

RSU 13 EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

August 5, 2010

The executive session convened at 6 pm on August 5, 2010 in the Board room at McLain School. .

Present were:

Loren Andrews	Cushing
Sally Carleton	Owls Head
Arvilla Collins	Thomaston
Jamie Doubleday	Thomaston
Steven Dyer	Rockland
George Emery	St. George
Gregory Hamlin	Thomaston
Ruth Anne Hohfeld	South Thomaston
Esther Kilgour	Rockland
Brian Messing	Rockland
Josiah Wilson	St. George
Patricia Moran-Wotton	Rockland

Absent (Excused): James Kalloch Rockland

Moved by Steve Dyer, seconded by George Emery to go into Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining. Motion carried unanimously.

Entered Executive Session at 6:01 pm. Returned to Public Session at 6:33 pm.

RSU 13 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 5, 2010

The regular meeting of the RSU #13 School Board was held on August 5, 2010 in the Board room at the McLain School. Present were:

Loren Andrews	Cushing
Sally Carlton	Owls Head
Arvilla Collins	Thomaston
Jamie Doubleday	Thomaston
Steven Dyer	Rockland
George Emery	St. George
Gregory Hamlin	Thomaston
Ruth Anne Hohfeld	South Thomaston
Esther Kilgour	Rockland
Brian Messing	Rockland
Josiah Wilson	St. George
Patricia Moran-Wotton	Rockland

Absent (Excused): James Kalloch Rockland

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Superintendent Judy Lucarelli at 6:33 PM. A quorum was declared.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag was given.

3. Election of Chair for 2010-2011 [Superintendent Presiding]

Note: This election is being held based on advice of the Board's attorney that it should be done by show of hands and not by written ballot.

Esther Kilgour nominated Ruth Anne Hohfeld as Chair. It was seconded by Loren Andrews.

Josiah Wilson nominated Steven Dyer as Chair. It was seconded by Esther Kilgour.

Moved by Josiah Wilson, seconded by Steven Dyer to close nominations.

Motion carried unanimously.

Vote for Chair: 614 for Hohfeld, 225 for Dyer, 80 (Messing) Abstained.

Hohfeld was elected Chair.

4. Adjustments to the Agenda

Item 9e was deleted.

Item 9j was added: Appoint Kevin Berrattas RDMS Boys Soccer Coach.

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

The following people spoke to the Board in opposition to St. George 8th graders being moved to the 8-9 school: Jennifer Garrett, Angie Vachon and Josh McPhail.

Audrey Buffington of Rockland commented on math performance of students.

Ruth Anne reminded speakers that the purpose of public participation is to speak directly to the Board. Time should not be used to speak to the public.

6. Communications

None at this time.

7. Consent Agenda

Arvilla requested to remove approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 1, 2010 from the Consent Agenda.

It was moved by Gregory Hamlin, seconded by Esther Kilgour to approve the consent agenda as follows:

b. Approval of Policies in Second Reading

(1) Policy 3.21 Student Handbooks

(2) Policy 4.22 Staff Transfers

c. Rescind Policies Replaced by Policy 1.05 School Board Operations

- (1) 1.051 Board Standing Committees
- (2) 1.052 Agenda
- (3) 1.053 Rules of Order
- (4) 1.054 Minutes
- d. Election of Teachers Nominated by the Superintendent
 - (1) Matt Mazzeo as French/Spanish Teacher (GVHS)
 - (2) Kasey Felt as Occupational Therapist
- e. Appointment of Coaches
 - (1) Rachel Campbell as RDMS Girls Soccer Coach
- f. Acceptance of Resignation
 - (1) Marcia Sutton as Teacher at Thomaston Grammar School
- g. Authorize Superintendent to Issue Contracts During August and September 2010 to Teachers Nominated for Employment between School Board Meetings upon Twenty-Four Hours Notice and Circulation of Resume Summary to School Board Members

Motion carried 774 for, 72 against (Wilson), 73 abstained (Collins).

Moved by Jamie Doubleday, seconded by Esther Kilgour to approve the minutes of July 1, 2010.

Moved by Josiah Wilson, seconded by Steven Dyer to amend the motion to revise the minutes by deleting "and a vote" from item 7.

Motion failed 305 for, 534 against (Andrews, Carlton, Doubleday, Emery, Hamlin, Hohfeld, Messing), 80 abstained (Kilgour)

Minutes approved as presented 694 for, 225 against (Collins, Dyer, Wilson)

8. Reports

a. Report of the Superintendent

The Superintendent expressed appreciation to all staff who contributed to the successful move of MacDougal School to South School.

b. Report of the Chair

Ruth Anne Hohfeld reported on the following: 1) Thanked the RSU13 Team, especially the Maintenance and Custodial staff, for their diligent work with the consolidation of MacDougal and South Schools. 2) Thanked the RSU13 team members who are volunteering at the Lobster Festival. Encouraged our community to view the great works of art by GVHS students which are on display at the festival. 3) The next administrative workshop is Wednesday, August 25 at 6:00 p.m. at McClain Building. The Board is asked to read Global Achievement Gap prior to the workshop. 4) Dale Douglass will present during the September Board meeting regarding board members responsibility and freedom of information act. Ruth Anne asked members to e-mail her any questions for him and to RVSP to Kathy Blaise by August 20th.

