

**MINUTES**  
**RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**6:30 pm THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2012**  
**MCLAIN SCHOOL – ROCKLAND**

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm and a quorum was declared. Sally Carleton was excused absent.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
3. Adjustments to the Agenda

*There were none.*

4. Recognition of OHS-W 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Male & Female Basketball Teams: 2011-2012 Busline Basketball Championships – Principal Schooley

*Recognition of players from both teams and coaches.*

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

*Doug Curtis Jr. spoke on Item 9 - Superintendent Search. He would like to see a candidate who can think outside the box, has good business sense, and should move into the RSU 13 community. Regarding strategic planning, he feels the budget will follow if strategic planning is in place.*

*Audrey Buffington expressed concerns with LD 1422 (An Act to Prepare Maine People for the Future Economy). It outlines a standards-based education (i.e., no grades). Many education organizations are against it, and she strongly urged the Board to review the legislation.*

6. Educational Presentation – **Strengthening Mathematics Success** – OHS-E Principal, Tom Forti & Mathematics Instructor, Michael Tolman

*Mr. Tolman is piloting the use of “Math XL for Schools” in his class. He briefed the Board on the use of the program, the features and benefits to his students and to him as an instructor, and how information can be used for parent-teacher conferences. Progress on assignments, homework, and tests can be monitored, and a student’s problem area(s) can be pinpointed and addressed.*

7. Communications

*There were none.*

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 5, 2012
- b. Appoint Coaches Who Are Not Regular Employees
  - (1) Wayne Judkins as OHS-W/Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Baseball Coach
  - (2) Gene Drinkwater as OHS-W 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Softball Coach
- c. Adoption of Policies in Second Reading
  - (1) 5.06 Booster Clubs/Parent Groups
  - (2) 2.05 Homeschooling

*It was moved by Tess and seconded by Bill to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

9. Reports

a. Report of the Interim Superintendent & Business Manager

*Neal – Administrators will be meeting separately during the Board’s meeting but still available (some topics of discussion: special education review, supervision issues regarding teacher evaluations, creative ways to schedule allied arts); large contingent of Special Olympics medals were won at Sugarloaf this past weekend; the artwork displayed is by Holly Smith’s Oceanside East classes; there are three retirements – Administrative Assistant at OHS/E Paulette Sylvester on 4/13/12 (she started in September 1979), Administrative Assistant at RDMS Pat Kurr on 3/30/12 (she started in September 1981), and Custodian at OHS/W Sigrid Keyes on 1/18/12 (she started full time in 1986, but began as a crossing guard in 1978); a staff newsletter was begun last month – teacher book studies currently has 68 teachers participating; tomorrow is National Wear Red Day in recognition of women’s heart health; OHS/E Teacher Mike Tolman has held a couple of workshops for fellow teachers regarding the program he described earlier.*

*Scott – Described how weather decisions are made, i.e. determining a cancellation vs. delay.*

b. Report of the Chair

*Commended Neal and Scott on the newsletter.*

(1) RSU 13 Strategic Planning Process

*The Committee consists of fourteen members made up of faculty, Board members, and members of the community and is posed to create a five year plan for operations and future planning. A forum is scheduled for 2/29 from 6:30-8:30p at OHS/E. Program consists of a welcome, a video, an overview of the process, then a break out into discussion groups to discuss current progress and future improvement, then finishing with a wrap-up.*

(2) RSU 13 Superintendent’s Search Process

*The Committee consists of ten members made up of staff, Board members, and members of the community. Most of the meeting tomorrow (2/3) will be assigned to administrators, but also a review of MSMA guidelines, timelines, and confidentiality agreements. There is Survey Monkey event on the RSU website to encourage input. George and Tess discussed their research on head hunter agencies. Discussion regarding a Superintendent’s education/certification requirements.*

10. Business Items

a. Approval of Special Education Educational Technician I Position – South School

*Position ended at TGS due to a student move and new position required at SS. It was moved by Tess and seconded by Carol to approve the position as described. Motion passed 825-84 (Tess abstained).*

b. Approve Extension of Administrator Contract through July 31, 2015:

(1) Lynsey Ward as .5 FTE Assistant Principal of Rockland District Middle School

*It was moved by Carol and seconded by Darryl to approve the extension of the Administrator Contract. There was discussion regarding the process. Motion passed 741-168 (Brian and Don opposed).*

- c. Approval of Non-Aligned Contracts through June 30, 2015:
  - (1) Jeff Monahan as Field Services Coordinator (Technology)
  - (2) Steven Sylvester as Custodial Supervisor
  - (3) Charles Butler as Food Services Director

*It was moved by Tess and seconded by Loren to approve the Non-Aligned Contracts as presented. Motion passed 741-168 (Brian and Don opposed).*

- d. Approval of RSU 13 LAU Plan

*It was moved by Tess and seconded by Carol to approve the RSU 13 LAU Plan as presented. There was discussion regarding the number of participating students (8). Motion passed unanimously.*

- e. Conceptual approval of Many Flags Foundation request to pursue **Common Scheduling Research Project** and acknowledgment of permission to proceed

*It was moved by Don and seconded by Carol to approve the request as described. Motion passed unanimously.*

- f. Appointment of an RSU 13 School Board Member to serve on the OHS Dropout Prevention Committee (as per RSU 13 Policy 2.041)

*Bill volunteered to serve on the committee.*

- g. Discussion - Proposed 2012-2013 Budget Development Target/Parameters

*Scott discussed funding cuts and student population drops as contributing factors to the anticipated \$1.7mil shortfall.*

*It was moved by Brian and seconded by Tess to have administrators work with a 4% target. Motion passed unanimously.*

- h. Approval of Policies in First Reading

- (1) 2.13 Harassment & Sexual Harassment of Students

*It was moved by Tess and seconded by Carol to approve policy in first reading. There was discussion regarding how this policy would apply, for example, to political issues. Motion passed unanimously.*

## 11. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

- a. Activities: Chair Esther Kilgour reported that the committee met on January 10. The next meeting will be at 5:00 pm on February 14.
- b. Curriculum: Neal reported for Chair Sally Carleton that the committee met on January 19. The next meeting will be at 6 pm on February 16.
- c. Facilities & Transportation: Chair Greg Hamlin reported that the committee met on January 10. The next meeting will be at 5:30 pm on February 7.
- d. Finance & Insurance: Chair Brian Messing reported that the committee did not meet on January 12. The next meeting will be at 6 pm on February 9.
- e. Policy: Chair Esther Kilgour reported that the committee met on January 17. The next meeting will be at 4:30 pm on February 21.
- f. Technology: Chair Loren Andrews reported that the committee met on January 26. The next meeting will be at 6 pm on February .
- g. Mid Coast School of Technology: Chair Bill Pearce reported that the Region 8 Co-operative Board met on January 25. The next meeting will be at 7 pm on February 29.
- h. Many Flags/One Campus: Chair Loren Andrews reported that there is a forum on March 29.

12. Adjournment: It was moved by Tess and seconded by Carol to adjourn at 9:34 pm.

The Next Regular Meeting of the RSU 13 School Board will be  
Thursday, March 1, 2012, at 6:30 pm.