

RSU 13 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 7, 2011

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum

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

Loren Andrews	Cushing
Sally Carleton	Owls Head
Carol Bachofner	Rockland
George Emery	St. George
Eric Schenk	South Thomaston
Arvilla Collins	Thomaston
Brian Messing	Rockland
Darryl Sanborn	Thomaston
Esther Kilgour	Rockland
William Pearce	Rockland
Sharon Spaulding	Rockland
Gregory Hamlin	Thomaston
Josiah Wilson	St. George

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Judy Lucarelli at 6:30 P.M. A quorum was declared.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Election of a Chair for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year

It was moved by Esther Kilgour, seconded by Sally Carleton to nominate Greg Hamlin as Chair of the Board for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year.

Motion carried 927 for, 72 against (Wilson)

Greg Hamlin conducted the remainder of the meeting.

4. Election of a Vice Chair for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year

Esther Kilgour and Arvilla Collins were nominated as Vice Chair for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year.

Kilgour received 701 votes. Collins received 298 votes. Kilgour was declared Vice Chair.

5. Adjustments to the Agenda

Added item 8.c.(6) Nomination of Rachel Johndrow as Science Teacher

Removed 8.c.(7) Guidance Nomination

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

Don Choquette of Spruce Head addressed the board about the discussion of process for development of a strategic plan.

Jim Masterson, Alternative Education Teacher, addressed the board about keeping the Alternative Ed program at the St. George School.

Josh McPhail of St. George addressed the board about their decision making process and the restoration of band in St. George.

Jennifer Garrett of St. George addressed the board about the restoration of band in St. George, the possibilities of keeping allied arts teachers at a school for an entire day, and the board's decision making process.

Eric Hebert of Rockland cautioned the board about changing the cost sharing formula.

Elizabeth Dickerson of Rockland addressed the board about the need to change the cost sharing formula due to economic hardship of citizens of Rockland.

7. Communications

Board received communication from Don Kanicki.

Board received a resignation from Kristi Hastings.

8. Consent Agenda

It was moved by Esther Kilgour, seconded by Josiah Wilson to approve the Consent Agenda as follows with the removal of c. 7 Guidance Counselor and with adjustments to the regular meeting minutes of June 2, 2011.

- a. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 2, 2011 (with adjustment to business item 9e to read Steven Dyer as second instead of Brian Messing)
- b. Approval on the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of June 8, 2011
- c. Approval of Employment of New Teachers
 - (1) Rachel Campbell, .5 Social Studies Teacher
 - (2) Holly Billings, Special Education Teacher
 - (3) Danielle Pfeffer, Special Education Teacher
 - (4) Iris Eichenlaub, Library Media Specialist
 - (5) Karen Wheelis, Special Education Teacher
 - (6) Rachel Johndrow, Science Teacher

Motion carried 927 for, 72 abstained (Wilson)

9. Reports

a. Report of the Superintendent

The Superintendent reported that the Design Team Advance was outstanding. Three planning priorities were created: Promote Positive Culture in RSU 13 and Its Schools; Identify and Assess Common Learning Targets for Core Subjects K-12; and Use Data and Research in Making Decisions.

The Superintendent reported that a student teacher has been assigned to teachers at South School, that the literacy program at South School is showing success in terms of student test results, and Todd Martin's recent certification as a literacy coach.

The Superintendent reported on High School Accreditation and the need to identify the mission value and beliefs as it's a requirement of accreditation. A final draft is near completion and will be ready for Board and faculty consideration at the start of the year.

The Superintendent reported that the subsidy for 2011-2012 will be \$5371 lower than planned during the budget process.

b. Report of the Chair

Chair expressed his expectations for the Board and charged Board Committees to form 1 to 3 goals to present to the Board.

10. Business Items

a. Implementation of Wellness Policy

The Design Team will have an extended meeting in August on how to implement the policy including changes in classroom practice. Discussion followed.

b. Approval of Policy in First Reading: 4.17P Professional Staff Evaluation Procedure

It was moved by Arvilla Collins, seconded by Esther Kilgour to approve Policy 4.17P Professional Staff Evaluation Procedure in first reading.

Motion carried unanimously

c. Discussion of Alternative Programs

The Superintendent received a letter from teachers at Saint George about the location of the RSU 13 Middle School Alternative Education program. She explained the decision making process regarding this issue. Concerns were addressed with the teacher and administration. An in-depth discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of moving the program. Chair suggested that Josiah Wilson e-mail the Superintendent his list of questions so she can respond by email to the Board before the next Board meeting. No action was taken.

d. Elimination of Proposed Volunteer Coordinator Position

Due to changes made at the District Budget Meeting the Superintendent suggested that this position be eliminated. Discussion followed.

It was moved Esther Kilgour, seconded by Josiah Wilson to eliminate the proposed Volunteer Coordinator position.

