

## EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

December 2, 2010

All twelve seated members being present, Chair Ruth Anne Hohfeld declared that a quorum was present.

It was moved by Jamie Doubleday and seconded by Tess Kilgour to go into Executive Session for personnel and negotiations. Motion carried unanimously.

Entered Executive Session at 5:32 pm.

Returned to Public Session at 6:30 pm.

## RSU 13 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 2, 2010

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

The regular meeting of the RSU #13 School Board was held on December 2, 2010 in the Board room at the McLain School. Present were:

	Loren Andrews	Cushing
	Sally Carleton	Owls Head
	Steven Dyer	Rockland
	George Emery	St. George
	Gregory Hamlin	Thomaston
	Ruth Anne Hohfeld	South Thomaston
	Arvilla Collins	Thomaston
	Brian Messing	Rockland
	Jamie Doubleday	Thomaston
	Esther Kilgour	Rockland
	Josiah Wilson	St. George
	William Pearce	Rockland
Absent	open seat	Rockland

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Ruth Anne Hohfeld at 6:36 P.M. A quorum was declared.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

### 3. Adjustments to the Agenda

Added 8e. Action on a grievance

Moved 7d. to before 7b.

A moment of silence observed for two students who recently passed.

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

Audrey Buffington of South Thomaston spoke in reference to an article she had read, called for greater parent involvement, more volunteering in the schools, and a home-school coordinator and encouraged negotiators to come together on the contracts.

**5. Communications**

The Board received a card of thanks from Jackie McLain for the rocking chair.

**6. Consent Agenda**

It was moved by Sally Carleton, seconded by Brian Messing to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 4, 2010
- b. Appointment of Coaches
  - (1) Irene McGonagle as RDHS Varsity Cheering Coach
  - (2) Wayne Judkins as SGS 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
  - (3) Richard Vannah as GVHS JV Boys Basketball Coach
- c. Acceptance of Resignations
  - (1) Robert Beverage as Principal of Thomaston Grammar School effective 11/29/10
  - (2) Joel Dempsey as Educational Technician 3 effective 11/30/10

Motion carried 694 for, 225 abstained (Kilgour, Doubleday, Andrews).

**7. Reports**

- a. Recognition of Students on the RSU 13 Field Hockey team

The RSU 13 Field Hockey Team was recognized for a successful season as the first joint athletic program in RSU13. The team proudly wore shirts they designed which read “History in the Making.” Varsity Coach Joanna Hall answered questions from the Board regarding the transition to a joint team.

- d. Prepare Maine Presentation by Yellow Light Breen

Yellow Light Breen, the President of the Maine Coalition for Excellence in Education spoke about a new effort they have launched called Prepare Maine. This effort advocates the remodeling of Maine’s educational system. Handouts were given to the board. At a future meeting the Board can decide whether to join this initiative.

- b. Report of the Superintendent

Enrollment Status: November enrollment was 2137.

Superintendent Judy Lucarelli provided a copy of Administrative Letter #27 from Commissioner Faherty stating that the Board does not have to act on her contract in December.

The Superintendent reported on a bulletin from MSMA on the state revenue forecast.

School board handbooks from Maine School Board Association are now available. Superintendent took a count of members who preferred to have the handbook on disc rather than paper copy.

Superintendent reported on her attendance of the Pegasus Conference called “Fueling New Cycles of Success.” She was very excited about this conference stating that it was the best conference she has attended. She provided highlights of conference sessions.

c. Report of the Chair

Chair Ruth Anne Hohfeld welcomed new board member Bill Pearce who was sworn in earlier today. She thanked the Rockland City Council for filling the vacancy promptly. Bill will assume Jim Kalloch’s committee assignments.

The Chair thanked the Board for attending the St. George special meeting. All board members were in attendance. She further reported on the event for retiring employees. She commented on the high participation during Parent Teacher Conferences and that Gilford Butler had 100 % participation. She congratulated Rebecca Shields for obtaining National Board Teacher Certification. She proposed inviting municipal representatives to meet with the Board in a round table discussion about budget revenue prospects. She encouraged board members to attend school events this month. She recognized the art work in the Board room which was created by Mr. Johnson’s GVHS & RDHS students.

e. Report of School Board Members who Attended the MSMA Conference

Arvilla, Greg, Jamie, and George reported on the sessions they attended at the MSMA Conference.

