

MINUTES
RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2013
McLAIN SCHOOL
6:30PM

Executive Session – 5.45pm

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:47 pm and a quorum was declared. Arvilla Collins was excused absent. Darryl Sanborn arrived at 6:05 pm.
2. Executive Session: To go into Executive Session per MRSA 405(6)(c) to discuss negotiations.
It was moved by Carol Bachofner and seconded by George Emery to go into Executive Session per MRSA 405(6)(c) to discuss negotiations. Motion carried unanimously.
Executive Session entered at 5:47 pm and Chair Kilgour declared the Board out of Executive Session at 6:25 pm. Return to public session at 6:30 pm.

Regular Board Meeting – 6:30pm

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
4. Adjustments to the Agenda:
Move Item 7. Technology Integration Presentation and Item 8. I-Pad Presentation until after Item 9. Business Items.
Add to Item 10. a. Policies in First Reading: (5) Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements.
Remove Item 10. b. Policies in Second Reading, (3) Policy IJOA – Field Trips and Other Student Travel - this item will be HELD to allow Superintendent Collins to research the concept of field trips during the school day only.
5. Staff Member of the Month Presentation
Susan Stilwell presented the Staff Member of the Month to Angela Johnson, Music Teacher at OHCS and TGS. She demonstrates incredible integration into curriculum and accepts challenges willingly. Superintendent Collins reminded her that she will receive a special parking space for a month and \$100 bonus in her paycheck.
6. Public Participation: Citizens are welcome to speak to agenda matters before the Board (up to 30 minutes total)
 - Greg Billingsley – spoke against the 10% sports fundraising requirement.
7. (9.) Business Items
 - a. Nomination of Teaching Position – 2nd Grade at South School
It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Darryl Sanborn to nominated Stacey O'Connor to the position of 2nd grade teacher at South School. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Strategic Plan Presentation and Clarifying Questions (*Board will not vote on the plan at this meeting.*)

Neal Guyer gave an overview of the timeline and thanked those involved for their dedication and commitment to this monumental process. Duke Albanese focused on being able to measure growth and that the core beliefs captured the priorities.

Chair Kilgour and Superintendent Collins thanked the members for their hard work.

8. (8.) I-Pad Presentation – Kristin Gould and Karen Wheelis

Kristin Gould (3rd grade SS) presented some of the apps the students are using (cursive writing, spelling, reading, math, book writing/publishing) and received excited positive feedback from parents. A couple of the students demonstrated how the apps work. Their adaption to the technology was evident by their excitement and ease of operation.

Karen Wheelis (Spec Ed SS) showed some of the apps her students enjoy using, such as StoryKit and Scribble Press. A number of students also participate in the Writer's Club, where they can receive more instruction in writing. She reviewed a hand out showing her students using the i-Pads, noting that repetition is the key to learning. One of the program's positives is peer-to-peer learning. A powerful "side effect" of the program has been seeing a below grade-level student rise to the position of mentor and help other students. Some of the negatives are that data can't be printed from the i-Pad and determination of appropriate apps is time consuming. She suggested a "database" of apps for teachers to access for reference and reviews. Nancy Jeffers suggested creating a SharePoint site on the RSU website to utilize the sharing of app evaluations.

9. (7.) Technology Integration Presentation – Josh Mahar and Jennifer Curtis

Josh Mahar (OHS-E) briefly explained how he is using the online science literature. He is able to utilize students' online progress to customize his instruction. Payton Billings (Soph) described her experiences using the technology and Jackie Thorbjornson (Soph) noted that the scope of study can be student-interest driven and that it creates interest in the field of sciences. Barriers include place and time constraints.

7. (9.) Business Items (**continued**)

c. Teacher Job Description

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to accept the Teacher Job Description as presented. Chair Kilgour asked to amend Item 19 to read: "Capably informs parents of student progress and/or learning challenges in routine reporting and in a timely manner when needed. Student grades and assignments will be posted electronically to the RSU #13 reporting software on a weekly basis. Parents of students who are failing or at-risk of failing a class will be notified of this situation as early in the reporting period as practicable." Motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

d. Behavior Analyst Job Description

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Sally Carleton to accept the Behavior Analyst Job Description as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Policies

a. Policies in First Reading

- (1) Policy IJJ – Selection of Instructional and Research Materials
- (2) Policy JHB – Truancy
- (3) Policy JK – Student Discipline

(4) Policy JKD – Suspension of Students

(5) Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements

It was agreed to approve the Policies in First Reading as a group. It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Loren Andrews to accept the Policies in First Reading as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Policies in Second Reading:

(1) Policy GBN – Family and Medical Leave

(2) Policy GBO – Family Care Leave

(3) ~~Policy IJOA – Field Trips and Other Student Travel~~ – removed.

(4) Policy BDI - Student Representatives to the School Board

It was agreed to approve the Policies in Second Reading as a group. It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Bill Pearce to accept the Policies in Second Reading as presented. Bill Pearce noted the Policies GBN and GBO are boiler plate. Donald Robishaw asked about community service credit being given. Superintendent Collins said that it would need to be at the discretion of the administrator, not part of the policy.

11. Communications

There were no communications.

12. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 4, 2013

It was moved by Carol Bachofner and seconded by Sally Carleton to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 836 - 84 (Nancy Jeffers abstained).

13. Reports

a. Report of the Superintendent & Business Manager

2-Lew Collins: *Superintendent Collins expressed his concerns with staff absenteeism as well. He met with the School Safety group on January 30 and there will be a public hearing on Feb 26 at 6pm at Rockland City Hall. He reviewed the various buildings' square footage, uses, student capacity, and utilities. He is working on coinciding school schedules among the districts and MCST.*

Don Robishaw asked about the final accreditation report. Superintendent Collins said they were promised a report by November and have received nothing by Feb; he felt this was unacceptable.

1-Scott Vaitones: *Absenteeism among bus staff has been affecting routes. Unfortunately, new driver training takes about 4 months. SGS roof needs to be addressed. Facilities Committee agrees that the energy audit could possibly be conducted by students. It would consist of the west side buildings, be an after school class, and they would receive community service credit. The district subscribes to Ken McKinley's weather service for just our six towns and it has been invaluable in determining whether to close or delay school.*

14. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

a. Curriculum: Chair Sally Carleton reported the committee met on January 17, 2013. Next meeting is February 28, 2013, at 5:30 pm.

- b. Facilities & Transportation: Chair George Emery reported the committee met on January 15, 2013. Next meeting is March 5, 2013, at 5:30 pm.
 - c. Finance & Insurance: Chair Darryl Sanborn reported the committee met on January 15, 2013. Next meeting is February 14, 2013, at 6:00 pm.
 - d. Policy: Chair Bill Pearce reported the committee met on January 28, 2013. Next meeting is February 25, 2013, at 4:00 pm.
 - e. Technology: Chair Loren Andrews reported the committee met on January 24, 2013. Next meeting is February 28, 2013, at TBA pm.
 - f. Many Flags/One Community: Loren Andrews reported the Board met on January 10, 2013. Next meeting is February ??, 2013, at 6:00 pm.
 - g. MCST: Chair Bill Pearce reported the committee met on January 23, 2013. Next meeting is February 27, 2013, at 7:00 pm.
15. Adjournment: *It was moved Carol Bachofner and seconded by Darryl Sanborn to adjourn at 8:55 pm.*

The next regular meeting of the RSU 13 School Board will be
Thursday, March 7, 2013, at 6:30 pm
at McLain School.