

MINUTES
RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
6:30 Regular School Board Meeting
Thursday, May 3, 2012
McLain School – Rockland

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:39 pm and a quorum was declared.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
3. Adjustments to the Agenda:
 10. *Business Items:*
 - d. *Accept the Resignation of Michael Reese, South School, Special Education*
 - e. *Accept the Resignation of Amy Morgan, Owls Head Central School and Gilford Butler School, Special Education*
 12. *Many Flags board meeting*
4. Acknowledgements & Presentations
 - a. Destination ImagiNation – team introductions and national competition previews - RDMS - Lisa Berger; TGS/LL/CCS – Aimee Sanfilippo & Christina Wotton
The first team had three students who spoke on their favorite challenges and aspects of DI. The second team had each member explain what they have done locally in the community, what they do at local and state competitions, and their enthusiasm for attending the national completion in TN.
 - b. RSU 13 Poetry Month participants – Introductions by Principals Forti and Schooley, followed by student readings:
O/W: Catherine Albado read; O/E: Afton Hubbard read; also mentioned - Ashly McNeilly, Cassidy Rolf.
5. Public Participation: Citizens are welcome to speak to matters before the Board (up to 30 minutes total):
 - *Audrey Buffington: spoke on listening, standards-based learning, and her move to TN. She received a standing ovation from those in attendance as she left the room.*
 - *Paige Tabor: Vice President of Junior Class, spoke on the impact of the art department at O/E on spirit week, prom and cabaret, how one teacher sees over 150 students a day, gave details of statistics of art's effect on testing scores.*
 - *Afton Hubbard: member of Junior Class, spoke on the importance and impact the art department has in the school and community.*
 - *Rose Valentine: collected 337 student signatures and 522 community signatures before coming to the meeting, encouraged 150 students to sign up for art classes next year, and played a video created in support of the art department.*
6. Business Items:
 - a. Accept the FY13 RSU 13 Budget as proposed by the RSU 13 Budget Committee for K-12 and Adult Education and sign warrants
It was moved by Brian Messing and seconded by Loren Andrews to accept the FY13 RSU 13 Budget as proposed. Board members discussed their comments and concerns:

Loren wants to find the \$50k to fund the art position, Carol supports keeping position, Don C was impressed by what was generated by the students, Brian pointed out administrators' priorities chose positions to cut and would not support just adding but would support adjusting existing line, Scott explained that re-writing budget would require initiating full budget process all over, Don R detailed his adjustments to budget (eliminating some other positions to save \$117,667), Loren noted that over 65% of the student population was in support to keep the art position, Tom F said it would have a huge impact - six sections of art will become study halls, a student from the audience was allowed to speak.

Greg noted that the contingency money was available to help fund the art position, Darryl would vote against it due to the inability to go line-by-line and reiterated that administration used \$250,000 (instead of the \$150,000 originally given) to add back, Tess doesn't want to exchange the art position with the Maine Grads fund and noted the future taxpayers that came tonight to express their support, Sally wants it all but can't have it all but supports the position being added back to budget, Brian said it is a teachable moment for the students here but everything is a priority to somebody so what other program would be cut to replace the art position, Don C feels they should give due consideration, George favors taking funds from contingency fund as Greg noted, Greg asked Scott V how the motion would be worded, Carol moved to table motion on budget, Scott V confirmed that the contingency fund would cover the art position, Brian said motion can be amended.

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Carol Bachofner to amend the budget to include the art position without modifying the bottom line. Motion passed 832 - 168 (Brian Messing and Don Robishaw voted against). Vote to approve the budget as amended: passed 832 - 168 (Brian Messing and Don Robishaw voted against).

- b. Authorize that a bond package totaling five-hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) be prepared for the June 12, 2012 referendum

It was moved by Sally Carleton and second by Darryl Sanborn to authorize the bond package. Motion passed 916 – 84 (Don Robishaw opposed).

- c. Approve reinstating the 8th grade at the St. George School

It was moved by George and seconded by Don Choquette to reinstate the 8th grade at St. George School. Brian said they should hold line on one year moratorium, Don R asked about status of strategic planning, George felt different students' needs may be accommodated by keeping it, Don C read letter not supporting the removal of 8th grade from SGS- as students do not support one mold, SGS has assets.

Don Choquette invited Bill Reinhardt to speak. The Chair asked for a vote to allow him to speak; motion passed 573 to 427 (Bill Pearce, Carol Bachofner, Sally Carleton, Tess Kilgour, and Brian Messing voted against). Mr. Reinhardt is the current Chair of the St. George Board of Selectmen and a former SAD 50 board member. The Select Board and St. George community members are unanimous in keeping SGS as K-8. No financial impact to RSU.

Brian would have liked to have had heads up of this proposition and doesn't like being forced into last minute decision. Tess asked Neal if any SGS students came up to O/W this past year, there were 18 (currently 19 - 7th graders and 28 - 6th graders), Eric noted Many Flags was applied for as grades 9-16 (not 8) and in foresight will have to address that. Neal explained we already have inter-district transfer and Cushing parents, for example, would need to physically transport their child/student to SGS. Carol was initially against keeping the 8th grade at SGS because of socialization and is now in

favor. Don C denied issue being last minute, as it has been a work in progress, delayed only by the budget.

