

**RSU 13 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**Board Room at McLain School, September 1, 2011**

All being present except Josiah Wilson and Loren Andrews (5:40 pm), it was moved by Esther Kilgour and seconded by William Pearce to enter Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining. Motion carried unanimously.

Entered Executive Session at 5:31 pm. Returned to Public Session at 6:24 pm.

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

The regular meeting of RSU 13 School Board was held on September 1, 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
	Brian Messing	Rockland
	Eric Schenk	South Thomaston
	Sharon Spaulding	Rockland
Unexcused	Josiah Wilson	St. George

The meeting was called to order by Chair Greg Hamlin 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. Adjustments to the Agenda**

Add 8.d. to vote to change athletic admission fees

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

Donald Robishaw of Rockland addressed the Board regarding mascot issues, cost savings of the bus garage, spoke against the strategic plan proposal and expressed concerns regarding transportation.

Audrey Buffington addressed the Board regarding educational matters.

Doug Curtis of Rockland addressed the board on how to better preserve the memorabilia of RDHS.

## **5. Communications**

The Superintendent shared a letter she received from the Georges River Education Foundation announcing that they have awarded 10 Grants totaling \$10,272.

## **6. Consent Agenda**

Moved by Esther Kilgour, seconded by Sally Carleton to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- a. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 4, 2011
- b. Approval of Employment of New Teachers
  - (1) Elizabeth Dickerson as Computer Teacher .5 FTE
- c. Increase Teacher Contracts
  - (1) Alison Livengood from .93 to .96 FTE Art Teacher
  - (2) Sam Pendleton from .5 to .55 FTE Phys Ed Teacher
- d. Appointment of Volunteer Coaches
  - (1) Nate Grade, OHS Volunteer Varsity Assistant Football Coach
  - (2) Jason Butman, OHS Volunteer Varsity Assistant Football Coach
  - (3) Jim Stone, OHS Volunteer Varsity Assistant Football Coach

Motion carried unanimously

## **7. Reports**

### **a. Report of the Superintendent**

Current Enrollment is 2064. The Superintendent reported on the success of opening day and the great start that schools had instructionally. She thanked George Emery again for volunteering his artistic talent to both high schools. She reviewed a document before the board called Oceanside High School Core Values, Beliefs, Expectations Draft dated August 29, 2011.

Scott Vaitones reported on transportation matters during the opening week of school, as well as Transfinder, the free transportation software system offered by the State.

**b. Report of the Chair**

The Chair thanked the maintenance and janitorial staff for the great work they accomplished during the summer. He was impressed by how clean the schools are. He thanked John Spear, who recently retired from the Negotiations Committee, for his dedication.

**c. Report on Superintendent's Goals**

The Superintendent reported on the status of her goals which was accompanied by a written report given to the board. Discussion followed.

**d. Report on South School Literacy Initiatives**

In response to questions about South School's literacy program the Superintendent asked South School Principal, Todd Martin, and Advanced Literacy Coach, Lori Taylor, to present to the Board on South School's Literacy Initiatives. Mr. Martin ended his presentation by stating that the goal of the literacy program is to make changes that provide lasting success for students as opposed to a quick fix in response to a CIPS status. Discussion followed.

**8. Business Items**

**a. Authorize the Superintendent to Contract with the Great Schools Partnership to Facilitate Strategic Planning for RSU 13**

An in depth discussion of this matter took place prior to voting.

Moved by Esther Kilgour and seconded by Carol Bachofner to authorize the Superintendent to contract with the Great Schools Partnership to facilitate strategic planning for RSU 13.

Motion carried unanimously

**b. Approve the Production and Sale of Cookies by the OHSE Life Skills Students**

Moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Sally Carleton to approve the production and sale of cookies by the OHSE Life Skills Students.

Motion carried unanimously

**c. Approval of Policies in First Reading:**

Moved by William Pearce and seconded by Esther Kilgour to approve the following policies in first reading:

- (1) 1.02 Board Legal Status and Organization
- (2) 1.10 New Board Member Orientation

- (3) 2.62 Employment of Students
- (4) 3.30 Public Distribution of Materials

Motion carried unanimously

**d. Vote to Change Athletic Admission Fees.**

Moved by Esther Kilgour and seconded by Darryl Sanborn to accept the reduction in RSU 13 sporting admission fees to the following:

**Varsity Football (4 dates per season)**

\$5/family

\$3/adult

\$1/student and senior citizen

\$10 season pass (adults only)

**Varsity Basketball (14-16 dates per season)**

\$5/family

\$3/adult

\$1/student and senior citizen

\$20 season pass for either boys or girls

\$30 season pass for both boys and girls games

\$40 season pass for both boys and girls plus football

Motion carried 841 for, 84 abstained (Messing)

**9. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings**

- a. Activities: Esther Kilgour reported on the August meeting. Spirit week is 9/19-24 at both campuses. See website for more info. Next meeting is 9/27 at 6:00 pm.

The committee goals are as follows:

- 1. To discuss and work on revamping middle school athletics.
- 2. To create a 5 year long range plan for RSU 13 athletics.
- 3. To have an inventory of uniforms and equipment with a target date for completion of January 31, 2012.

- b. Curriculum: Sally Carleton reported on the August meeting. Next meeting is 9/15 at 5:30 pm.

The committee goals are as follows:

- 1. Parity of learning opportunities within all schools in the RSU (The committee acknowledges that this goal demands further deliberation).
- 2. Expanding the elementary world program.

- c. Facilities & Transportation: Greg Hamlin reported that the Committee didn't meet yet. Next meeting is 9/6 at 5:30 pm.
- d. Finance & Insurance: Brian Messing reported that they didn't meet. Next meeting is 9/8 at 6:00pm.
- e. Policy: Esther Kilgour reported on the August meeting. Next meeting is 9/27 at 6:45 pm. Committee goals are as follows:
  - 1. Address the remaining policies from the old SADs.
  - 2. Plan to prepare new policies or revise existing policies in response to changes in the law.
  - 3. Plan to become more expeditious in policy development and review.
- f. Technology: Loren Andrews reported on the August meeting. Next meeting is 9/13 at 6:00 pm. Committee goals are as follows:
  - 1. Student Success Student Achievement and Performance.
  - 2. Professional Development
  - 3. Efficiencies and Communications
  - 4. Effective technology
  - 5. Technical Support
- g. Mid Coast School of Technology: Bill Pearce reported on the August meeting. Next meeting is 9/28 at 7:00 pm.
- h. Many Flags/One Campus: Greg Hamlin and Loren Andrews reported on the August meeting. Next meeting is 9/12 at 4:00 pm. Discussion followed.

## **10. Adjournment**

Moved by Esther Kilgour and seconded by Loren Andrews to adjourn.

Motion carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

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