

MINUTES
RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
6:30pm Regular School Board Meeting
Thursday, July 5, 2012 - McLain School – Rockland

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Interim Superintendent Neal Guyer and a quorum was declared.
 - *It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Don Robishaw to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried unanimously.*
 - *Executive Session entered at 6:33 pm. Return to public session at 6:38 pm.*
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
3. Election of Board Chair for the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year (Interim Superintendent Presiding)

It was moved by Darryl Sanborn and seconded by Carol Bachofner to nominate Tess Kilgour as Board Chair.

It was moved by Eric Schenk and seconded by Sally Carleton to nominate Loren Andrews as Board Chair.

Several members expressed their support for each candidate.

Yes votes for Tess Kilgour: 571. Yes votes for Loren Andrews: 429. Tess Kilgour was declared the winner and Board Chair for the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year.
4. Election of Board Vice Chair for the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year (Board Chair Presiding)

It was moved by Brian Messing and seconded by Carol Bachofner to nominate George Emery as Board Vice Chair. George respectfully declined the nomination.

It was moved by Darryl Sanborn and seconded by George Emery to nominate Loren Andrews as Board Vice Chair.

It was moved by Don Robishaw and seconded by Brian Messing to nominate Arvilla Collins as Board Vice Chair.

Several members expressed their support for each candidate.

Yes votes for Loren Andrews: 668. Yes votes for Arvilla Collins: 332. Loren Andrews was declared the winner and Vice Chair for the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year.
5. Adjustments to the Agenda

Delete Business Item 12a and change wording on Business Item 12.e.(1).
6. Acknowledgements & Presentations
 - a. Oceanside High School Graduation – T. Forti & L. Schooley

Tom Forti provided an overview of the activities leading up to and after the 2012 graduation: 6/1 - whitewater rafting trip; 6/7 - scholarships awarded (51 students received more than \$265,000); 6/10 – an Honors brunch was held at the Samoset followed by an inspiration service (which was simulcast in the cafeteria and the Junior class had refreshments in gym); 6/11 – the Senior final assembly with the 10th and 11th grades had academic awards presented, and after the Seniors marched out the Juniors moved into their seats, Juniors then received their academic awards; 6/12 – graduation for over 150 students was ‘one of the best’ he’s been a part of and was simulcast in the auditorium for over 300, the student speakers were excellent, and Project Graduation

was held at the Elks, praise was given to Su Johnson (OHS-E Art) and others for their fundraising efforts.

George Emery asked about the decision to combine graduation ceremony features. Principal Forti indicated that the vast majority of students were pleased to have a combined service - 2 Valedictorians, 2 Salutatorians, 2 class presidents. Students had a hand in creating the whole program.

Carol Bachofner thanked the Elks for providing their facility for Project Graduation. Principal Forti thanked Rockland's Fire/EMS personnel for their help, Tess Kilgour for landscaping the compass rose out in front of the building, and the faculty for serving on the various committees.

Principal Schooley noted that the initial graduation for OHS was a perfect combination of the pomp and circumstance and student-centered fun.

7. Business Items:

- a. Promise Neighborhood Grant – Alan Hinsey. Action requested – Move that the Board allow the Superintendent to sign a Memorandum of Understanding that will commit RSU 13 to become a participating organization on the USDOE Promise Neighborhood grant application being submitted by Penquis CAP. This is done with the understanding that RSU 13 will not be responsible for providing any additional funds for this project, and further with the understanding that Penquis CAP will be the recipient of the grant, responsible for all administration and federal reporting requirements.

Alan Hinsey explained the parameters and purposes of this planning grant and noted that the Many Flags/One Community Foundation (MFOC) was approached for grant participation. Planning grant funds run for a calendar year, approximately \$500,000 the first year, and up to \$4-6 million for 3 years may be applied for thereafter. Penquis CAP would administer the funds and would require an inkind 25% match. The application is due July 27th, with notification by December 31st. MFOC requested Board action for the motion as noted via the agenda.