Committee meeting dates were announced as follows:

Facilities & Transportation Committee meetings will be 1st Tuesday of each month

Technology Committee meetings will be 2nd Tuesday of each month

Finance & Insurance Committee meetings will be 2nd Thursday of each month

Policy Committee meetings will be 3rd Tuesday of each month

Curriculum Committee meetings will be 3rd Thursday of each month

Activities Committee meeting will be 4th Thursday of each month

Mid-Coast School of Technology Committee meetings will be 4th Wednesday of each month

Personnel and Negotiations Committee meetings will be held often

Josiah Wilson questioned the Region 8 appointment.

c. Overview of Transition Advisory Group Plans

Neal Guyer reported on progress of Transition Advisory Group. Neal referenced the Transition Continuing Work Plan posted on the website. TAG meeting agendas will be posted a week in advance on the website. Teachers in grades 8-12 will meet August 9 – 11 to examine the Program of Studies for GVHS and RDHS and how they can be merged.

TAG meetings are the first Monday (2nd Monday in September) of each month from 3 to 5 pm at McLain School and are open to the public.

9. Business Items

a. Approve Waiver of Junior Journey Requirement for a GVHS Student Who Is Graduating Early

The Superintendent explained that the new graduation requirements policy has eliminated Junior Journey as a requirement for the Class of 2012, so the class is not offered at GVHS in the coming year. A student in the Class of 2012 would like to graduate in 2011 and will meet all requirements of this class except for Junior Journey.

It was moved by Brian Messing and seconded by Esther Kilgour to approve the waiver of Junior Journey requirement for a GVHS student who is graduating early.

Motion carried unanimously

b. Discussion and Action on Plans to Provide Before-School Child Care

The Superintendent reported on the number of responses received showing interest in participating in the Before-School childcare plan. She explained that at this time we do not anticipate grants being available for childcare. The plan is to have one ed tech at each school for every 10 students participating, with the school secretary assisting with registrations. To will start the year there will be two ed techs available at Lura Libby, South, and St George, and one ed tech available at Cushing, Gilford Butler, and Owls Head. Supervision will be provided from 7:30 to 8:30 at the elementary schools and 6:30 to 7:30 at the middle schools. She recommended not charging families until after the October Board meeting, at which time the need for service and cost would be known, which would allow the fee to be determined. The district would then charge for the time from 7:30 to 8 only (6:30 to 7 at middle schools). Fees will be based on the program breaking even for the salary and benefits of the ed techs only (no administrative or overhead costs). She will assign ed techs by posting the added time in each school and determining with the principal which ed techs will serve, with no opportunity for overtime as a result of the increased work time. The cost for 6 weeks will be about \$2700. Discussion regarding registration forms followed.

It was moved by Jamie Doubleday and seconded by Gregory Hamlin to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to begin before school supervision, subsidized by the board for

the first month, and that the Superintendent provide the board with specifics on how the program will operate at September board meeting, with all parents beginning to pay on a break-even basis on October first.

It was moved by Esther Kilgour and seconded by Patricia Moran-Wotton to amend the motion to charge parents \$2 per child for a half hour per day of supervision beginning on the first day of school.

Arvilla Collins called the question.

Motion carried by more than 2/3 and discussion ended.

Amendment carried 466 for, 453 against (Andrews, Carlton, Doubleday, Emery, Hohfeld, Wilson).

Amended motion carried 614 for, 305 against (Carlton, Doubleday, Emery, Wilson).

c. Proposal to Move MacDougal Boiler to South School

The Superintendent reported that the boiler at South School will require re-tubing at a cost of approximately \$5000 to have a 3-5 year life. The Facilities Committee had discussed this and asked for bids on moving the boiler from MacDougal to install it at South School this summer. Proposals ranged from \$56,000 to \$100,000. The Superintendent will reject all bids and recommends referring the matter to the Facilities & Transportation Committee.

It was moved by Ruth Anne Hohfeld and seconded by Brian Messing to delay the moving of MacDougal School boiler to South School until there are more details on costs and to refer the matter to the Facilities & Transportation Committee for more research.

Motion carried unanimously.

d. Decision on Renaming South School to Rockland Elementary School

Todd Martin, South School Principal, explained the reasons for his suggestion to change the name of the school.

It was moved by Lauren Andrews and seconded by Jamie Doubleday to approve the renaming of South School to Rockland Elementary School.

