

RSU 13 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 5, 2011

It was moved by Steven Dyer, seconded by Sharon Spaulding to enter Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining. Motion carried unanimously.

Entered Executive Session at 6:15 pm. Returned to Public Session at 6:25 pm.

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum

The regular meeting of RSU #13 School Board was held on May 5, 2011 in the Board room at the McLain School. Present Were:

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

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Esther Kilgour at 6:29 pm. A quorum was declared.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag was led by RDHS student and Special Olympian, Tash McLaughlin.

3. Adjustments to the Agenda

Add 9g. Request from Dwight Blue for a one year unpaid leave of absence.

Add 9h. Authority to extend bereavement leave for a teacher for five additional days from sick leave.

4. Celebration of Students:

Vice Chairperson acknowledged art work displayed in the board room courtesy of Allison Livengood's students from South School, Owl's Head and Gilford Butler schools.

a. 2010 Baseball and Softball Teams at Georges Valley High School

The school board congratulated both teams for receiving the Knox-Lincoln-Waldo Umpires Sportsmanship Award. Coach, Don Shields, explained the meaning of the award and what an honor it is to receive it. Players talked about their sportsmanship philosophy.

b. Special Olympics High School Basketball Players

The school board congratulated the Special Olympics High School Basketball Team on their second place win in the Special Olympics Tournament at the University of Southern Maine. The team had the honor of being the first RSU 13 team to wear the new OHS colors. Players proudly displayed their silver medals.

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

Audrey Buffington of South Thomaston spoke about the budget and rights of taxpayers. She also thanked the board for their hard work on the budget. Josh McPhail of Saint George spoke about the budget and stressed the Board's need to have a long term plan.

6. Communications

The Superintendent received a letter from Commissioner Bowen approving our request for waiver of the instructional day requirements for the heat day in September and two instructional days for seniors at RDHS. The Superintendent reported that the board received a letter of resignation from John Sommo and a retirement letter from Margaret Anderson. She stressed that both will be missed.

7. Consent Agenda

It was moved by Steven Dyer, seconded by Greg Hamlin to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- a. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 7, 2011
- b. Approval of 2011-2012 School Calendar in Second Reading
- c. Change the Hours of Susan Sell as Library Ed Tech 2 to 3 Hours/Day
- d. Employment of Steven Sylvester as Custodial Supervisor through 6/30/12 for annual salary of \$41,000
- e. Accept Retirements and Resignations
 - (1) Margaret Anderson, Secretary, Gilford Butler School
 - (2) Martha Brown, Social Worker, Georges Valley High School
 - (3) Michele Damian, Special Ed Teacher, Lura Libby School
 - (4) Ann Dodd-Collins, Librarian, Lura Libby, Cushing, and Saint George Schools
 - (5) Joan Hall, 1st Grade Teacher, Gilford Butler School
 - (6) Rita Racine, 4th Grade Teacher, South School
 - (7) John Sommo, Principal, Owls Head Central School
 - (8) Jean Van Den Bossche, Title 1 Teacher, South School
- f. Appointment of 2011-2012 Middle School Coaches

- (1) Peter Mitchell, OHS West Girls Soccer Coach
- (2) Kevin Barratt, OHS West Boys Soccer Coach
- (3) Andrea Garver, OHS West Field Hockey Coach
- (4) Jana Tobin, OHS West Field Hockey Coach Assistant, Volunteer
- (5) Rick Randall, OHS West Football Assistant Coach
- (6) Tara Murray, TGS Girls Soccer Coach
- (7) Regan Lantos, TGS Boys Soccer Coach
- (8) Duane Tyler, SGS Coed Soccer Coach

The board stressed that the retirements are accepted with regret and is saddened to lose the years of experience.

Motion Carried 781 for, 72 abstained (Wilson)

8. Reports

a. Report of the Superintendent

- (1) Enrollment report for April was 2106.
- (2) The Superintendent reported on the planning that is underway in the area of Allied Arts and Math. She reported on the audit performed on Allied Arts in elementary and middle schools. The audit for math grades K-12 is now underway.
- (3) The Superintendent reported that three people from the DOE visited South School, Lura Libby, and GVHS today to perform the five year NCLB review. She also reported on the pros and cons of receiving a School Improvement Grant for GVHS.
- (4) The Superintendent reported on her attendance of the Superintendents Leadership Network Institute at the Cleveland Clinic about childhood obesity; the medical impact on kids and how we as a district can help. She is looking forward to working with Woody Moore on this topic.
- (5) Reported that South School just received a grant from Lowes for just under \$8000 to build a Green Outdoors Classroom. The grant was written by a South School parent. The PTF will provide funds for this cause as well.
- (6) After much soul searching and with the advice of board members, the Superintendent regrettably will not be able to attend the GVHS graduation as it conflicts with her daughter's graduation.

b. Report of the Chair

The Vice Chair recognized that it is educator's week and extended her appreciation to every employee as they all contribute to the success of our students. She asked the Board to please support the budget stressing that there is no perfect budget, only a budget that can be lived with.

9. Business Items

a. Actions Required to Approve the 2011-2012 Budget

- (1) Vote on Budget and Warrant for K-12 and Adult Education

Moved by Loren Andrews, Seconded by Greg Hamlin to approve the proposed expenditure budget for 2011-2012 in the amount of \$25,948,205 with an additional local share of \$3,722,275.

Discussion followed.

