

**MINUTES**  
**RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**5:30 pm Executive Session – 6:30 pm Regular School Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 5, 2012**  
**McLain School – Rockland**

1. The meeting was called to order and a quorum was declared at 5:30 pm.
2. Executive Session: SEA/ESP Level 3 – Regional School Unit Board – Grievance Review  
*It was moved by Esther Kilgour and seconded by Greg Hamlin to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried unanimously.*  
  
*Executive Session entered at 5:35 pm. Return to public session at 6:39 pm.*
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
4. Adjustments to the Agenda  
*The Chair recommended the following adjustments:*
  - *Add Item 10, i, Approve fund raising requests as per RSU Policy 5.05 for Destination Imagination Teams representing Rockland District Middle School and Thomaston Grammar, Cushing, and Lura Libby Schools to the agenda.*
  - *Move Executive Session motion to 5a.*
  - *Move up Facilities and Transportation re mowing*
5. Public Participation: Citizens are welcome to speak to matters before the Board (up to 30 minutes total).
  - *Roger Dell – Farnsworth – The Farnsworth offers an opportunity for teachers/students to learn about arts. They have a partnership with the Lincoln Center Institute. A handout was distributed on the Lincoln Center Institute’s International Educator Workshop which will be held at the Farnsworth in July.*
  - *Andrea Curtis – Farnsworth – She is the Project Manager for the Farnsworth’s Arts in Education Program. There is a cohort of teachers from the surrounding area that meet weekly. The program is free and is open to all Maine Educators. Andrea distributed a handout explaining the program.*
  - *Audrey Buffington – So. Thomaston – Doesn’t approve of LD1422, standards based grading and education. No date has been set to see what has or hasn’t been learned about LD1422. Suggested having uniforms for students.*
  - *Beverly Cowan – Distributed a handout, Education or Indoctrination? The Treatment of Islam in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade American Textbooks.*
- 5a. *Darryl Sanborn moved, and Carol Bachofner seconded the motion to affirm the SEA/ESP contractual interpretation relative to SEA/ESP Agreement, Article 10 Leaves, A. Sick Leave, 1. Support staff under the ESP contract accumulate 12 days per year. Yes 497, No 164 (Loren Andrews and George Emery), Abstained 339 (Esther Kilgour, Brian Messing, Sally Carleton, Greg Hamlin)*

6. Educational Presentation – **Technology For Improved Teaching & Learning** – Beth Chamberlin, Principal & Beth Vickery, Kindergarten Teacher – Cushing Community School

*Beth Chamberlin, Principal of Lura Libby School and Cushing Community School, attended the Destination Imagination conference in Orono. Beth mentioned that today students are technology natives and adults are technology immigrants. Beth Vickery, Kindergarten teacher at Cushing Community School did a Power Point presentation. She said that teachers are adapting to new technology. They are integrating technology through different ways such as interactive White Boards and kids are using smart boards. Beth V. said that iPads are the next wave. Technology allows network and connection to other classrooms. It is culturally enriching, and socially networking is important. The Cushing Community School kindergarten class has a website: <http://ccskindergarten.wikispaces.com>. Beth V. extended an invitation to board members to visit her classroom.*

7. Communications

None

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of minutes of regular meeting of March 6, 2012 (rescheduled due to storm cancellation March 1, 2012)
- b. Appointment of coaches who are not regular employees
  - (1) Heath Commeau as Oceanside High School East, Jayvee Baseball – Spring 2012
- c. Adoption of policies in second reading
  - (1) Policy 1.04 - Commitment to Standards for Ethical & Responsible Behavior
  - (2) Policy 5.20 - Student Transportation/Volunteer Drivers
  - (3) Policy 4.17P - Professional Staff Evaluation Procedures

*It was moved by Esther Kilgour and seconded by Darryl Sanborn to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried with Don Robishaw opposed.*

9. Reports

- a. Report of the Interim Superintendent & Business Manager

*Neal Guyer – Administrators are working on the fact sheet. To date there are three retirees: Michele (Mike) Gee, St. George School, hired in 1988, Patricia Higgins, Library/Media Specialist, hired in 2004, David Allen, Physical Science, RDHS/OSHE, hired in 2001. Neal wished them well and said they will be missed.*

*Recognized artwork in the room was by Sylvia Percy's class at Oceanside West.*

*There was a suggestion to have students read poetry at a future board meeting.*

*Scott Vaitones – There are three budgets left to discuss: Food Service, Adult Education and Transportation.*

b. Report of the Chair

Budget work – started with two separate districts and have saved nearly 9 million dollars with consolidation.