Motion failed 140 for (Andrews, Hamlin), 779 against.

e. Approve Equal Number of Team Leaders at RDHS and GVHS

Removed from the agenda.

f. Award Bid for 2010-2011 \$1,000,000 Tax Anticipation Note to The First for Interest Rate 1.95%.

It was moved by Jamie Doubleday and seconded by Esther Kilgour to approve the required wording, as follows:

That the offer of The First Bancorp to purchase revenue anticipation note(s) of the Regional School Unit No. 13 (the "RSU") in the original principal amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) with an interest rate per annum on the outstanding principal amount thereof equal to 1.95%, be and the same hereby is accepted and approved.

That the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 13 (the "RSU") hereby authorizes a borrowing in the amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from The First Bancorp on behalf of the RSU, with interest on the principal amount thereof at a rate of 1.95% per annum, principal and interest to be paid no later than the scheduled maturity date on June 30, 2011, which borrowing is in anticipation of the RSU revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.

That under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 20-A M.R.S. Sections 1490 and 15695, the Chairperson of the School Board and the Treasurer of Regional School Unit No. 13 (the "RSU") be and they are hereby authorized to borrow in anticipation of revenues from The First Bancorp in the name and on behalf of the RSU the sum of up to One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) at the per annum interest rate of 1.95%, and that the Chairperson of the School Board and the Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized to issue general obligation securities of the RSU in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) and to execute and deliver a note or notes under the seal of the RSU attested by the Secretary, dated on or about August 9, 2010, in such form as the Chairperson of the School Board and the Treasurer may approve; and that the appropriate officials of the RSU be and hereby are authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the RSU such other documents and certificates as may be required in connection with such borrowing; and that no part of the proceeds of said borrowing shall be used, directly or indirectly, to acquire any securities and obligations, the acquisition of which would cause the notes to be "arbitrage bonds" or "private activity bonds" within the meaning of sections 148 or 141, respectively, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); and that the revenue anticipation notes issued pursuant hereto be designated as qualified tax-exempt obligations within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of said Code; and that the Chairperson of the School Board and the Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized to covenant on behalf of the RSU to file any information report and pay any rebate due to the United States in connection with the issuance of said notes, to take all other lawful actions necessary to insure the interest on the notes will be excluded from the gross income of the owners thereof for purposes of federal income taxation and to refrain from taking any action which would cause interest on the notes to become includable in the gross income of the owners thereof.

Motion carried 847 for, 72 against (Wilson)

g. Decrease Breakfast Price for RDHS Students to \$1.00

The Superintendent and Business Manager explained their recommendation.

It was moved by Jamie Doubleday and seconded by Loren Andrews to approve decrease of breakfast price for RDHS students to \$1.00.

Motion carried 839 for, 0 against, 80 abstained (Messing)

h. Consideration of Policies in First Reading

- (1) 3.12 Parent Involvement in Title 1 Programs
- (2) 5.10 Crisis Response Plan
- (3) 3.08 Gifted and Talented Programs

It was moved by Sally Carlton and seconded by Steven Dyer to approve the above policies in the first reading.

Motion carried 534 for, 385 against (Collins, Dyer, Messing, Wilson, Wotton)

i. Review Date for School Board Meetings

It was moved by Brian Messing and seconded by Josiah Wilson to change Board meetings to the 2nd Thursday of each month.

There was extensive discussion by the Board, Superintendent and Business Manager.

Moved to table a decision until Brian, Judy and Scott can bring a common recommendation to the Board in September.

Motion carried 687 for, 232 against (Dyer, Wilson, Wotton).

10. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

- a. Activities: Esther Kilgour, Chair, reported that next committee meeting is on September 23rd at 6:00 p.m.
- b. Curriculum: Sally Carleton, Chair, reported that next committee meeting is on September 16th at 5:30 at McClain Building.
- c. Facilities & Transportation: Greg Hamlin, Chair, reported that the F&T Committee met and minutes are on the website. Bus radio licenses have been secured. F&T meetings may rotate around the schools to be able to see projects completed or needed at each school. Next meeting is on September 7th at 5:30 at McLain.
- d. Finance & Insurance: Brian Messing, Chair, reported that the next committee meeting is August 12th at 6:00 pm.
- e. Personnel & Negotiations: Jamie Doubleday
- f. Policy: James Kalloch
- g. Technology: Loren Andrews, Chair, reported that next meeting is the end of August.
- h. Mid Coast School of Technology: James Kalloch, Chair, reported that there was no meeting.
- i. Many Flags/One Campus: Jamie Doubleday reported that Sanford appealed state scoring. DOE is reviewing process that was used for scoring applications. We should know by the State Board meeting in October.

12. Adjournment

It was moved by Sally Carlton and seconded by Josiah Wilson that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 P.M.

The next Regular Meeting of the RSU 13 School Board will be Thursday, September 2nd, at 6:30 pm.



Dr. Judith M. Lucarelli, Secretary/RSU #13 Board of Directors