

MINUTES
RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
6:30pm Regular School Board Meeting
Thursday, June 7, 2012 - McLain School – Rockland

1. The meeting was called to order and a Quorum was declared. Darryl Sanborn was absent.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Neal Guyer recognized outgoing board members Don Choquette and Greg Hamlin. Greg was presented the gavel and a boutonniere, and both were given their name plaques.

3. Adjustments to the Agenda:

10. *Business Items continued:*

- f. *Authorize the Superintendent to issue contracts to new teachers prior to Board action with 24 hours notification of qualifications through September 30, 2012.*
 - g. *Accept the resignation of Erin Plummer, Lura Libby School, Kindergarten*
 - h. *Accept the resignation of Peter Pfister, Oceanside High School-East, English*
 - i. *Approve leave of absence request for Carolyn Kanicki; 2012-2013 school year*

4. Acknowledgements & Presentations

- a. *Noetic Learning Math Contest – Gilford Butler School – Mary Alice McLean & Pam Walton: Over twelve thousand students nationwide participated and it was the first year for second graders. Team Leader Jacob Carroll made the national honor roll with 95%, and Kayla Reardon, Jackson Thissell (absent from meeting due to illness), and Emily Waterman all received honorable mention with 80%.*
- b. *RSU 13 Key Club Presentation – New England District Conference – Jane Thompson: Outgoing President Bethany Berry noted some of the 40+ service projects the club performed this past year (volunteering at the Maine Lobster Festival, participating in Thomaston's 4th of July celebration, Cash for Clothes, Unicef, Special Olympics, leaf raking, Kiwanis Christmas tree sales, Salvation Army bell ringing, bottle drives, Toys for Tots). Samantha Calamari is the club's newly inducted President. She said 7 of their 41 members attended along with over 1,000 kids from New England. She gave brief details of the three projects Key Club International focuses on: KPTI (Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute), Children of Peace (which built a school in Vietnam last year), and Camp Sunshine in Casco, Maine. Over \$24,000 was raised at this year's convention! She also showed a slideshow with photos from convention. Their club includes members of the Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes.*
- c. *Farnsworth Arts in Education – Andrea Curtis, Randi Lamkins (Oceanside East English), & Kathleen Dunne (Oceanside East French): A video presentation about the program was shown. Kathy detailed how the program was integrated, and Randi explained how the teachers learned to teach utilizing the skills acquired. Kathy discussed the photos that were passed around and the process the students used to create them.*
- d. *Family Literacy Grant & Adult Education Graduation – Shannon Parker: The Family Literacy Program received a \$25,000 grant from the Barbara Bush Foundation, which created the child learning center at the Rockland Public Library. They are currently looking for a new coordinator. Financial and statistical information regarding the Adult Ed program and its success was reviewed. After School Program participation was also detailed.*
- e. *Preview of OHS Graduation Activities – Tom Forti/Larry Schooley: Larry reviewed the schedule of events planned for seniors, with Project Graduation being held at the Elks.*

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

- *Jennifer Garrett: reminded the board of their "core beliefs": several decisions are made by consensus, but several, including athletics, are not; no more SGS Dragons; students must now 'try out.' Expressed dissatisfaction with reorganization of mid-level athletics, lack of community involvement in decision making, and lack of process transparency.*

6. Business Items:

a. Action on draft Many Flags Governance Document as presented at the May 21, 2012, joint school board presentation held at the Warren Community School

- (1) Discussion – record for the minutes any and all feedback and suggestions to be directed for the continued deliberations of the Many Flags Steering Committee.

Allen Hinsey was present. Greg Hamlin found it was exciting to have all boards there. Don Choquette thought meeting had complete detail. Sally Carleton was unable to attend but viewed the telecast, and found it intelligent. Carol Bachofner found documentation very helpful. Video is on Many Flags website. George Emery benefited from MCST discussion, though he wondered what "hat" a MCST board member would wear in the Many Flags organization. Allen Hinsey described board member representation and their function. Loren Andrews noted it was anticipated to be an early fall start date.

- (2) Vote of conceptual acceptance for the first draft Many Flags Governance Document - with the expectation of continued refinement based upon input and feedback from the seven Many Flags administrative partnership boards.

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Don Choquette to approve the first draft of the Many Flags Governance Document as described in paragraph 2 above. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Communications:

A copy of a press release regarding the budget was included in the packet to board members. It was in The Free Press, and while The Herald Gazette & Bangor Daily News declined to print it, it was on the VillageSoup website.

8. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 3, 2012

b. Appointment of coaches for 2012/2013 who are not regular employees:

Darryl Townsend, OHS Head Varsity Girls Soccer
Keenan Flanagan, OHS Varsity Golf and OHS-West 8th Grade Boys Blue Basketball
Richard Barratt, OHS Varsity Football Asst.
Karl Meklin, OHS Varsity Football Asst.
Archie Stalcup, OHS Varsity Football Asst. (Volunteer)
Craig Thompson, OHS Varsity Girls Soccer Asst. (Volunteer)
David Banda, OHS JV Girls Soccer
Daniel Wiley, OHS JV Boys Soccer
Kevin Barrett, OHS Freshman Boys Soccer
Tim Hoppe, OHS JV Golf
Hope Billingsley, OHS Fall Cheering (Volunteer) and OHS Winter Cheering
Matt Breen, OHS Head Varsity Boys Basketball
Chad Blake, OHS JV Boys Basketball
Larry Reed, OHS Varsity Boys Basketball Asst.
Teel Foster, OHS Head Varsity Girls Basketball
Christine Clayton, OHS JV Girls Basketball
Nate Grade, OHS-West Middle School Football Asst.

