

MINUTES
RSU 13 SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY – MAY 12, 2016
MCLAIN SCHOOL
6:30PM

1. *Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and a quorum was declared. Carol Bachofner and Nancy Jeffers were absent, and one seat remains unfilled.*

2. *The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.*

3. Adjustments to the Agenda- *None*

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

Paul Gibbons, Attorney for the Town of Thomaston, requesting a letter from Drummond Woodsum certifying that the Siemens Performance Contract has been reviewed by them and is legal.

5. Consent Agenda

A. To acknowledge the retirement of:

(1) Diana Simendinger, Grade K, LLS, effective August 31, 2016

(2) Don Pietroski, Math teacher, OHS-E, effective August 31, 2016

(3) Russell Dole, History teacher, OHS-W, effective August 31, 2016

Hearing no objections, the consent agenda was acknowledged.

6. Business Items

A. Approval of financing for Siemens Energy Project

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Susan Thomas to approve financing for the Siemens Energy Project. Don Robishaw made a motion to table action on the energy project. Christine seconded the motion. Motion to table failed 98 – 610 (Don Robishaw in favor, Christine Curtis, Loren Andrews, Ron Gamage, Susan Thomas, Steve Roberts, and Jesse Butler against). The financing agreement is a non-binding preliminary financing offer for 8.25 million dollars with Cruise and Associates. The original motion carried 610 – 98 (Don Robishaw against).

B. Acceptance of FY 14-15 Audit

It was moved by Jesse Butler and seconded by Christine Curtis to accept the FY 14 – 15 Audit. Motion carried unanimously (of those present).

It was moved by Don Robishaw and seconded by Jesse Butler to add approving a School Resource Officer to the agenda. Discussion followed. Motion failed 503 – 98 (Christine Curtis abstained, Don Robishaw for, and Loren Andrews, Ron Gamage, Susan Thomas, Steve Roberts and Jesse Butler against).

7. Adjournment- *It was moved by Susan Thomas and seconded by Jesse Butler to adjourn at 7:30 PM.*