

# RSU 13 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 3, 2011

## 1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum

The regular meeting of the RSU #13 School Board was held on February 3, 2011 in the Board room at the McLain School. Present were:

	Loren Andrews	Cushing
	Sally Carleton	Owls Head
	Steven Dyer	Rockland
Absent Excused	George Emery	St. George
	Ruth Anne Hohfeld	South Thomaston
	Arvilla Collins	Thomaston
	Brian Messing	Rockland
	Jamie Doubleday	Thomaston
	Esther Kilgour	Rockland
	William Pearce	Rockland
	Sharon Spaulding	Rockland
	Gregory Hamlin	Thomaston
Absent Excused	Josiah Wilson	St. George

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ruth Anne Hohfeld at 5:32 P.M. A quorum was declared.

Moved by Tess Kilgour and seconded by Greg Hamlin to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Motion carried unanimously.

Entered Executive Session at 5:33 pm.

## 2. Executive Session: Personnel

Returned to Public Session at 6:33 pm.

## 3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag was given.

## 4. Adjustments to the Agenda

Item 11 was deleted.

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

Don Robishaw of Rockland spoke about the Saint George School, the budget process, salaries and the Superintendent's salary in particular, and the settlement of collective bargaining agreements.

## **6. Communications**

The board received a card from retired teacher, Jennifer Woodward, thanking them for the gift of the rocking chair.

## **7. Consent Agenda**

It was moved by Greg Hamlin, seconded by Esther Kilgour to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 6, 2011  
Motion carried unanimously

## **8. Reports**

### **a. Report of the Superintendent**

- (1) Enrollment Status: Enrollment has held steady at 2122.
- (2) Status of Transition Planning: Superintendent reported on Program of Studies, facilities planning, and budgeting for the transition.
- (3) Recommendation on Assignment of Owls Head and South Thomaston 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students: The Superintendent presented her recommendation to assign 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from the Owls Head Central School to RDMS in the fall of 2011. She identified advantages and announced that on February 8<sup>th</sup> she will meet with the OHCS parent group to learn what their concerns may be.

### **b. Report of the Chair**

The Chair thanked Holly Smith and her RDHS students for the wonderful art work displayed in the board room. As RSU13 enters its third year, she thanked the board for their continuing commitment to its students and its communities. She reported on the recent board self-evaluation and what they learned from this. She asked for a show of hands regarding the Board creating a Vision and Strategic Plan and the response was all hands in favor. The District Budget Meeting will be on Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> to avoid conflicting with RDHS graduation. The Special meeting on Monday 2/7 at 5:30 pm will be an executive session to discuss the Superintendent's goals.

### **c. Report on District Maintenance & Transportation Services**

Scott Vaitones gave an overview of the work completed by the maintenance and transportation departments since July. He predicts the coming summer to be equally busy due to the projects associated with the new Ocean Side School. He talked about the ongoing training on the new bus routing software, Transfinder, and how the implementation of that software is progressing.

## **9. Business Items**

- a. Action on Finance Committee Recommendation on Local Impact of 2011-2012 Budget

Brian Messing presented committee recommendations to the board. The Superintendent commented on the recommendations and reviewed the stimulus money situation.

Moved by Greg Hamlin to increase the local impact of the 2011-2012 budget by 1%.  
Motion died for lack of a second.

Moved by Sharon Spaulding and seconded by Greg Hamlin to increase the local impact of the 2011-2012 budget by .5%.

Motion carried 622 for, 233 against (Collins, Messing, Dyer)

b. Action on Curriculum Committee Recommendation on Endorsement of Prepare ME

The Superintendent reported on the seven core priorities of Prepare Maine and why it would be important for the board to align itself with that mission.

Moved by Sally Carleton and seconded by Loren Andrews that the RSU 13 School Board become a Supporting Organization for Prepare Maine.

Motion carried 775 for, 80 against (Dyer)

c. Action on Activities Committee Recommendation on RSU 13 Middle School Athletics for 2011-2012

Esther Kilgour presented the Activities Committee recommendation for middle school athletics for 2011-2012. Discussion followed

Moved by Esther Kilgour and seconded by Loren Andrews to approve the Activities Committee recommendation for the RSU 13 middle school athletics proposal for 2011-2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

d. Extension of Administrator Contracts in Accordance with Policy 4.16

Moved by Jamie Doubleday, seconded by Sally Carleton to extend administrator contracts as specified:

TGS/OHCS Principal: Susan Stilwell, 3 year contract

RDMS Assistant Principal: John Sommo, 2 year contract

RSU 13 AD: Jim Leonard, 3 year contract

OHS West Assistant Principal: Ed Hastings, 3 year contract

Special Programs Director: Dr. Tom Wright, 3 year contract

Business Manager: Scott Vaitones, 3 year contract

Adult Education Director: Shannon Parker, 3 year contract

Discussion followed. The Superintendent explained that a contract can be terminated if a position is eliminated with no financial obligation to the district if sufficient advance notice is given.

Motion carried 775 for, 80 against (Messing)

## 10. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

- a. Activities: Esther Kilgour reported. The next meeting will be at 6 pm on 2/24. Arvilla Collins will run the meeting as Esther Kilgour will be absent.
- b. Curriculum: Sally Carleton reported. The next meeting will be at 5:30 pm on 2/17. The committee recommends that a special board workshop be perused so a more in depth presentation and discussion can be made.
- c. Facilities & Transportation: Greg Hamlin reported that the Committee did not meet due to the weather. The next meeting will be at 5:30 pm on 3/1
- d. Finance & Insurance: Brian Messing reported. The next meeting will be at 6 pm on 2/10.
- e. Personnel & Negotiations: Jamie Doubleday reported in Executive Session.
- f. Policy: Steve Dyer reported that the committee did not meet due to the weather. The next meeting will be at 5:00 pm on 2/15.
- g. Technology: Loren Andrews reported that the Committee did not meet. The next meeting will be at 6:30 pm on 2/8.
- h. Mid Coast School of Technology: Greg Hamlin reported. The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm on 2/16.
- i. Many Flags/One Campus: Jamie Doubleday reported that she attended a meeting with the Governor. The Governor seemed to embrace the Many Flags plan as presented to him the day before. She encouraged the board to take some political action by sending the Governor's office mail/e-mail in support of Many Flags. The next meeting will be at 9:00 am on 2/11.
- j. Transition Advisory Group: Judy Lucarelli reported that the Group didn't meet. The next meeting will be at 3:00 pm on 2/7.

## 11. Executive Session: Personnel

Removed from agenda

## 12. Adjournment

It was moved by Sally Carleton and seconded by Steven Dyer to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the RSU 13 School Board will be Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30 pm.  
Special Meeting on Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm: Executive Session on Personnel Matters