Peter Mitchell, OHS-West 8th Grade Girls Soccer
Tara Murray, OHS-West 7th Grade Girls Soccer
Andrea Garver, OHS-West Middle School Field Hockey
Regan Llanto, OHS-West 8th Grade Boys Soccer
Wes Drinkwater, OHS-West Head Middle School Football

It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Sally Carleton to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 836-84 (Carol Bachofner voted against).

9. Reports

a. Report of the Interim Superintendent & Business Manager:

Neal Guyer: noted retirements/resignations [Joanna Calderwood (since 1976), Ron Jones (bus driver since 2006), Kathleen Dunne (resigned)]; Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) summary report data indicated that this was the first year all schools showed progress; Noted that Larry Schooley entered the 100,000th i-walkthrough observation into the national data based and received national recognition for doing so; reported that principals Schooley & Forti will be updating the OHS Evaluation Plan for presentation in early fall to profile success rates, graduation outcomes, participation in student activities, and other progress indicators.

Scott Vaitones: nothing to report.

b. Report of the Chair:

(1) RSU 13 Strategic Planning Process

The process is moving along, with the next meeting on June 19. The measures are on the website and they are working on the wording of the articles. They are anticipating an Aug timeframe for presentation to the Board, with a 10/1 anticipated first vote. They would like to have a workshop in late summer for the board prior to a second public forum seeking community input to be planned for early fall.

(2) RSU 13 Superintendent's Search Process

They are interviewing final candidates on Saturday, with a meeting the following Monday at 5:30p (change in time) to discuss. The next step in the process would be to work up an offer, with the intention to have someone by July 1.

(3) Chair Service Highlights

Greg Hamlin thanked Don Choquette for his service. Having served on the board since 2005, Greg Hamlin highlighted several "phenomenal accomplishments": primarily the consolidation of the two districts, but also the strategic planning process, search for a superintendent, tasking the committees to set goals for the year, building a good coalition between the board and the administration. He expressed his appreciation to all the committees and their chairs, as well as to Judy, Neal, and Scott and their help in organizing RSU 13. He urged the board to continue in their support of academic progress, to watch for rising/shifting costs; to finish the strategic plan, to continue working with the new superintendent and administration, to stay focused, to get the community involved in committees, to respect and trust each other, and to not let standard-based learning set the bar too low.

Loren Andrews expressed his appreciation of Mr. Hamlin's leadership during the consolidation.

10. Business Items:

a. Acceptance of policies in first reading

- (1) Policy 1.21 – Hazing-Harassment-Intimidation: *Neal noted hard copy tonight is version to be approved (changes in Intervention and 7th paragraph on 1st page).*

(2) Policy 5.41 – Public Gifts/Donations to the Schools

It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Bill Pearce to approve the policies in first reading. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Accept the resignation of Andrea B. Conover, South School, Kindergarten

It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Bill Pearce to accept the resignation of Andrea Conover. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Accept the resignation of Kathleen Dunne, Oceanside High School-East, French

- ~~d. Set RSU 13 Food Service meal prices for 2012-2013 (see below)~~

- e. Sign Notice of Amounts adopted at Budget Meeting on May 29, 2012, pursuant to 20-A M.R.S.A. §1486(2).

- f. Authorize the Superintendent to issue contracts to new teachers prior to Board action with 24 hours notification of qualifications through September 30, 2012.

- g. Accept the resignation of Erin Plummer, Lura Libby School, Kindergarten

- h. Accept the resignation of Peter Pfister, Oceanside High School-East, English

- i. Approve leave of absence request for Carolyn Kanicki; 2012-2013 school year

It was moved by Carol Bachofner and seconded by Bill Pearce to approve Items 10., c, e, f, g, h, and i as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Set RSU 13 Food Service meal prices for 2012-2013:

It was moved by Brian Messing and seconded by Don Choquette to table until the July 5 meeting. Motion carried 832-84-84 (Bill Pearce against, Tess Kilgour abstained).

11. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

- a. Activities: Chair Esther Kilgour reported that the committee met May 22. The next meeting is on June 19 at 4:30 pm. There will be no meetings in July or August.

- b. Curriculum: Chair Sally Carleton reported that the committee met May 17. The next meeting is on August 16 at 5:30 pm. There will be no meeting in July.

- c. Facilities & Transportation: Chair Greg Hamlin reported that the committee met on June 5. The next meeting is on July 3 at 5:30 pm. (*canceled – no meeting to be held*)

- d. Finance & Insurance: Chair Brian Messing reported that the committee did not meet. The next meeting is on June 14 at 6:00 pm.

- e. Policy: Chair Esther Kilgour reported that the committee met May 15. The next meeting is on June 19 at 3:00 pm. There will be no meetings in July or August.

- f. Technology: Chair Loren Andrews reported that the committee met May 31. The next meeting is on July 10 at 6:30 pm.

- g. Mid Coast School of Technology: Chair Bill Pearce reported that the committee met on May 23. The next meeting will be confirmed at the July Board meeting.

- h. Many Flags/One Campus: Chair Loren Andrews reported that the committee met on May 21. The next meeting is on June 11 at 4:00 pm.

12. Adjournment: *It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Carol Bachofner to adjourn at 9:31 pm.*

The Next Regular Meeting of the RSU 13 School Board will be
Thursday, July 5, 2012, at 6:30 pm.