Motion carried 621 for, 232 against (Messing, Wilson, Dyer)

Moved by Greg Hamlin, seconded by Loren Andrews as follows:

VOTED: That the warrant for the Regional School Unit No. 13 (the "Regional School Unit") Budget Meeting presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved and that a Regional School Unit budget meeting be and is hereby called for June 8, 2011 for the purpose of voting on the annual budget for the Regional School Unit for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

FURTHER VOTED: That the Warrant and Notice of Election for the Regional School Unit Budget Validation Referendum presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved, and that a Regional School Unit budget validation referendum be and is hereby called for June 14, 2011 for the purpose of approving the budget adopted at the Regional School Unit budget meeting for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

FURTHER VOTED: That the form of Notice of Amounts Adopted at Budget Meeting presented to this meeting be and is hereby approved, and that the Superintendent of Schools of the Regional School Unit is hereby authorized and directed to complete said Notice by adding the amounts approved by the voters for each expenditure category and the total school budget summary expenditure amount, all in accordance with the Regional School Unit budget meeting on June 8, 2011, and to cause copies of said notice, as completed, to be delivered to the municipal clerks of each municipality of the Regional School Unit for posting at the polling places for the June 14, 2011 Regional School Unit budget validation referendum.

Discussion followed.

Motion carried 701 for, 152 against (Wilson, Dyer)

(2) Schedule Informational Meetings

One Informational Meeting will be held on June 1, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the McLain School building.

Discussion followed.

(3) Sign Warrants

This item was moved to the end of the board meeting.

(4) Other Actions as May Be Necessary

This item was moved to follow committee reports.

b. Accept \$50,000 from the Town of Saint George

It was moved by Greg Hamlin, seconded by William Pearce to accept \$50,000 as offered from the Town of Saint George.

Motion carried unanimously

c. Approve the Superintendent's Nomination of Teachers to a Continuing Contract

It was moved by Loren Andrews, seconded by Sally Carleton to approve the following teachers to a continuing contract.

- (1) Adam Bullard, Special Education Teacher
- (2) Hope Hersom, Guidance Counselor
- (3) Jessica Hutchins, Elementary Teacher
- (4) Victoria Johnson, Special Education Teacher
- (5) Lori Taylor, Literacy Coach
- (6) Benjamin Tripp, Elementary Teacher
- (7) Sheri Webert, Speech Therapist
- (8) Jennifer West, Special Education Teacher

Motion carried 781 for, 72 abstained (Wilson)

d. Approve the Superintendent's Nomination of Teachers to a Second Probationary Contract

It was moved by Loren Andrews, seconded by Steven Dyer to approve the following teachers to a second probationary contract.

- (1) Lucas Benner, Science Teacher
- (2) Michael Dennett, Elementary Teacher
- (3) Kasey Felt, Occupational Therapist
- (4) Matthew Mazzeo, World Languages Teacher
- (5) Amy Morgan, Special Education Teacher

Motion carried 781 for, 72 abstained (Wilson)

- e. Employment of Bruce Johnson as Information Technology Director for 2011-2012

It was moved by Steven Dyer, seconded by Sally Carleton to employ Bruce Johnson as the Information Technology Director for 2011-2012 at a salary of \$60,000.

Motion carried unanimously

- f. Consideration of Policies in First Reading

It was moved by Steven Dyer, seconded by William Pearce to approve the following policies in the first reading.

- (1) 2.60 Wellness
- (2) 2.15 Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect
- (3) 5.05 Fundraising Activities

Motion carried unanimously

- g. Request from Dwight Blue for a one year unpaid leave of absence.

It was moved by Sharon Spaulding, seconded by William Pearce to approved the request from Dwight Blue for a one year unpaid leave of absence.

Discussion Followed.

Motion carried 781 for, 72 against (Wilson)

- h. Authority to extend bereavement leave for a teacher for five additional days from sick leave.

It was moved by Sharon Spaulding, seconded by Steven Dyer to approve the extended bereavement leave for a teacher for five additional days to be deducted from sick leave.

Motion carried unanimously

10. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings: note that committee meeting notes are posted on the RSU 13 website.

a. Activities: Esther Kilgour reported that The Committee didn't meet. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on 5/26.

b. Curriculum: Sally Carleton reported on the meeting held in April. The next meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on 5/19.

c. Facilities & Transportation: Greg Hamlin reported on the meeting held in May. The next meeting is TBD.

d. Finance & Insurance: Brian Messing reported on the meeting held in April. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm on 5/12.

e. Policy: Steve Dyer reported on the meeting held in April. The next meeting is scheduled for 5:00 pm on 5/17.

f. Technology: Loren Andrews reported that the committee did not meet. The next meeting is TBD.

g. Mid Coast School of Technology: Greg Hamlin reported on the meeting held in April. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on 5/25.

h. Many Flags/One Campus: Jamie Doubleday reported on the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 am on 5/13.

i. Transition Advisory Group: Judy Lucarelli reported on the meeting in May. The next meeting is scheduled for 3:30 pm on 5/16.

9. Business Items

(4) Other Actions as May Be Necessary

Moved by Greg Hamlin, seconded by Loren Andrews to approve the RSU 13 Adult Ed budget in the amount of \$155,180 with a local share of \$91,412.

Motion carried 781 for, 72 against (Wilson)

Moved by Steven Dyer, seconded by William Pearce to establish a fuel cost stabilization fund under the authority of 20AMRS §15008 and to transfer up to \$200,000 to that fund from year end available funds balances.

The Superintendent explained the fund. Discussion followed.

Motion carried unanimously

(3) Signing Warrants

Board members signed all necessary documents to post the warrants for the District Budget Meeting and Budget Validation referendum.

10. Adjournment

It was moved by Steve Dyer, seconded by George Emery to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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

Budget Informational Meeting will be scheduled at 6 pm on June 1st at McLain School

The RSU 13 Budget Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8th at 6:00 pm.

The RSU 13 Budget Referendum is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14th in each town.