

## RSU 13 EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

September 2, 2010

The Executive Session convened at 6 pm on September 2, 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
Ruth Anne Hohfeld	South Thomaston
Esther Kilgour	Rockland
Brian Messing	Rockland
Josiah Wilson	St. George
Patricia Moran-Wotton	Rockland
James Kalloch	Rockland

Absent (Excused): Gregory Hamlin Thomaston

Moved by Jamie Doubleday, seconded by Tess Kilgour 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

September 2, 2010

### 1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum

The Regular Meeting of the RSU #13 School Board was held on September 2, 2010 in the Board room at the McLain School. Present were:

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Steven Dyer	Rockland
George Emery	St. George
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Patricia Moran-Wotton	Rockland
James Kalloch	Rockland

Absent (Excused): Gregory Hamlin Thomaston

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Chair Ruth Anne Hohfeld at 6:35 PM. A quorum was declared.

## 2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

## 3. Adjustments to the Agenda

Items 2-13 under 9F were added. Appointment of additional coaches.

Item 8C-1 was removed. Item is being referred to Facilities & Transportation committee for further review.

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

Doug Curtis of Rockland, Sherm Hoyt of St. George and Jennifer Garrett of St. George spoke in opposition of the St. George 8<sup>th</sup> graders being moved to the 8-9 school. Board was asked to consider adopting a different process for the consolidation, one that includes a community consensus. Jennifer Garrett also spoke in opposition to the adoption of a split bus route on the West Side.

## 5. Communications

Superintendent shared a letter of thanks RSU 13 received from the Penobscot YMCA for use of our school facilities for their summer program.

## 6. Consent Agenda

It was moved by Arvilla Collins, seconded by Jamie Doubleday to approve the consent agenda as follows:

### b. Approval of Policies in Second Reading

(1) Policy 3.08 Gifted and Talented Programs

(2) Policy 3.12 Parent Involvement in Title 1 Programs

### c. Election of Teachers Nominated by the Superintendent

(1) Amy Morgan as Elementary Special Education Teacher (SS)

(2) Michael Dennett as Science Teacher (TGS)

### d. Approval of Long Term Unpaid Leave for Caroline Bolger

### e. Acceptance of Resignation

(1) Rachel Penney as Educational Technician

### f. Appointment of Coaches

(1) Kevin Berrattas as RDMS Boys Soccer Coach

(2) Abby Prescott, RDHS Cheering Coach

(3) Duane Tyler, SGS Coed Soccer Coach gr 7-8

- (4) Jeff Lamkins, RDHS Volunteer Assistant Football Coach
- (5) Kelly Robie, RDHS Volunteer Assistant Girls Soccer Coach
- (6) Jana Tobin, RDMS Volunteer Assistant Field Hockey Coach
- (7) Tim Hoppe, GVHS Golf Coach
- (8) Scott Johnson, GVHS Boys Varsity Soccer Coach
- (9) Darryl Townsend, GVHS Girls Varsity Soccer Coach
- (10) David Banda, GVHS Girls JV Soccer Coach
- (11) Dwight Henry, GVHS Girls Varsity Basketball Coach
- (12) Scott Johnson, GVHS Boys Varsity Basketball Coach
- (13) Don Haskell, GVHS Girls JV Basketball Coach

Motion carried 774 for, 72 against (Wilson), 80 abstained (Dyer)

Moved by Messing, seconded by Carleton to approve the minutes of August 5<sup>th</sup> as amended to include Brian Messing in the Executive Session and to correctly spell Carleton.

Motion carried unanimously.

## 7. Reports

### a. Presentation by Maine School Management Association

Dale Douglass spoke to the Board on its responsibility in governing, writing policies and being familiar with all policies. Additional discussion followed regarding the DOE requiring school's to seek student's social security numbers.

### b. Report on Changes under Consideration for Trekkers

Don Carpenter spoke about Trekkers' expansion to an RSU 13 wide program. He shared Trekkers' history, their goal for the future and how they impact a student's life. In the spring of 2011, they plan to accept 40 kids from RSU 13 into their program. Their first community meeting is to be held on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at the RDHS auditorium.

### c. Report of the Superintendent

The Superintendent reported on the district's enrollment (2101 students) and class sizes.

The before-school supervision program had a district-wide enrollment of 14 students. If the numbers remain small it will be necessary to increase the fee in order to maintain a break-even basis.

The Superintendent expressed the excitement she felt during the district's opening day meeting held in the RDHS auditorium.

The Superintendent explained her decision regarding the closure of schools due to the extreme heat during the first week of school.

The proposed administrative evaluation process was distributed.

High School SAT results were distributed. This will be published on the website.

The MacDougal yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Any citizen from the 6 towns of RSU 13 may make a purchase. Items will be made available for sale to local private schools first. Proceeds from the sale go into the general fund account as miscellaneous revenue.

The Superintendent offered a clarification of the DOE requirement that school districts seek student's social security numbers. Discussion followed.