Motion failed 324 – 676 (Daryl Sanborn, Bill Pearce, Sally Carlton, Tess Kilgour, Greg Hamlin, Loren Andrews, Brian Messing, and Don Robishaw voted against).

Break at 8:17 pm to sign warrants and bond. Reconvened at 8:55 pm. Carol Bachofner was excused.

7. Communications

There were none.

8. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 5, 2012

b. Adoption of Policies in Second Reading

(1) 2.60 Closed Campus/Senior Privilege

It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Sally Carleton to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Reports

a. Report of the Interim Superintendent & Business Manager

Neal Guyer: Teacher Appreciation Week (5/7-11) – providing breakfasts at each school; noted retirements to date, including Tom Bailey and Carolyn Schwartz.

Scott Vaitones: nothing to report.

b. Report of the Chair

(1) RSU 13 Strategic Planning Process

May 9 meeting: revise recommendations.

(2) RSU 13 Superintendent's Search Process

Committee has written recommendation for 4 candidates.

c. *Reading Recovery Leaders (RTI) – provided impressive graphic of progress; mentioned federal grants available for training teachers.*

10. Business Items (continued):

a. Approve the Interim Superintendent's Nomination of Teachers to a Continuing Contract effective September 1, 2012:

(1) Lucas Benner, Science Teacher

(2) Michael Dennett, Elementary Teacher

(3) Kasey Drinkwater, Occupational Therapist

(4) Matthew Mazzeo, World Language Teacher

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Tess Kilgour to approve the Nomination of Teachers to a Continuing Contract effective September 1, 2012. Motion passed 916-84 (Brian Messing abstained).

b. Approve the Interim Superintendent's Nomination of Teachers to a Second Year Probationary Contract effective September 1, 2012:

(1) Holly Billings, Special Education Teacher

- (2) Rachel Campbell, Elementary Teacher
- (3) Elizabeth Dickerson, Computer/Technology Teacher
- (4) Iris Eichenlaub, Library Media Specialist
- (5) Rachel Johndrow, Science
- (6) Amy Micklich, Speech Therapist
- (7) Autumn Miller, School Nurse
- (8) Jessica Miller, Guidance
- (9) Nancy Nickerson, Elementary Teacher
- (10) Kathleen Straka, School Nurse
- (11) Lauren Watts, Occupational Therapy
- (12) Karen Wheelis, Special Education

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Tess Kilgour to approve the Nomination of Teachers to a Second Year Probationary Contract effective September 1, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

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

DOT was willing to go into a 30 day break agreement. Brian spoke on their responses and noted two minor wording changes. It was moved by Don Choquette and seconded by Bill Pearce to approve as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

- d. Accept the resignation of Michael Reese, South School, Special Education.
- e. Accept the resignation of Amy Morgan, Owls Head Central School & Gilford Butler School, Special Education.

It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Bill Pearce to accept the resignations of Michael Reese and Amy Morgan. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Discussion Items:

- a. Scheduling of a public informational meeting on the FY13 Budget prior to May 29, 2012

Neal Guyer noted that no one attended last year. There will be a regional meeting on May 29th, and a flyer will be mailed the Tuesday before. The Budget meeting will be at 6:00 pm at Oceanside High School East auditorium.

- b. RSU 13 School Board committee assignments

Missing Brian Messing and Carol Bachofner.

- c. *Proposed meeting w/ Many Flags – tentatively May 21st at 6:00 pm at the Warren Community School.*

12. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

- a. Activities: Chair Esther Kilgour reported that the committee did not meet last month. The next meeting is on May 22 at 5:30 pm.
- b. Curriculum: Chair Sally Carleton reported that the committee did not meet last month. The next meeting is on May 17 at 5:40 pm.
- c. Facilities & Transportation: Chair Greg Hamlin reported that the committee met on May 1. The next meeting is on June 5 at 5:30 pm.

- d. Finance & Insurance: Chair Brian Messing reported that the committee did not meet last month. The next meeting is on May 10 at 7:00 pm.
 - e. Policy: Chair Esther Kilgour reported that the committee did not meet last month. The next meeting is on May 15 at 3:00 pm.
 - f. Technology: Chair Loren Andrews reported that the committee did not meet last month. The next meeting is on May 31 at 6:00 pm.
 - g. Mid Coast School of Technology: Chair Bill Pearce reported that the committee met on April 25. The next meeting is on
 - h. Many Flags/One Campus: Chair Loren Andrews reported
13. Executive Session to discuss personnel matter (contingent upon recommendations from the RSU 13 Superintendent Search Committee)
- It was moved by Don Robishaw and seconded by Brian Messing to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.*
- Entered Executive Session at 9:35 pm. Returned to regular meeting at 10:04 pm.*
14. Adjournment: *It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Greg Hamlin to adjourn at 10:04 pm.*

The Next Regular Meeting of the RSU 13 School Board will be
Thursday, June 7, 2012, at 6:30 pm.