

RSU 13 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 7, 2011

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum

The regular meeting of RSU #13 School Board was held on April 7, 2011 in the Board room at the McLain School. Present Were:

	Loren Andrews	Cushing
	Sally Carleton	Owls Head
Arrived late approved	Steven Dyer	Rockland
	George Emery	St. George
	Eric Schenk	South Thomaston
	Arvilla Collins	Thomaston
	Brian Messing	Rockland
	Jamie Doubleday	Thomaston
	Esther Kilgour	Rockland
	William Pearce	Rockland
	Sharon Spaulding	Rockland
	Gregory Hamlin	Thomaston
Dismissed early approved	Josiah Wilson	St. George

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jamie Doubleday at 6:30P.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**

Under Consent Agenda 8. e. Appointment of 2011-2012 Coaches

Removed (9) Tara Murray, OHS Freshman Girls Soccer Coach

Removed (19) Darren Randall, OHS Freshman Board Basketball Coach

Added (20) Wayne Judkins, OHS Freshman Girls Soccer Coach

Added 8. f. Appointment of 2010-2011 Coach Katherine Armstrong, GVHS Varsity Boys Tennis

Added 10. h. Approve RDMS Destination Imagination team travel to Tennessee in May for global competition and then moved 10 h. to follow Celebration of Students 4 d.

4. **Celebration of Students:**

a. The Math Team at Georges Valley High School

The board recognized the accomplishments of both students and coaches of the GVHS Math Team who won first place in the Small School Division of the Central Maine Math League. The Students proudly displayed their plaques and trophies before the board.

b. The Just Off Broadway Players at Rockland District High School

The board recognized the accomplishments of the Just Off Broadway Players at RDHS who won the regional competition and placed second in the finals. Students received awards for acting, lighting design, set design and sound design. Students performed a one act version of Sideway Stories from Wayside Schools. Advisor Allison Machaiek reported how well this group of students represented our community and the incredible effort they put forth.

c. Destination Imagination Team at South School

The board recognized the accomplishments of the Destination Imagination Team of South School, Lura Libby School and RDMS. This is the first year that South School and Lura Libby had teams. The South School team placed 4th in Regional and 6th in State competition, and the Lura Libby team placed 5th in Regional competition. The team at RDMS placed 2nd in the state competition which awards them the opportunity to travel to Tennessee in May to participate in the global competition.

10. h. Approve RDMS Destination Imagination team travel to Tennessee in May for global competition

It was moved by Arvilla Collins, seconded by Esther Kilgour to approve the RDMS Destination Imagination Team request to travel to Tennessee in May to participate in the global competition.

Motion carried unanimously

5. Election of Vice Chair through the July, 2011 School Board Organizational Meeting

Nominations were made for Esther Kilgour by Sally Carleton and Arvilla Collins by Josiah Wilson. Discussion followed.

613 for Kilgour (Messing, Kilgour, Emery, Hamlin, Pearce, Doubleday, Andrews, Carleton)

225 for Collins (Collins, Wilson, Spaulding), 81 Abstained (Schenk), 80 Absent (Dyer)

Kilgour was elected Vice Chair through the July 2011 School Board Organizational meeting

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

Joan Hall, a teacher at Gilford Butler addressed the board expressing her concerns in the manner in which staff are informed of transfers in teaching location. She also stressed concerns about staff morale.

Jennifer Garrett of Saint George spoke about Saint George's School failure to make AYP. She expressed her concerns in the testing/sampling process. She also expressed her concerns about the equity of the St. George School.