Motion carried 771 for, 228 against (Andrews, Schenk, Bachofner)

e. Increase in Middle School Band Staffing

There was considerable discussion about increasing band staffing at the middle school level and several options were debated.

Moved by William Pearce and seconded by Sharon Spaulding that \$21,000 be put towards restoring St. George Band to the level that it was.

Discussion followed.

Moved by Darryl Sanborn and seconded by Carol Bachofner to amend the motion to increase band staffing by .2 in each of the three middle schools for the coming year.

Discussion followed.

Carol Bachofner called the question.

Motion to call the question carried 927 for, 72 against (Wilson)

Amendment carried 694 for, 305 against (Collins, Kilgour, Pearce, Wilson).

Amended Motion carried 847 for, 152 against (Kilgour, Wilson).

f. Addition of a Special Education Teacher for Behavior Program at South School

The Superintendent explained the need to have two Special Education Teachers in the program instead of one teacher and one Ed Tech 3. Discussion followed.

Moved by Loren Andrews, seconded by Esther Kilgour to add a special education teacher for the behavior program at South School for the coming year.

Motion carried 927 for, 72 against (Wilson)

g. Discussion of Process for Development of a Strategic Plan

The Superintendent shared with the board the results of her research regarding the strategic plans of both SAD 5 and 50 and how those plans were developed. She has also researched facilitators who will be available to assist the board with the process. She suggests that Chair and Vice Chair prepare a proposal for how that planning process will look and present it to the board for consideration at the August meeting.

Moved by Josiah Wilson and seconded by Loren Andrews that the Chair and Vice Chair prepare a proposal for developing a strategic plan and present it to the board at the August meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

h. Selection of Board Members for the Reapportionment Committee

In response to the letter the Superintendent sent the Commissioner, she was informed that the district must form a Reapportionment Committee consisting of one elected municipal official, one citizen, and one School Board member from each town.

Chair Greg Hamlin appointed Josiah Wilson, Esther Kilgour, Greg Hamlin, Eric Schenk, Sally Carleton and Loren Andrews to the committee. First committee meeting is to be held on Monday, July 18th at 6:00 pm in the Board Room at McLain School.

i. Discussion of Changing Cost Share Formula

The Superintendent reported that the method of amending the cost sharing formula is described on page 13 of the RPC Plan that was approved by the Commissioner and citizens of the six towns when RSU 13 was formed. There was considerable discussion.

Moved by Esther Kilgour and seconded by Brian Messing to start the process to amend the cost share formula.

Motion failed 312 for, 687 against (Collins, Emery, Hamlin, Pearce, Sanborn, Andrews, Schenk, Carleton, Bachofner).

Moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Esther Kilgour to extend the board meeting past 10:00 p.m.

Motion carried 919 for, 80 against (Pearce).

j. Computation and Declaration of Budget Validation Referendum Voting

Moved by Esther Kilgour and seconded by Brian Messing that the Computation and Declaration of Votes dated and attached hereto be and it is hereby approved;

Further voted: That the Computation and Declaration of Votes be entered upon the records of Regional School Unit No. 13 (the “Regional School Unit”);

Further Voted: That a certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes be sent to each of the Municipal Clerks within the Regional School Unit.

Motion carried 927 for, 72 against (Wilson)

Board members signed the required form.

k. Establish School Lunch Prices for the 2011-2012 School Year

Board discussed lunch and breakfast price increase recommended by the Food Service Department for the coming year. Increase of \$.25 for breakfast at the high school level and an increase of \$.10 for lunch at all other schools. Scott Vaitones spoke to this recommendation. Discussion followed.

Moved by Esther Kilgour and seconded by Loren Andrews to establish school lunch prices for the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion carried 927 for, 72 against (Wilson)

11. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

- a. Activities: Esther Kilgour reported that committee didn't meet. Next meeting is 8/27 at 6pm
- b. Curriculum: Sally Carleton reported on the 6/23 meeting. Next meeting is 8/18 at 5:30 pm.
- c. Facilities & Transportation: Greg Hamlin reported on the 7/5 meeting.
- d. Finance & Insurance: Brian Messing reported on the 6/16 meeting. Next meeting is 7/14 at 6 pm.
- e. Policy: Bill reported on the June meeting.
- f. Technology: Loren Andrews reported on the June meeting.

- g. Mid Coast School of Technology: Greg Hamlin reported on the June meeting.
- h. Many Flags/One Campus. No report

12. Executive Session: Collective Bargaining

Moved by Esther Kilgour and seconded by Sally Carleton to go into executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining.

Motion carried unanimously.

Entered Executive Session at 10:32 pm.

Returned to public session at 11 pm.

13. Adjournment

Moved by Esther Kilgour and seconded by Josiah Wilson to adjourn.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:01 pm.

The next Regular Meeting of the RSU 13 School Board will be Thursday, August 4th, at 6:30 pm.