## 8. Business Items

a. Personnel Items:

(1) Employment of Interim Principal for Thomaston Grammar School

It was moved by Jamie Doubleday, seconded by Greg Hamlin to approve Susan Stilwell as the Interim Principal of Thomaston Grammar School effective November 29, 2010 for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year and that in addition to her current salary of \$64,764 as RDMS Assistant Principal she receive a stipend of \$5000 prorated based on the remaining days in the contract year.

Motion carried 847 for, 72 against (Wilson)

(2) Employment of Interim Assistant Principal for Rockland District Middle School

It was moved by Jamie Doubleday, seconded by Sally Carleton to approve Lindsey Ward as the Interim Assistant Principal for Rockland District Middle School and that her salary for the position be \$60,000 for the year, prorated based on days to be worked.

Motion carried 847 for, 72 against (Wilson)

b. Action on Grossman Trust

It was moved by Greg Hamlin, seconded by Steve Dyer that the board release the family from the Grossman Trust Agreement with MSAD 5.

Motion carried unanimously.

c. Acceptance of 2009-2010 Audit Report

It was moved by Esther Kilgour, seconded by Josiah Wilson to accept the 2009-2010 Audit Report.

Motion carried unanimously.

d. Discussion Related to Saint George Meeting

The Superintendent reported on her conversation with the Board's Attorney and explained the procedural requirements to address a matter approved by the Board in June, 2010. Discussion followed. She addressed the legal implications of one town funding a position for the school in that town. Superintendent asked that questions from the Board be directed directly to her instead of Principals.

St. George select board member, Mr. Reinhardt, spoke to the board. The Town of St. George thanked the RSU13 board for attending their recent public meeting. He stated that his research contradicts that of the Superintendent. The Superintendent will undertake further research on this.

It was moved by Jamie Doubleday, seconded by Steve Dyer to ask the Chair to put on the January agenda the motion to rescind the decision at the June 3 2010 meeting to assign the Saint George 8th grade students to the RSU 13 8-9 School in the fall of 2011.

Motion carried 767 for, 152 abstained (Esther Kilgour, Josiah Wilson).

e. Grievance

It was moved by Jamie Doubleday, seconded by Brian Messing to deny the grievance.

Motion carried 684 for, 225 against (Arvilla Collins, Josiah Wilson, Steve Dyer).

## 9. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

- a. Activities: Esther Kilgour did not report as the Committee has not met. The next meeting will be at 6 pm on 1/27.
- b. Curriculum: Sally Carleton reported on the meeting held November 18<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting will be at 5:30 pm on 12/16.
- c. Facilities & Transportation: Greg Hamlin did not report as the Committee had not met since the November Board meeting. The next meeting will be at 5:30 pm on 12/7.
- d. Finance & Insurance: Brian Messing reported on the meeting held November 18<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting will be at 6:00 pm on 12/9.
- e. Personnel & Negotiations: Jamie Doubleday stated that there will be a Special Meeting of the RSU 13 School Board at 6 pm on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> for an executive session on Personnel and Negotiations. Board members were directed to see Brian Messing for materials to review.
- f. Policy: No meeting in November. next meeting: 5:00 pm 12/21
- g. Technology: Loren Andrews reported on the meeting held on November 9<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting will be at 6:30 pm on 12/14.
- h. Mid Coast School of Technology: No report. next meeting: 7:00 pm 12/22

- i. Many Flags/One Campus: Jamie Doubleday reported that future meetings of the newly formed Steering Committee will be at MCST on the second Friday of the month from 9 to 11 am. The next meeting will be at 9:00 am on 12/10.
- j. Transition Advisory Group: George Emery stated that there was nothing further to report. The next meeting will be at 3:30 pm on 12/6.

## 10. Adjournment

It was moved by Steve Dyer, seconded by Josiah Wilson to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

There will be a Special meeting of the RSU 13 School Board at 6:00 pm on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> for an executive session on Personnel and Negotiations.

The next Regular Meeting of the RSU 13 School Board will be Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm.