

It was moved by William Peace and seconded by Loren Andrews to accept the consent agenda items a-f. Motion passed unanimously, with the exception of Brian Messing absent and the South Thomaston vote is open.

8. Reports

- a. Report of the Superintendent & Business Manager

Superintendent Lew Collins distributed a handout, Superintendent's Report, August 2012. He said in the future, the report will be included in the Board packet. He said it has been wonderful to meet with staff. He said that on August 28th, he is not asking staff to meet together; instead he will go to each school. He said regarding the inquiry on the transfer of funds for special education, it will happen after the audit.

- b. Report of the Chair

Tess thanked Scott Vaitones for his dedication during the Superintendent search. The Board gave Scott a gift as a token of their appreciation.

Tess mentioned the summer lunch program which was provided through a grant. Over 2,600 free lunches were provided to adults and children. Cathy Dinsmore was in charge of the lunch program. The Board extended a thank you to her for her effort in this program.

Tess mentioned that Dr. Emery Howard passed away on July 23rd. He graduated from Rockland. He was a school board member from 1964-1978. He was an active physician until three years ago. A moment of silence was held.

9. Business Items:

- a. Approve extending the current RSU 13 Interim Superintendent work agreement (approved 12/1/11) for three days per week until Superintendent Collins is able to assume responsibilities on a full-time basis. The Interim Superintendent and Superintendent will both maintain signatory authority for RSU 13 during this time period.

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Sally Carleton to approve extending the Interim Superintendent work agreement for three days until Superintendent Collins is able to assume responsibilities on a full-time basis. Motion passed unanimously, with the exception of Brian Messing absent and the South Thomaston vote is open.

- b. Approve expanding the 2012-2013 I-pad pilot project to include one K-4 special education pilot, one grade 3 pilot, and two kindergarten projects within a 4-year lease or expended through the current year budget (~~to purchase agreement~~).

It was moved by Bill Pearce and seconded by Loren Andrews to amend the I-pad project to include a fourth classroom and to be funded from current funds or up to a 4-year lease.

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Bill Pearce to approve expanding the 2012-2013 I-pad pilot project. Motion carried unanimously, except Brian Messing absent and the South Thomaston vote is open.

Motion passed unanimously, with the exception of Brian Messing absent and the South Thomaston vote is open.

- c. To accept the resignation of Christina Wotton, LLS Special Education
d. To accept the resignation of Jessica Hutchins, SS Grade 1
e. To accept the resignation of Alison Livengood, RDMS, OHCS, TGS Art
f. To accept the resignation of Douglas Kennedy, OHS Music

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Sherm Hoyt to accept with regret the resignations. Motion passed unanimously, with the exception of Brian Messing absent and the South Thomaston vote is open. The Board members wished them well.

10. General discussion items:

- a. Inclusion of a community representative on standing committees.

After discussion, the general consensus of the board members was to leave the committees as they are and not have a community representative on standing committees.

- b. Rotating Board meetings to different school locations.

After discussion, it was decided to have Dan Burgess submit a proposal on the cost of televising the board meetings from different locations. Further discussion will be held at a later meeting.

Arvilla Collins suggested having identification cards for school board members to wear when they visit schools. She will look into the cost of this.

- c. Inviting former Board Chair, Greg Hamlin, to continue involvement on the Strategic Planning Committee and Many Flags/One Community Foundation Board as an ex-officio member representing RSU 13.

After discussion, it was the consensus that Greg Hamlin should be thanked and that he should continue with the Strategic Planning Committee as an ex-officio. The consensus was that he should not continue as an RSU 13 representative for Many Flags/One

Community Foundation. The Chair will need to appoint a representative to the Many Flags/One Community Foundation committee.

11. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

- a. Activities: Chair Esther Kilgour said the committee did not meet. The next meeting will be on 9/11 at 6:30 pm
- b. Curriculum: Chair Sally Carleton said the committee did not meet. The next meeting will be on 8/23 5:30pm with the Technology Committee
- c. Facilities & Transportation: Chair George Emery said the committee did not meet. The date for the next meeting has not been set.

Scott Vaitones gave an update:

Meetings have been held with the Boosters Club. They are eager to do work on Wasgatt field and also help with the general upkeep of the field. The Coast Guard and FMC are also willing to help.

There was an oil tank leak at OHCS. Maritime Energy helped with the cleanup. The DEP took full charge of the leak. The two tanks, which are 40 years old, will be replaced.

Painting and repairs are going well. Custodians have been focusing on their own buildings.

At Central Office, repair is being done on the chimney; cleaning cracks, re-mortar, and banding around the chimney to help stabilize it.

- d. Finance & Insurance: Darryl Sanborn – They met and discussed with Scott Vaitones that the 2011-2012 budget did not close on June 30th due to financial transactions. The next meeting will be on 8/16 at 2pm.
 - e. Policy: William Pearce – The committee did not meet. The next meeting will be on 9/18 at 3:30pm.
 - f. Technology: Loren Andrews – The committee met on 7/19. They unboxed the iPads. The next meeting will be on 8/23 with the Curriculum Committee.
 - g. Mid Coast School of Technology: William Pearce – The committee did not meet. The next meeting will be on 8/22 at 7:00pm.
 - h. Many Flags/One Community: Loren Andrews - The committee did not meet. The next meeting will be on 8/13, 4:00pm, at MCST.
12. Adjournment: *It was moved by Arvilla Collins and seconded by Bill Pearce to adjourn the meeting at 8:28pm.*

The Next Regular Meeting of the RSU 13 School Board will be
Thursday, September 6, 2012, at 6:30pm.