

AGENDA
RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
6:30PM - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2012
McLAIN SCHOOL – ROCKLAND

5:45-6:30PM – New Teacher Reception

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm and a quorum was declared. Members Brian Messing and Carol Bachofner were excused absent.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
3. Adjustments to the Agenda
There were none.
4. Acknowledgements & Presentations
 - a. Wasgatt Field/RSU 13 Sports Boosters banner proposal; M. Stevens & G. Billingsley
Melissa Stevens reviewed volunteers, business donations and projects completed. Superintendent Collins thanked Mrs. Stevens and Mr. Billingsley for their dedication to this project. Greg Billingsley noted the banner displayed in the meeting room is similar to what they have in mind. Don Robishaw asked if there were any policies in place with the district or the state to regulate who or what could be advertised. AD Jim Leonard noted most parameters are covered by MPA regulations. Chair Kilgour felt it should be discussed further in committee and asked their time frame. With only a few home games left, Mrs. Stevens anticipated focusing this year primarily on field and facility improvements. Fundraisers for other fields and venues are intended for the future.
5. Business Items:
 - a. To approve the use of Wasgatt Field facilities for the display of RSU 13 Sports Boosters banner fundraising project
It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Sally Carleton to approve the use of Wasgatt Field facilities for the display of RSU 13 Sports Boosters banners. It was moved by Bill Pearce and seconded by Loren Andrews to amend the motion so as to also be reviewed by the Activities and the Policy committees. The amendment passed unanimously. The motion passed unanimously
6. Acknowledgements & Presentations Continued:
 - a. OHS-East and West Evaluation Plan; T. Forti, L. Schooley, N. Guyer
Neal Guyer noted how staff members will be using the report and its use as a community reference piece. Information will be following students from grades 8 – 12. Pages 5 thru 7 were highlighted. Endicott was part of NEASC. Page 7 features a student survey linked to best practices in teaching. Teachers will see individual results and the school receives the profile as a whole of the survey results. Pages 24 - 25 highlight PSATs taken by 10th graders. Page 29 shows Joe Knight's hard work. Transparency is laudable but risky. We need to strive for this to be a process, not a product, which can be used to set priorities and set goals. No other high school has this kind of documentation.
Larry Schooley focused on page 12 data. NECAP reflects grades 2 - 8. NWAMAPS test is conducted in January or early spring. Writing prompts focus on grades K - 11. Page 13 highlights pass/fail grades, honor roll by M/F, attendance, and use/frequency of

truancy letters. Page 15 details extended opportunities - although accelerated classes are not available for 8th grade this year, they will be next year. Page 24 shows 9th grade earned credits. Page 25 indicates 9th and 12th grade college work readiness assessment – students are given a lot of data to preview then they need to take a stance by a written paper which must include cited references from the data that was presented. It is adapted from a test currently given to college freshmen.

Tom Forti reviewed graduation and post-secondary readiness on page 24. 2012 data will be available after October 1 when it is released by the state. Our data is a little more difficult due to the district merger. There is a 62% secondary enrollment in 2012. Ninth grade earned credits clearly show that credits earned early on support higher graduation rates. OHS-E has 10 bridge courses in all core content areas. Page 25 presents the CWRA taken in 12th grade. PSATs are 14% below the national average – there is a need to provide proper locations and preparatory classes. However, re-testing is 10% higher than the national average. Administrators are working with leadership teams and faculty to utilize the data to improve initiatives.

Questions/Comments from the Board:

Bill Pearce noted that some colleges offer programs for high PSAT or ACT scores. Tom Forti said guidance and teachers are beginning to push the idea thru advisories.

Neal Guyer noted athletics' participation on page 27.

Arvilla Collins asked how students are identified on page 7. Neal Guyer noted that it is by class. He also noted that the Gates Foundation and Great Schools research gives us a way to test our assumptions.

Loren Andrews asked how this information was shared. Tom Forti said through leadership and staff meetings.

Don Robishaw asked about the timeframe for success rate and what the measurable goals were. He inquired about the current copy of enrollments. Lew Collins said that information would be included in the October board packet, along with attendance. Mr. Robishaw also asked if or when they could begin tracking grades K– 8. Neal Guyer referred him to the website's "Assessments" page.

