

**MINUTES**  
**RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**THURSDAY – OCTOBER 5, 2017**  
**MCLAIN SCHOOL**  
**6:30PM**

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum – *Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and quorum was declared. All Board members were present, with the exception of the vacant Thomaston seat. Chair Roberts then announced that he would like to have a moment of silence for Ed Mazurek, a long time teacher, coach, politician, and all-around pillar of Rockland and its surrounding towns, as he passed away on October 4<sup>th</sup>.*
2. Pledge of Allegiance – *The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.*
3. Adjustments to the Agenda- **Business Item D – To rescind Policy GCOA-P- Professional Staff Evaluation Procedure.**
4. Public Participation: Citizens are welcome to speak to agenda matters before the Board (up to 30 minutes total) - *None*
5. Presentation
  - A. Oceanside High School – *Jen Curtis- Oceanside High School Principal Jen Curtis and BARR Coordinator Hannah Faesy, along with students Alexis Doyle and Chris Carroll gave a presentation regarding the benefits of the Freshman Academy.*
6. Consent Agenda
  - A. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of September 7, 2017 – *Chair Roberts moved to amend the minutes of September 7, 2017. In the report of the Board Chair, it was stated that Loren Andrews would be Vice-Chair of the Strategic Plan Committee. There is no Vice-Chair for that committee. It was moved by Susan Allen Thomas and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to accept the minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.*
  - B. Acknowledge the retirement of William Palmer, Alternative Education Teacher, effective November 1, 2017 – *Hearing no objections, the retirement of William Palmer, Alternative Education Teacher, effective November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, was acknowledged.*
7. Business Items
  - A. To acknowledge the appointment of:
    - (1) Matthew Speno, Special Education Teacher, Oceanside High School
    - (2) Jamie Eaton, Title 1A Interventionist, South School

*It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Carol Bachofner to acknowledge the appointments of Matthew Speno, Special Education Teacher at Oceanside High School and Jamie Eaton, Title 1A Interventionist at South School. Motion carried unanimously.*

- B. To approve an additional team leader stipend position for Allied Arts at South School – *It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Susan Allen Thomas to approve an additional team leader stipend position for Allied Arts at South School. Motion carried unanimously.*
  - C. To approve a teacher request for a one-year sabbatical – *It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Loren Andrews to approve a teacher request for a one-year sabbatical. Motion carried unanimously.*
  - D. **To rescind Policy GCOA-P – Professional Staff Evaluation Procedure – It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Susan Allen Thomas to rescind Policy GCOP-P- Professional Staff Evaluation Procedure. Motion carried unanimously.**
8. Communications – *Letter from Georges River Education Foundation providing a summary of all of the GREF grants awarded to RSU 13 for the 2017-2018 School Year.*
9. Reports
- A. Report of the Superintendent – *Superintendent McDonald began his report talking about the groundbreaking ceremony for Mid Coast School of Technology. He then spoke about the initial meeting with new Owners Representative, Ron St. Pierre, for the OMS/OHS project. He advised the Board that the Administrative Team was engaging in a “Classroom Assessment for Student Learning” book study. On November 3, 2017, Jessica Yates, Loren Andrews, and Superintendent McDonald will be providing a presentation regarding Social/Emotional Learning at Point Lookout in Northport. He provided the Board with an overview of the schedule for the In-Service Day on October 6<sup>th</sup>. He spoke about the Board workshop on September 21<sup>st</sup> and read the goals that were drafted at that workshop. He publicly thanked Dennis Norton for all of the progress happening at various RSU 13 athletic fields, and then he concluded his report.*
  - B. Report of the Business Manager – *Business Manager Peter Orne gave his report from the Business Office. Auditors were here last week, and RHR Smith representatives will be at the November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to present. He advised the Board that work has already begun on the FY19 Budget. He spoke about the Schools of Our Future Financing, and stated that the blended rate is under the 3% that was budgeted. Special Education and Homeless transportation continue to tax resources, and he is trying to speed up the purchase of the new vans budgeted for this year. He mentioned that the Weskeag Bridge is now closed for construction, but so far has only had a minimal impact on the school day for students in South Thomaston and Owls Head. He updated the Board on the status of construction projects at various buildings. He concluded his report by talking about the status of the Food Service Director Position. Charles Butler is still working part time, and the kitchen managers are keeping things running smoothly while administrators decide how to fill the position.*
  - C. Report of the Board Chair – *Chair Roberts reported that, now the construction projects are mostly complete, it is time to focus on updating the Strategic Plan. The first meeting date will be set up at the conclusion of the Board meeting tonight, and will be publicly noticed. Chair Roberts also appointed Tom Peaco to the Finance and Facilities committee, and that concluded his report.*
10. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings
- A. Curriculum & Technology – *Met on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. Next meeting October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 3:30 PM.*
  - B. Student Engagement Task Force – *Met on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. Next meeting December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 3:00 PM.*
  - C. Finance & Facilities – *Met on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Next meeting October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 5:00 PM.*
  - D. Policy & Communications – *Met on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Next meeting October 16, 2017.*
  - E. Building Committee Reports from OMS/OHS - *OMS/OHS Committee met on October 5, 2017. Next meeting yet to be determined, and will be publicly noticed. The New Elementary School Committee Vice Chair Susan Allen Thomas updated the Board on topics discussed at the last meeting. Next meeting date to be determined.*
  - F. MCST - *Met on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017, next meeting October 25, 2017, at 7:00 PM.*

11. To enter Executive Session to discuss negotiations pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(D) – *It was moved by Carol Bachofner and seconded by Jesse Butler to enter into Executive Session to discuss negotiations pursuant to 1 MRSA405(6)(D). Motion carried unanimously. The Board entered Executive Session to discuss negotiations pursuant to 1 MRSA405(6)(D) at 7:57 PM, and Chair Roberts declared the Board out at 8:26 PM.*
12. Adjournment – *The regular Board Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM, just prior to the start of Executive Session.*