(1) RSU 13 Strategic Planning Process

*There are six different categories. On April 10<sup>th</sup> will start working on verbiage.*

(2) RSU 13 Superintendent's Search Process

*Ten applications have been received. A lot has been done on Survey Monkey. Information from the survey will be shared on the website. There have been 178 responses and 103 comments on the survey. The top five qualities in looking for a superintendent are leadership, communication, school improvement, school/community involvement and community relations. Staff members felt that staff development was not as important as they feel they are doing well*

*There will be a meeting on ranking on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> letters of regrets will be sent out. Interviews will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. A maximum of six will be interviewed on the first round. The top two or three candidates will be brought to the board. All the applicants are from New England and there are both male and female applicants.*

10. Business Items

a. Approve leave of absence request for E. Davis; 2012-2013 school year

*It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Carol Bachofner to approve the leave of absence as requested. Motion passed unanimously.*

b. Accept FY11 Audit; June 30, 2011

*It was moved by Esther Kilgour and seconded by Sally Carleton to accept the Fiscal Year 2011 Audit for June 30, 2011, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

c. Approval to enter into an agreement with the Maine Dept. of Transportation regarding ferry terminal parking at Oceanside High School East

*It was moved by Carol and seconded by Bill to approve the agreement with the Maine Dept. of Transportation for ferry terminal parking at Oceanside High School East as presented. After discussion a motion was made by Esther Kilgour and seconded by George Emery to table the approval to enter into an agreement with the Maine Dept. of Transportation regarding ferry terminal parking at Oceanside High School East. Yes 832, No 168 (Brian Messing and Bill Pearce)*

d. Approval of draft policies in first reading: -

(1) 2.60 - Closed Campus/Senior Privilege

*It was moved by Carol Bachofner and seconded by Don Choquette to accept the draft policy in first reading. Motion passed unanimously.*

- e. *Scott Vaitones said the Mowing Bids were opened this week. Bids were submitted for one year and three years. Scott said he felt the three year bid was the way to go. He recommended Sea breeze Landscaping, which is a local company, they have done the mowing in the past, and are dependable.*

*It was moved by Esther Kilgour and seconded by seconded by Carol Bachofner to award a three year mowing bid to Sea breeze Landscaping. Motion passed unanimously.*

- f. Accept the resignation of Emily I. Johnson, RDMS /SS/OHCS Music & Band

*It was moved by Esther Kilgour and seconded by Carol Bachofner to approve the resignation of Emily Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.*

- g. Approve the 2012-2013 school calendar

*It was moved by Brian Messing and seconded by Loren Andrews to approve the 2012-2013 school calendar as presented. Yes 916, No 84 (Carol Bachofner)*

- h. Approve the establishment of a scholarship fund in the memory of Les Richards

*It was moved by Esther Kilgour and seconded by Sally Carleton to approve the establishment of a scholarship fund in the memory of Les Richards. Motion passed unanimously.*

- i. Approve fund raising requests as per RSU Policy 5.05 for Destination Imagination Teams representing Rockland District Middle School and Thomaston Grammar School, Cushing and Lura Libby Schools.

*It was moved by Esther Kilgour and seconded by Sally Carleton to approve the fund raising requests as per RSU Policy 5.05 for Destination Imagination teams representing Rockland District Middle School and Thomaston Grammar School, Cushing and Lura Libby Schools. Motion passed unanimously.*

#### 11. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings:

- a. **Activities:** Chair Esther Kilgour reported that the committee met on March 8. There will not be a meeting in April. The next meeting will be on May 22, time to be announced. There will not be any meetings the months of July and August. Mentioned three positive events: Middle School wrestling team – won good sportsmanship award; Samoset Resort is donating tennis court time; sports fields were ready on March 21.
- b. **Curriculum:** Chair Sally Carleton reported that the committee met on March 15. The next meeting will be at 5:40 pm on May 17.
- c. **Facilities & Transportation:** Chair Greg Hamlin reported that the committee met twice, March 6 and 19. The next regular meeting will be at 6:00 pm on May 1.

- d. Finance & Insurance: Chair Brian Messing reported that the committee met on March 13. The next meeting will be at 6:00 pm on April 12.
  - e. Policy: Chair Esther Kilgour reported that the committee met on March 20. The next meeting will be at 3:00 pm on May 15.
  - f. Technology: Chair Loren Andrews reported that the committee met on March 22. The next meeting will be at 6:00 pm in May, date to be announced.
  - g. Mid Coast School of Technology: Chair Bill Pearce reported that the committee met on March 28. The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm on April 25.
  - h. Many Flags/One Campus: Chair Loren Andrews reported that the committee met on March 12. The next meeting will be at 5:00 pm on April 25.
12. Adjournment: *It was moved by Esther Kilgour and seconded by Loren Andrews to adjourn at 8:55 pm.*

The Next Regular Meeting of the RSU 13 School Board will be  
Thursday, May 3, 2012, at 6:30 pm.