Sally Carleton asked when the CWRA was given in 12th grade. Tom Forti reported that they were usually done in late May. There is some resistance but the staff works to reinforce the "value added" importance. He is hoping to present the results in October.

Tess Kilgour asked who was given the test. Tom Forti replied that it is given in the 9th and 12th grades at a cost of \$40 per test.

Loren Andrews asked how staff would work to raise those levels. Larry Schooley replied it would be through more in-class testing. Tom Forti added that it is not what the answer is but how did you get it.

Bill Pearce inquired if students will get the CWRA results. Tom Forti said they will be available to students on line and will be kept on file.

Sally Carleton wanted to know how the information is used. Tom Forti explained that it is to help ramp up core contents. Larry Schooley added that they are using rubrics to utilize improvement and demonstration of skills.

There is a panel discussion on Sunday, September 23, at OHS-E from 1:00p – 5:00p.

Tess Kilgour inquired about the follow up after 2 truancy letters. Larry Schooley said there are several meetings with parents, then finally a report to DHHS for referrals, and ultimately police involvement (subpoena parents). Lew Collins noted that police

involvement has not always been effective, although Tom Forti reported a good relationship with local law enforcement. The issue has been brought up at student team meetings.

Tess Kilgour asked how many days of 175 are spent doing testing. Lew Collins said he will get that information.

Tess Kilgour also inquired about what is in place to catch 9th grade at risk of not earning 3 credit hours. Tom Forti said that summer school is offered, and that almost all who attend pass. Larry Schooley feels there is a need to budget for summer school, which is backed up by this data. Tess Kilgour asked what the grade level was of attendees. Larry Schooley noted that it is primarily 9th grade.

Bill Pearce asked about dropouts. Tom Forti noted that a dropout prevention committee will be up and running shortly. Larry Schooley also added that dropouts are invited to participate (i.e., asking why they dropped out), even including those who are 4, 5, or 6 years' post dropout.

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

No public comment.

8. Communications

Maine School Board Association is asking for a delegate and alternate to attend their October 25 meeting. Arvilla Collins agreed to be the delegate.

9. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 2, 2012

- b. Approve the employment of new teachers:

- (1) Susan Bragg, OHS-E Music
- (2) Aubray Landray, SS Grade 1
- (3) Dannietta Storer, SS Special Education
- (4) Ben Springer, SS Behavior

- c. Appointment of coaches for 2012/2013 who are not regular employees:

- (1) Archie Stalcup – Oceanside Assistant Varsity Football Coach
- (2) Paul Spizzuoco – Oceanside Girls Varsity Soccer Volunteer Assistant Coach
- (3) John McGonagle – Oceanside West Middle School Volunteer Assistant Coach
- (4) Wayne Judkins – Oceanside Girls Freshman Soccer Coach

Bill Pearce asked to remove 9 (a) Minutes from the Consent Agenda until correct.

Don Robishaw asked to remove 9 (c) Appoint Coaches from Consent Agenda to address the question of the Assistant Varsity Football Coach.

It was moved by Bill Pearce and seconded by Sally Carleton to approve Consent Agenda (b) Approve Teachers. Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Bill Pearce to correct the August 2, 2012, minutes as follows:

Under section 9(b), move the third paragraph that begins "After discussion," to be the second paragraph, delete "After discussion," and add the fourth paragraph that begins "Motion passed" at the end. Move the second paragraph that begins "It was moved by Loren" to be the third paragraph.

The correction as described above was seconded by Don Robishaw. Motion passed 658 - 90 (Christine Curtis abstained).

Tom Forti explained that there is a head coach and three paid assistants, plus volunteer assistants. This is not a new position.

It was moved by Arvilla Collins and seconded by Loren Andrews to approve 9 (c). Motion passed unanimously.

10. Reports

a. Report of the Superintendent & Business Manager

Scott Vaitones– prior to the start of school, dry runs of the proposed bus routes, followed by a staff meeting, were very successful, and the practice will continue. Custodial and Maintenance staff were able to focus on cleaning this year because there were no major moves. Many thanks to Scott Hall and Steve Sylvester. Auditors are here. Dan Burgess provided a quote \$350 per session to film board meetings at satellite schools – needs a week’s (or more) notice. Badges for board members can be generated for about \$2 each.

