

RSU 13 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Board Room at McLain School, August 4, 2011

All being present except Eric Schenk, Sharon Spaulding, and Carol Bachofner, it was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Loren Andrews to enter Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining and other personnel matters. Motion carried unanimously.

Entered Executive Session at 5:35 pm. Returned to Public Session at 6:40 pm.

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum

The regular meeting of RSU #13 School Board was held on August 4, 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
	Darryl Sanborn	Thomaston
	Esther Kilgour	Rockland
	William Pearce	Rockland
	Gregory Hamlin	Thomaston
	Josiah Wilson	St. George
Dismissed at 7:30	Brian Messing	Rockland
Absent Excused	Eric Schenk	South Thomaston
Absent Excused	Sharon Spaulding	Rockland

The meeting was called to order by Chair Greg Hamlin at 6:41 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

Add Item 8.f. Ratification of Agreement with Teamsters' Food Service Union.

Add Item 8.g. Approve Compensation for Non-Aligned Personnel

Move Items 8.b., 8.c., 8.f., 8.g. to before item 6.

Change Item 6.c.(4) to include the name Emily Johnson.

Remove Item 6.c.(5).

Moved by Josiah Wilson to add the discussion of the Alternative Education Program to the business agenda. Motion failed due to lack of second.

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

Jim Masterson, Alternative Education Teacher, spoke against moving the Alternative Education Program from the Saint George School.

8. Business Items: The following items were taken out of order because the Chair of Personnel and Negotiations Committee had to leave the meeting early.

b. Action to Establish Before School Planning Time for Teachers

A motion was made by Loren Andrews to approve changing the weekly schedule for teachers to allow for common planning time outside the student day, subject to continuing to meet the Board's obligations regarding collective bargaining of this matter, seconded by Esther Kilgour.

Motion carried 751 for, 75 against (Wilson)

c. Action to Eliminate Delayed Start on Mondays at Gilford Butler School, Owls Head Central School, and South School

Moved by Josiah Wilson to approve starting school for students at the same time on Monday as on other days, subject to continuing to meet the Board's obligations regarding collective bargaining of this matter, seconded by Brian Messing.

Motion carried unanimously

f. Ratify the agreement between the RSU 13 Board of Directors and Teamsters Local #340 Cafeteria Unit July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012

Moved by Esther Kilgour to ratify the agreement between the RSU 13 Board of Directors and Teamsters Local #340 Cafeteria Unit July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012, seconded by William Pearce.

Motion carried 751 for, 75 against (Wilson)

g. Approval of 2011-2012 compensation for non-aligned staff as recommended

Moved by Esther Kilgour to approve the 2011-2012 compensation for non-aligned staff as recommended, seconded by Sally Carleton.

Motion carried 751 for, 75 against (Wilson)

4. Return to Public Participation

Audrey Buffington addressed the Board about education issues.

Josh McPhail of Saint George addressed the board about the need for a strategic plan.

5. Communications: There were none at this time.

6. Consent Agenda

Moved by Sally Carleton, seconded by Loren Andrews to approve the consent agenda with adjustments.

a. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 7, 2011

b. Approval of Employment of Lynsey Ward as RDMS Assistant Principal .5 FTE

- c. Approval of Employment of New Teachers
 - (1) Jessica Miller as Guidance Counselor
 - (2) Nancy Nickerson as Elementary Teacher
 - (3) Michael Reese as Special Education Teacher
 - (4) Music Teacher .93 FTE (Emily Johnson)

Motion carried 751 for, 75 against (Wilson)

7. Reports

a. Report of the Superintendent

The Superintendent thanked everyone who volunteered during the Lobster Festival. Their commitment helped make the Lobster Festival a successful event for our community.

She reported on summer work underway.

She clarified matters regarding the RSU 13 Alternative Education Program for the middle school students.

Josiah Wilson moved that there be a one-year moratorium to keep the Middle School Alternative Education Program in Saint George. Motion failed due to lack of second.

The Superintendent thanked George Emery for volunteering his time and artistic talents at OSHE and OSHW.

b. Report of the Chair

The Chair thanked Arvilla Collins for her service on the Board. He reported on matters relating to the Facilities and Transportation Committee. He reminded Committee Chairs that goals are to be reported at the next Board meeting, if the Committee has met. Esther Kilgour requested an overview of the costs the district has saved by having an in-house mechanic.

c. Report on Reapportionment

The Superintendent reported on the process required by Statute in order to move forward with Reapportionment. As one board member needed to be eliminated, she explained the only option available was to draw lots. The results were that Arvilla Collins was no longer on the board. Board members expressed appreciation for Arvilla's service on the Board.

8. Business Items

a. Determination of Strategic Planning Process for RSU 13

Tess Kilgour reported on the meeting with consultant David Ruff and Duke Albanese from the Great Schools Partnership. She reviewed with the Board the proposed planning process and the RSU 21 strategic plan developed with facilitation by the Partnership. If Board members would like other consultants to be considered they should provide Greg, Tess, or Judy with names very soon. This matter will be before the Board for a vote at the September meeting.

d. Approval of Policy in Second Reading: 4.17P Professional Staff Evaluation Procedure

Moved by Esther Kilgour to approve Policy 4.17P Professional Staff Evaluation Procedure in the Second Reading with punctuation corrections, seconded by Josiah Wilson.

Motion carried unanimously

e. Approval of Cooperative Agreement and Bylaws for the Midcoast School of Technology

Moved by William Pearce for the approval of Cooperative Agreement and Bylaws for the Midcoast School of Technology, seconded by Carol Bachofner

Motion carried 667 for, 75 against (Wilson)

9. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

- a. Activities: Esther Kilgour reported that they didn't meet. Next meeting is 8/26 at 6:30 pm.
- b. Curriculum: Sally Carleton reported that they didn't meet. Next meeting is 8/18 at 5:30 pm.
- c. Facilities & Transportation: Greg Hamlin reported on the July meeting. Next meeting is to be determined.
- d. Finance & Insurance: No report given. Next meeting is 8/11 at 6 pm.
- e. Policy: Esther Kilgour reported. Discussion followed about filling Arvilla's seat. Next meeting is 8/16 at 5:30 pm.
- f. Technology: Loren Andrews reported that they didn't meet. Next meeting is 8/9 at 6:00 pm.
- g. Midcoast School of Technology: Bill Pearce reported that they didn't meet. Next meeting is 8/24 at 7:00 pm.
- h. Many Flags/One Campus: Greg Hamlin reported that they did meet. Next meeting is 8/15 at 4:00 pm. Loren Andrews responded to questions asked regarding the land agreement.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Josiah Wilson to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Esther Kilgour.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the RSU 13 School Board will be Thursday, September 1st, at 6:30 pm.