7. Communications

None to report

8. Consent Agenda

It was moved by Greg Hamlin, seconded by Esther Kilgour to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 3, 2011
- b. Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of March 28, 2011
- c. Accept Resignations
 - (1) Effective April 1, 2011 of Dawn Andrick, Administrative Assistant in Special Education and the Business Office
 - (2) Effective April 8, 2011 of Paul Dostie as Custodial Supervisor
- d. Approval of Policies in Second Reading
 - (1) Policy 2.02 Graduation Requirements: changes recommended
 - (2) Policy 4.18 Supervision and Evaluation of Hourly Employees
 - (3) Procedures 4.18P Supervision and Evaluation of Hourly Employees
- e. Appointment of 2011-2012 Coaches
 - (1) Rich Barratt, OHS Assistant Football
 - (2) Karl Meklin, OHS Assistant Football
 - (3) Steven Duclos, OHS Assistant Football Volunteer
 - (4) Wes Drinkwater, OHS Assistant Football
 - (5) Christine Clayton, OHS Freshman Field Hockey Coach
 - (6) Daryl Townsend, OHS Varsity Girls Soccer Coach
 - (7) David Banda, OHS Junior Varsity Girls Soccer Coach
 - (8) Craig Thompson, OHS Girls Soccer Coach Volunteer
 - (9) Shawn Hiller, OHS Freshman Boys Soccer Coach
 - (10) Keenan Flanagan, OHS Varsity Golf Coach, Co-Ed
 - (11) Tim Hoppe, OHS Junior Varsity Golf Coach, Co-Ed
 - (12) Keely Baum, OHS Varsity Winter Cheering Coach
 - (13) Teel Foster, OHS Varsity Girls Basketball Coach
 - (14) Christine Clayton, OHS Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Coach
 - (15) Jason Foster, OHS Freshman Girls Basketball
 - (16) Matt Breen, OHS Varsity Boys Basketball
 - (17) Chad Blake, OHS JV Boys Basketball
 - (18) Wayne Judkins, OHS Freshman Girls Soccer - ADDED
- f. Appointment of 2010-2011 Coach - ADDED
 - (1) Katherine Armstrong, GVHS Varsity Boys Tennis - ADDED

Motion carried unanimously

9. Reports

- a. Report of the Superintendent
 - (1) Enrollment Status: Enrollment is at 2117
 - (2) Status of Transition Planning: There was no TAG meeting in April due to the special board meeting.

(3) Superintendent conveyed to RSU13 employees her appreciation of their hard work.

b. Report of the Chair

(1) Opinion of Attorney Bruce Smith on The Chair's Ruling at the March 3, 2011 Meeting

The Board received a copy of the opinion of Attorney Bruce Smith via e-mail. It was his opinion that Ruth Anne Hohfeld did rule appropriately. However, he recommends the board take one more vote on this matter when all board members are present.

c. Report on Many Flags Foundation, by Alan Hinsey

Alan Hinsey explained who and what the Many Flags Foundation is and their mission. He gave an update on the timeline and what has taken place thus far. The Foundation has put together a larger steering committee. The target to bring the final suggestion to the school board is in September of 2011. He spoke about the purchase agreement they have entered regarding a property on Route 131 and why they have entered that agreement. Discussion followed.

d. Report on No Child Left Behind Status of Each School in RSU 13

The Superintendent reported that last week schools were notified of their Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) status. She noted that 82% of schools in America failed to make AYP. She talked about GVHS failure to make AYP and what that means for the school. Neal Guyer reviewed data he handed out to the Board and explained the criteria required to make AYP. He also explained that only schools who are receiving Title I funds are penalized if they fail to make AYP. Currently, he and Mr. Schooley are exploring what GVHS will do since not making AYP.

10. Business Items

a. Action on the Placement of 8th Grade Students from the Town of Saint George for the 2011-2012 School Year

Bill Reinhardt of St. George spoke about the citizen's vote to approve the funds of \$50,000 to help meet the cost of keeping St. George 8th graders at the St. George School. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Greg Hamlin, seconded by Josiah Wilson to approve a one year moratorium on the St. George grade 8 move to RSU 13 8-9 school with the provision that St. George raises the discussed \$50,000 to cover the cost of a teacher and that we will allow, through the superintendent, who has the authority, those folks in St. George who do want to go to the RSU 13 8-9 school a chance to transfer.

Discussion followed.

Motion Carried 772 for, 227 against (Messing, Kilgour, Andrews)

b. Consideration of Policy Revisions in First Reading

(1) Policy 1.05 Board Operations

Steve reported on the changes to the policy that were recommended and why. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Greg Hamlin, seconded by George Emery to approve the consideration of Policy 1.05 Board Operations revisions in the first reading.

Motion carried unanimously

- c. Extend the Retirement Offer to Teachers Until May 1, 2011

Chair, Jamie Doubleday, explained why the extension is recommended. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Loren Andrews, seconded by Sharon Spaulding to approve the retirement offer to teachers until May 1, 2011.

Motion carried 847 for, 80 against (Messing)

- d. Approve the Elimination and Reduction of Positions for 2011-2012

The Superintendent read the following list of position eliminations/reductions to the board. The board also received the list prior to the meeting. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Esther Kilgour, seconded by Brian Messing to approve the following elimination and reduction of positions for 2011-2012 school year.

