

MINUTES
RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 2, 2017
MCLAIN SCHOOL
6:30PM

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum – *The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM and quorum was declared. Chair Roberts, Ron Gamage, Nancy Jeffers, Tom Peaco, Susan Allen Thomas, Gerald Weinand, and Loren Andrews were present. Carol Bachofner and Jesse Butler were absent. One Thomaston seat remains unfilled.*
2. Pledge of Allegiance – *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*) - *None*
5. Presentation
 - A. Social/Emotional Learning – *John McDonald, Loren Andrews and Jess Yates – Superintendent McDonald, Board member Loren Andrews, and Special Education Director Jessica Yates gave a presentation about the benefits of social emotional learning within RSU 13.*
6. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of October 5, 2017 and October 19, 2017- *Hearing no objections, the consent agenda was acknowledged.*
7. Business Items
 - A. Fiscal 17 Budget Transfers – *Nancy Jeffers moved, pursuant to Section 1485(4) of Title 20–A of the Maine Revised Statutes, that this Board transfer \$225,000 from Article 5, Student and Staff Support to Article 2, Special Education AND \$170,000 from Article 1, Regular Instruction to Article 7, School Administration in the fiscal year 2016-2017 budget. This motion was seconded by Ron Gamage and carried unanimously, of those present.*
8. Communications - *None*
9. Reports
 - A. Report of the Superintendent – *Superintendent McDonald began his report with a recap of the Maine School Management Association Conference held on October 26th & 27th. He participated in some great sessions and came away from the conference with a lot of good information. Next, he advised the Board that school was cancelled October 30th (and again on October 31 for Cushing Community School) due to the windstorm that brought widespread power outages to Maine. RSU 13 sustained very little damage. He then updated the Board about the Thomaston Planning Board meeting he attended on October 17th. There will be a second meeting scheduled for later in November, but Mr. McDonald anticipates approval for the design at Oceanside Middle School. He concluded his report with a reminder of the Strategic Plan Committee Meeting, scheduled for Monday, November 6th at 8:00 am, and is open to the public.*

- B. Report of the Business Manager –*Business Manager Peter Orne started his report with an update as to the progress at the new Owls Head elementary school. He said to expect weekly updates from that building committee from here on out. He then updated the Board on some regionalization efforts being made by RSU 13 and neighboring districts, such as transportation for homeless students. There is a meeting scheduled for Monday, November 6th, to discuss ways to make these services as efficient as possible.*
- C. Report of the Board Chair – *Chair Roberts also spoke about the Maine School Management Association Conference, and the sessions that he attended. Next, he reported that mediation for negotiations has been rescheduled for November 9, 2017. He stated that the Board is working hard to get a fair pay agreement that brings up early and mid-career people to a fair pay scale.*

10. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

- A. Curriculum & Technology – *Next meeting is November 6th, 2017, at 3:30 PM.*
 - B. Student Engagement Task Force – *Next meeting is December 4th, 2017 at 3:30 PM.*
 - C. Finance & Facilities - *Next meeting is December 7th, 2017 at 5:00 PM.*
 - D. Policy & Communications – *Next meeting is November 20, 2017, at 4:30 PM.*
 - E. Building Committee Reports from OMS/OHS and New Elementary School Committee Chairs- *The next New Elementary School Building Committee meeting is scheduled for December 14th at 3:30 PM.. OMS/OHS Building Committee Meeting was scheduled to meet on October 30th, 2017 at 12:00 PM. This meeting was rescheduled to November 1st due to the storm. Next meeting date to be determined.*
 - F. Strategic Planning – *Next meeting is November 6, 2017 at 8:00 AM.*
 - G. MCST –*Next meeting is November 29, 2017 at 7:00 PM.*
11. Adjournment – *It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Susan Allen Thomas to adjourn, at 7:53 PM.*