Lew Collins – So far has visited LLS, TGS, OHS-W and hopes to be in every school once a month. He is very impressed with the management skills of teachers and the enthusiasm of the students. He has met with the staff at the bus garage and sent “thank you’s” to the custodial and maintenance staff. In October, he will provide attendance/enrollment reports and the principals’ newsletters. He also shared that the Commissioner of Education, Steve Bowen, has been overruling Superintendents Agreements concerning parental requests to attend school in another district. Apparently the Commissioner is acting on the Governor’s initiative to assure school choice whenever they can. This has become a statewide issue and the regional Superintendent group will be meeting with legislators at their October meeting to discuss this. The Clinical Coordinator position has been re-advertised.

b. Report of the Chair

Tess Kilgour welcomed Christine Curtis from South Thomaston onto the Board. MSMA is holding their annual conference October 25-26, and highly recommends members attending. The fee is paid by Board; please contact Kathy Blais if interested. Society takes a negative bend on many things, but she feels that SAD5/SAD50/RSU13 has accomplished a lot and feels this year will really be moving forward. Please let those people who work in the district know you appreciate them – let’s make this a year of celebrating our successes. A quiet moment was held for everyone to privately express their thoughts and prayers for Ivan Sprague (custodian at SS/RDMS) and his family.

11. Business Items continued:

a. To approve the hiring of a part-time, twenty hour per week administrative assistant for the RSU 13 Superintendent’s office.

Lew Collins highlighted Kathy Blais’ job responsibilities. He believes in spending smart, and what he is proposing can be funded with money already in the budget. By limiting it to 3.5 hours/day then benefits will not apply. The cost is approximately \$7,000 for remainder of year.

Loren Andrews supports it completely. George Emery was surprised that it was previously at only one and a half positions, and agrees there is a need of support based on the upcoming curriculum. Sally Carleton said it is the professional thing to do. Arvilla Collins was concerned with the reasoning for less than 20 hrs. Lew Collins noted that keeping it under 20 hours was purely for fiscal reasons. Tess Kilgour asked if there is a

stipend in position for webmaster. Scott Vaitones noted that Hank Read used to do it, but is now farmed out to each school with the secretaries trained to maintain/update their school's page. Don Robishaw asked if there are any secretaries not working FT that are available (e.g., the bus garage secretary). Lew Collins said he took that into consideration, but the bulk of the time that is needed is in the morning and that person is not available.

It was moved by Darryl Sanborn and seconded by Loren Andrews to approve the hiring of a part-time administrative assistant not to exceed 20 hours per week. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

- a. Activities: Chair Tess Kilgour reported the committee did not meet last month. Next meeting is September 11, 2012, at 5:30 pm.
- b. Curriculum: Chair Sally Carleton reported the committee met on August 23. Next meeting is September 20, 2012, at 5:40 pm.
- c. Facilities & Transportation: Chair George Emery reported the committee did not meet. Next meeting is October 2, 2012, at 5:30 pm.
- d. Finance & Insurance: Chair Darryl Sanborn reported the committee met August 16. Next meeting is September 13, 2012, at 6:00 pm.
- e. Policy: Chair William Pearce reported the committee did not meet last month. Next meeting is September 18, 2012, at 3:30 pm.
- f. Technology: Chair Loren Andrews reported the committee met August 23. Next meeting is September 27, 2012, at 6:00 pm.
- g. Mid Coast School of Technology: Chair Bill Pearce reported the committee met on August 22. Next meeting is September 26 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.
- h. Many Flags/One Campus: Chair Loren Andrews reported the committee met without him on . Next meeting is September 10, 2012 at 4:00 pm.

13. Adjournment: *It was moved by Arvilla Collins and seconded by Loren Andrews to adjourn at 8:52 pm.*

The Next Regular Meeting of the RSU 13 School Board will be
Thursday, October 4, 2012, at 6:30 pm.