Recommended Elimination of Positions for 2011-2012

Half-time Technology Director Position [add to the duties of the Network Administrator and Business Manager]

Half-time Principal at Owls Head Central School [add to the duties of the TGS Principal]

Two Title 1A Teaching Positions [currently assigned to South School, funded by Stimulus monies]

Health Assistant 4 hr/day

Health/Consumer Science Teacher at Saint George and Thomaston Grammar Schools [absorbed in phys ed/health staffing]

Recommended Reduction of Positions for 2011-2012

Reduce Assistant Principal position at RDMS to half-time [reduced number of students]

Reduce Special Programs Director to half-time [serves as psych examiner half time, new duties assumed January 2011]

Reduce Library Ed Tech 2 at Saint George School from 3 hr/day to 2.5 hr/day

Reduce Library Ed Tech 2 at Thomaston Grammar School from 3 hr/day to 2.5 hr/day

Reduce Library Ed Tech 3 at South School 7 hr/day to Library Ed Tech 2 at South School and RDMS total 7 hr/day

Reduce Library and Duty Ed Tech 3 at GBS and OHCS 7 hr/day to Library and duty Ed Tech 2 at GBS and OHCS 5.4 hr/day

Reduce Music Teacher from .9 to .3 [position is vacant and will be advertised at this level]

Reduce Phys Ed Teacher from .9 to .8 [action may be reversed pending budget decisions]

Recommended Increase of Positions for 2011-2012

Increase Music Teacher from .8 to 1.0 [taking time from the vacant position above]

Increase Library Ed Tech 2 at LLS from 2.25 hr/day to 3 hr/day

Increase Library Ed Tech 2 at CCS from 1.2 hr/day to 2 hr/day

Create Ed Tech 3 Position 7 hr/day at TGS [to support large entering fifth grade class instead of adding a 3rd teacher]

Motion Carried 854 for, 73 against (Collins)

- e. Change the Start and End Times for Thomaston Grammar School and Rockland District Middle School to Align with Other K-7 Schools

The Superintendent explained the reason behind the proposed changes which are to help with the scheduling of Allied Arts, to support the shared athletic programs at the middle school level and to help resolve transportation issues in walk zones.

It was moved by Loren Andrews, seconded by Esther Kilgour to approve the change in start and end times for Thomaston Grammar School and Rockland District Middle School to align with the other K-7 Schools.

Discussion followed.

Motion carried 847 for, 80 against (Dyer)

- f. Approve Changes to the 2010-2011 School Calendar

The superintendent explained that she'd like to ask the Commissioner for a waiver of the length of the school year for grades K-11. She's asking for a waiver for the 1 heat day in August and what adjustments that will make to the calendar. Additionally she's asking for a waiver for seniors so graduation at RDHS will be on June 7th and GVHS will be June 9th. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Sharon Spaulding, seconded by Esther Kilgour to direct the Superintendent to ask the Commissioner for a waiver for the "heat" day at the start of the school year, and waivers for seniors so graduations will not have to be rescheduled.

Motion carried 847 for, 80 against (Messing)

- g. Consideration of 2011-2012 School Calendar in First Reading

It was moved by Sharon Spaulding, seconded by Steven Dyer to approve the consideration of the 2011-2012 School Calendar in the first reading.

Motion carried unanimously

11. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

- a. Activities: Esther Kilgour reported on the meeting held in March. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on 5/26.
- b. Curriculum: Sally Carleton reported on the meeting held in March. The next meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on 4/14.
- c. Facilities & Transportation: Greg Hamlin reported on the meeting held in April. The next meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. 5/3.
- d. Finance & Insurance: Brian Messing reported on the meeting held in March. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on 4/14.
- e. Policy: Steve Dyer reported on the meeting held in March. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:45 p.m. on 4/26.
- f. Technology: Loren Andrews reported on the meeting held in March. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on 5/10.
- g. Mid Coast School of Technology: Greg Hamlin reported on the meeting held in March. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on 4/27.
- h. Many Flags/One Campus: Jamie Doubleday reported on the meeting held in March. The April 8th meeting is cancelled. The meeting date is TBD.
- i. Transition Advisory Group: Judy Lucarelli reported that committee did not meet due to special board meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on 5/2.

12. Adjournment

It was moved by Steven Dyer, seconded by Esther Kilgour to adjourn the meeting

Motion carried unanimously

Meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the RSU 13 School Board will be Thursday, May 5th, at 6:30 pm.

Budget Workshops are scheduled for 6 pm on April 4th, 6th, 11th, 13th and 25th if needed.