Arvilla Collins asked for an explanation of 'inkind.' Alan Hinsey explained that RSU 13 employees working with MFOC may be credited towards the 25% inkind funding requirement.

It was moved by Bill Pearce and seconded by George Emery to allow the Interim Superintendent to sign the Memorandum of Understanding. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Messing asked about additional funds in additional years. Alan replied that the first year is a planning year, while other years' funds are for other areas as needed.

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

None

9. Communications

Neal Guyer clarified that the notice of resignation received by the Board from Kathleen Dunne (agenda, June 7, 2102 RSU 13 School Board meeting) should have been correctly understood as a notice of retirement. Eric Schenk asked to add "with regret."

10. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 7, 2012
- b. Appointment of coaches for 2012/2013 who are not regular employees:
 - (1) Jason Yates – OHS-W Middle School Wrestling

- c. Approve the employment of new teachers:
 - (1) Monica Tardiff, OHS-W School Counselor (one year)
 - (2) Jennifer Curtis, OHS-E Science
 - (3) Shawn Dulac, OHS-E French
 - (4) Caleb Lawrence, OHS-E English
- d. Accept policies in second reading:
 - (1) Policy 1.21 Hazing-Harassment-Intimidation
 - (2) Policy 5.41 Public Gifts/Donations to the Schools

As per a request by Arvilla Collins, Board members agreed by mutual consent to remove Item 11, d, 1 from the consent agenda.

Eric Schenk asked if Shawn Dulac was a native (French) speaker. Don suggested that in the future appointed teacher(s) be in the audience. It was moved by George Emery and seconded by Don Robishaw to approve the consent agenda with Item 11, d, 1 removed for further discussion. Motion passed 920-80 (Arvilla Collins abstained).

Continuing discussion of Item 11, d, 1 resulted in a motion by Arvilla Collins - seconded by Carol Bachofner to send the policy back to the Policy Committee for further discussion and review. Motion carried 746-254 (Eric Schenk, Darryl Sanborn, Tess Kilgour against).

11. Reports

- a. Report of the Interim Superintendent & Business Manager

Neal Guyer: At the recent Grand Opening of the new McDonald's/Shell Fuel Station in Thomaston, Nouria Energy and Ron Lydick (owner of the McDonald's restaurant) presented a representative of Thomaston Grammar School with a donation of \$500 to support the TGS garden project. A letter of thanks will be sent on behalf of the RSU 13 School Board in acknowledgement of this generous gift.

Scott Vaitones: no report.

- b. Report of the Chair

The Strategic Planning Committee sub groups held a work session on June 19th. Duke Albanese will continue working with Neal Guyer to prepare a working draft for the Strategic Planning Committee to review before an anticipated presentation to board members in October.

Regarding the Superintendent search, the Board is still doing interviews.

12. Business Items:

- ~~a. To authorize the Board Chair to execute the proposed contract with [insert name] as the Superintendent of Schools. (deleted per 5. Adjustments)~~
- b. Extension of RSU 13 Interim Superintendent and RSU 13 Business Manager's current work agreements (approved 12/1/11) until starting date for new Superintendent.

Brian Messing suggested to change the arrangement to per diem until August 31 or until the new Superintendent can start. Tess Kilgour explained that the agreement can be modified at the next scheduled Board meeting if needed. It was moved by Brian Messing and seconded by Carol Bachofner to extend the work agreements until August 3, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Accept the resignation of Audra Geisler, Cushing Community School, Grade 1

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Sally Carleton to accept the resignation of Audra Geisler with regret. Motion passed unanimously.

- d. Accept the resignation of Rebecca Shields, Oceanside High School-West, Math

It was moved by Brian Messing and seconded by Don Robishaw to accept the resignation of Rebecca Shields. Sally added "with regret". Motion passed unanimously.

- e. Acceptance of policies in first reading

- (1) Policy 2.50 Student Computer and Internet Use.