The Superintendent reported that \$444,598 will be available to save jobs from the Ed Jobs Bill. She has applied for use of these funds during the 2011-2012 school year. She reported on which positions will be covered and why.

d. Report of the Chair

Ruth Anne Hohfeld expressed her delight and appreciation for the art work displayed in the Board meeting room. She thanked the Board and RSU 13 administrators for participating in the workshop. She is seeking volunteers to work with herself and Judy Lucarelli on the RSU 13 Mission and Vision statement. She encouraged Board members to tour the schools on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Board members were given a schedule of open houses for RSU 13 schools and encouraged them to attend. She expressed her support of the decision to close schools due to the heat. Committees were asked to choose a focus for the year to report at a future meeting.

**8. Business Items**

a. Approval of Administrators Collective Bargaining Agreement

It was moved by Jamie Doubleday, seconded by Sally Carleton to approve the Administrators Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Motion carried 854 for, 72 against (Wilson)

b. Approval of One-Year Position for RSU 13 Athletic Director

A description of the position was read by Ruth Anne Hohfeld. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Jamie Doubleday, seconded by Esther Kilgour to approve the one-year position for RSU 13 Athletic Director.

Motion carried 773 for, 153 against (Wilson, Wotton)

c. Consideration of Policies

- (1) Second Reading of Policy 5.10 Crisis Response Plan – Removed from Agenda
- (2) First Reading of Revisions to Policy 1.07 Public Participation at Board Meetings

James Kalloch spoke to the proposed policy revisions. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Esther Kilgour, seconded by Jamie Doubleday to approve the consideration of the First Reading of Revisions to Policy 1.07 Public Participation at Board Meetings.

It was moved by Esther Kilgour, seconded by Loren Andrews to end debate. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried 469 for, 457 against (Collins, Messing, Emery, Wilson, Wotton, Dyer)

d. Remove from the Table the Motion from August 5, 2010 as follows:

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

It was moved by Patricia Wotton, seconded by Jamie Doubleday to remove the motion from the table.

Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Messing spoke about the reasons for keeping the Board meeting to the first Thursday of each month and recommended to defeat the motion.

Motion was defeated unanimously.

It was moved by Esther Kilgour and seconded by Patricia Wotton that we as a board take a stand that parents do not provide social security numbers to track their children.

Motion failed 385 for, 541 against (Messing, Emery, Kalloch, Doubleday, Andrews, Hohfeld, Carleton)

It was moved by Josiah Wilson and seconded by Steve Dyer to send a resolve to the Maine legislature to repeal the collection of social security numbers from students.

Motion carried unanimously.

## 9. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

a. Activities: Esther Kilgour

next meeting: 6 pm 9/23

Committee Chair, Esther Kilgour, reported that committee had an emergency meeting to discuss the final choice of school names to be submitted to the public for vote. Color choices were discussed. As of today, ballots were delivered to the schools. Written ballot process was discussed. An announcement of the outcome of the vote will be made at the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Steven Dyer indicated there is a school in the area with the same name as one of the school names on the ballot. Committee did discuss keeping the names. Esther Kilgour explained the reasoning behind changing the name. She stated that we cannot have a new beginning if everyone is still living in the past.

Discussion followed.

It was moved by Josiah Wilson moved to disband the naming committee and keep the names of the two secondary schools. Motion failed for lack of a second.

b. Curriculum: Sally Carleton

next meeting: 5:30 pm 9/16

c. Facilities & Transportation: Greg Hamlin

next meeting: 5:30 pm 9/7

James Kalloch reported in Greg Hamlin's absence. After investigating the pros, cons, and costs of moving the boiler at MacDougal, it was determined that the best course is to unhook it and leave it at MacDougal School. With that said, the Superintendent will attend the City Council meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss what will happen to the MacDougal building. More information to come. The work on the boiler at South School is completed which added 2-3 years of lifespan to the boiler. Two vans will not pass inspection. The Superintendent and the business manager will research the possibility of acquiring a van from the state surplus lot.

d. Finance & Insurance: Brian Messing

next meeting: 6 pm 9/9

Last meeting was on August 12<sup>th</sup> when they discussed food service and took a look at the budget.

e. Personnel & Negotiations: Jamie Doubleday

Already reported during executive session

- f. Policy: James Kalloch next meeting: 5:00 pm 9/21  
Committee did meet; their items were discussed early during this meeting. Next meeting has been moved from 5:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- g. Technology: Loren Andrews next meeting: 6:30 pm 9/14
- h. Mid Coast School of Technology: James Kalloch next meeting: 7 pm 9/22  
No minutes available
- i. Many Flags/One Campus: Jamie Doubleday  
The appeal of the scoring by Sanford had a hearing in the Department of Education. The outcome should be available by Sept 23.

## 10. Adjournment

It was moved by Arvilla Collins, seconded by Jamie Doubleday that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 P.M.

The next Regular Meeting of the RSU 13 School Board will be Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm.



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