

MINUTES
RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2013
OWLS HEAD CENTRAL SCHOOL
6:30PM

Executive Session – 5:30 pm

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm and a quorum was declared. Nancy Jeffers was excused absent.
2. Executive Session: To go into Executive Session per MRSA 405(6)(C) to discuss personnel matters.

It was moved by Sally Carleton and seconded by Arvilla Collins to go into Executive Session per MRSA 405 (6) (c) to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session entered at 5:30 pm and Chair Kilgour declared the Board out of Executive Session at 6:28 pm. Return to public session at 6:35 pm.

Regular Board Meeting – 6:35pm

3. Chair Kilgour asked for a 27 second moment of remembrance for the Sandy Hook (CT) Elementary School victims, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Adjustments to the Agenda

Move Staff Member Presentation to Item 5.

Add Legislators Discussion as Item 6.

Move Public Participation to Item 7.

5. Staff Member of the Month Presentation

Superintendent Collins recognized Jamie O'Donoghue as the Staff Member of the Month for January 2013. He was presented a certificate of recognition, will receive a \$100 one-time cash bonus, and be allocated a prime parking space for one month.

6. Legislation Discussion

Representatives Lizzie Dickerson and Chuck Kruger and Senator Ed Mazurek were in attendance. Superintendent Collins expressed his concerns with the government's budget cuts/curtailments. Most board members also made brief comments to the legislators. Each legislator addressed the board to confirm their commitment to education and their availability to the board.

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

There was no public participation.

8. i-Pad Presentation

Beth Vickery (K teacher CCS) described how the i-Pads have impacted the learning and interaction of her students, both individually and as a group, and encouraged parents' feedback and participation. Board members asked questions on how the i-Pads have changed her teaching methods and affected testing.

Christine Miller (K teacher SGS) wanted this project to help increase her technology knowledge and to improve her students' testing results. She shared video clips of students working with the iPads. Some of her concerns focused on learning, planning and syncing the technology.

IT Director Bruce Johnson addressed the total number purchased.

9. Business Items:

a. School Trip Request to Bahamas

John Hagin (Biology teacher at OHS-E) presented the request for 4-6 students to research a marine project as a team. Preliminary research will be done at home, they will do the physical research in Bahamas, then create and present their findings to a number of staff at Cape Eleuthera Research Institute. All expenses are paid by students and Mr. Hagin will not be compensated for his time. The trip is planned for August 4-14 and is available to present Sophs and Jrs as recommended by staff. Joyce Burnham explained how a scholarship created in her daughter's (Aleisha Sonksen) memory will help a student from both Camden Hills Regional and Oceanside High Schools. Arvilla Collins expressed concerns about insurance and chaperones for both sex attendees. Mr. Hagin explained that the insurance is covered via the trip fee and there are separate male and female dorms.

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Sally Carleton to allow the school trip to Bahamas. Don Robishaw asked if credit is given. Superintendent Collins said if the board approves it then students are covered under the umbrella of our liability. Credit would need to be granted via Curriculum Committee. Carol Bachofner has edited the project description and would approve granting credit. Chair Kilgour asked for a presentation upon the completion of the trip/project. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Appointment of Kelly Pelletier, Clinical Consultant

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Carol Bachofner to appoint Kelly Pelletier as Clinical Consultant. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Teacher Job Description – Revision #3

Removed as Business Item 3: *Three items were added by the attorney and the new version was passed out at the meeting. The job description will be voted on at the February Board meeting.*

10. Communications

There were no communications.

11. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 6, 2012

It was moved by Don Robishaw and seconded by Sherm Hoyt to remove the minutes from the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Arvilla Collins noted that Nancy Jeffers should not be listed as voting (i.e. "abstaining") since she was not a participating member of the board. Carol Bachofner asked to change Item #12 from "asked to recognize" to read "asked the board to recognize".

It was moved by Arvilla Collins and seconded by Carol Bachofner to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2012, meeting as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Reports

a. Report of the Superintendent & Business Manager

1-Lew Collins: Superintendent Collins described his concerns and ideas to ensure minimum safety standards in all schools. He noted some suggested energy saving measures. He passed out enrollment statistics. There was discussion regarding the reduced enrollments and, in particular, the loss of more than twenty high school students this year.

2-Scott Vaitones: Most door sweeps have been addressed, although the heating contractor had recommended waiting until air circulation was corrected, which has been addressed. The heating engineer recommended having students do the energy audit as a project for community service. There was discussion regarding the window project.

b. Report of the Chair

Tess Kilgour had nothing to report!

13. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

- a. Activities: Chair Tess Kilgour reported the committee met on December 11. It may become a 'sub' or 'ad hoc' committee to Curriculum. If needed, next meeting is March 12, 2013, at 6:00 pm.
- b. Curriculum: Chair Sally Carleton reported the committee did not meet last month due to weather. Next meeting is January 17, 2013, at 5:30 pm.
- c. Facilities & Transportation: Chair George Emery reported the committee did not meet last week as adjusted. Next meeting is January 15, 2013, at 5:30 pm
- d. Finance & Insurance: Chair Darryl Sanborn reported the committee met on December 13. Next meeting is January 15, 2013, at 5:30 pm, then will meet jointly with Facilities & Transportation at 6:00 pm.
- e. Policy: Chair Bill Pearce reported the committee did not meet last month due to weather. Next meeting is January 28, 2013, at 4:00 pm.
- f. Technology: Chair Loren Andrews reported the committee did not meet last month due to weather. Next meeting is January 24, 2013, at 6:00 pm.
- g. Many Flags/One Community: Loren Andrews reported the Board met on December 11. Next meeting is January 10, 2013, at 6:30 pm at Oceanside High School East.
- h. MCST: Chair Bill Pearce reported the committee met on December 19. Next meeting is January 23, 2013, at 7:00 pm.

14. Adjournment: Next meeting 2/7 at 6:30 at McLain. *It was moved by Carol Bachofner and seconded by Bill Pearce to adjourn at 8:52 pm.*