It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Brian Messing to accept Policy 2.50 in first reading with the modified wording provided by MMSA. It was noted that inclusion of this required language will insure continued e-rate funding. Motion passed unanimously.

- f. Establish school lunch prices for the 2012-2013 school year.

It was moved by Brian Messing and seconded by Carol Bachofner to remove the issue from the table and approve as originally presented at the June 7, 2012 RSU 13 School Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

- g. Certification and signing of the RSU 13 Computation and Declaration of Votes – referendum held June 12, 2012:

- (1) Certification of the RSU 13 Computation and Declaration of Votes – Budget Validation referendum held June 12, 2012:

It was moved by Darryl Sanborn and seconded by Loren Andrews that the Computation and Declaration of Votes dated June 12, 2012, and attached hereto be and it is hereby approved; that the Computation and Declaration of Votes be entered upon the records of the Regional School Unit; and that a certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes be sent to each of the Municipal Clerks within the Regional School Unit. Motion passed unanimously.

- (2) Certification of the RSU 13 Computation and Declaration of Votes on Question 1 of the Warrant and Notice of Election of the Regional School Unit Referendum held June 12, 2012 (Bond):

It was moved by Bill Pearce and seconded by Darryl Sanborn that the Computation and Declaration of Votes dated June 12, 2012, and attached hereto be and it is hereby approved; that the Computation and Declaration of Votes be entered upon the records of the Regional School Unit; and that a certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes be sent to each of the Municipal Clerks within the Regional School Unit. Motion passed unanimously.

13. General discussion items:

- a. RSU 13 School Board Parliamentarian

Neal Guyer noted that currently enacted Policy 1.05 confirms that the Superintendent shall serve as parliamentarian. Carol Bachofner recommended that the Board consider creating a board member position to be so designated. It was moved by Carol Bachofner and seconded by Arvilla Collins to send the matter to the Policy Committee for consideration. Motion passed 910-90 (Eric Schenk opposed)

- b. Student representative to the RSU 13 School Board

Carol Bachofner requested consideration by the Board of welcoming a student representative. Supportive comments were made by other Board members. It was moved by Arvilla Collins and seconded by Sally Carleton to send the matter to the Policy

Committee for further consideration. It was formerly a SAD 5 practice and Scott Vaitones noted that SAD 40 has policy. Motion passed unanimously.

14. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

- a. Activities: Chair Esther Kilgour reported the committee met on June 19. Next meeting will be September 11, 2012, at 6:30p.
- b. Curriculum: Chair Sally Carleton reported the committee met on June 6. Next meeting will be August 16, 2012, at 5:30 pm.
- c. Facilities & Transportation: The last meeting was cancelled. Next meeting will be determined. The next scheduled meeting will be September 4 at 5:30 pm.
- d. Finance & Insurance: Chair Brian Messing reported the committee met on June 14. Next meeting will be July 12, 2012, at 6:00 pm.

It was moved by Brian Messing and seconded by Carol Bachofner to move funds saved by the lower fuel oil price to the Contingency Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

- e. Policy: Chair Esther Kilgour reported the committee met on June 19. Next meeting will be September 18, 2012, at 3:30 pm.
- f. Technology: Chair Loren Andrews reported the committee met on June 13. Next meetings will be July 19 and August 23 at 6:00 pm.
- g. Mid Coast School of Technology: Chair Bill Pearce reported the committee met on June 27. Next meeting will be August 22 at 7:00 pm.
- h. Many Flags/One Community: Chair Loren Andrews reported the committee met on June. Next meeting will be July 9, 2012.

It was moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Sally Carleton to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Motion passed unanimously. Executive Session entered at 8:20 pm. Returned to public session at 9:20 pm.

15. Adjournment: *It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded by Brian Messing to adjourn at 9:21 pm.*

The Next Regular Meeting of the RSU 13 School Board will be
Thursday, August 2, 2012, at 6:30 pm.