

RSU 13 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2011

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum

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

	Loren Andrews	Cushing
Absent Excused	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
	Josiah Wilson	St. George

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ruth Anne Hohfeld at 6:29P.M. A quorum was declared.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Adjustments to the Agenda

Item 7 moved to follow Item 3.

Added 9C to business items: Moratorium on St. George 8th grade students move to the RSU13 8-9 School.

7. Celebration of Students: The Math Team at Thomaston Grammar School

Thomaston Grammar's math team was congratulated on its success in the regional math meet held at Thomas College in February. The team placed first out of 13 and has advanced to the state competition which is to take place on March 26th.

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

Angela Vachon of St. George spoke in opposition to 8th grade students being moved to Thomaston.

5. Communications

The superintendent shared three letters:

A letter of resignation from Caroline Bolger,

A letter from Doug Robertson from the Department of Education commending Kristy Hastings for her appointment as a math facilitator, and

A letter from Scott Ewan, the President of the Pen Bay Amateur Radio Club commending the district for the GVHS industrial technology program.

The Chair reported on three letters the board received from RSU 13 students and that she intends to respond to those letters.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 3, 2011 was removed from the consent agenda.

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

- b. Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of February 7, 2011
- c. Accept Resignation of Caroline Bolger, 7th Grade Teacher at Thomaston Grammar School
- d. Appointment of 2010-2011 Coaches

- (1) Wes Drinkwater, RDHS Assistant Football
- (2) Matt Breen, RDHS Varsity Boys Basketball
- (3) Chad Blake, RDHS JV Boys Basketball
- (4) Teel Foster, RDHS Varsity Girls Basketball
- (5) Christine Rackliffe, RDHS JV Girls Basketball
- (6) Jason Foster, RDHS Freshman Girls Basketball
- (7) Keenan Flanagan, RDMS 7th & 8th grade Boys Basketball
- (8) Greg Gould, RDMS 8th grade Girls Basketball
- (9) Dan McNichol, RDMS 7th grade Girls Basketball
- (10) Joe Nelson, RDHS Varsity Baseball
- (11) Wes Drinkwater, RDHS JV Baseball
- (12) Matt Breen, RDHS Assistant Baseball Volunteer
- (13) Gene Drinkwater, RDMS Softball
- (14) Eric Lee, RDHS Boys Tennis
- (15) Rusty Worcester, GVHS Varsity Girls Softball
- (16) Maynard Philbrook, GVHS Varsity Girls Tennis
- (17) Don Shields, GVHS Varsity Boys Baseball

- e. Approval of Field Trips

- (1) RDHS Key Club Trip to Springfield MA on April 1-April 3
- (2) Approval of RDHS Art Club Trip to Boston Museum of Art on April 29

Motion Carried 767 for, 72 abstained (Wilson)

It was moved by Steven Dyer, seconded by Greg Hamlin to approve minutes of the regular meeting of February 3, 2011 as revised.

Motion carried 767 for, 72 abstained (Wilson)

8. Reports

- a. Report of the Superintendent
 - (1) Enrollment Status – Enrollment is at 2112 as of 2/28/11.
 - (2) Status of Transition Planning: The Superintendent reported that work continues on the program of studies. Committee met before vacation and all courses are in now so they are close to a final draft. She reported on the planning of transition activities. The committee is close to finalizing the goals of the evaluation strategy as well.
 - (3) The Superintendent reported that she is withdrawing her recommendation to assign Owls Head and South Thomaston 5th Grade Students to RDMS. She recommended that this be part of School Board planning in the future.
 - (4) Report on Results of Teacher Retirement Offer: Seven teachers completed the application to accept the Board's Retirement offer. Two may withdraw their applications after meeting with Maine PERS in March.
 - (5) The Superintendent went over the document given to the board called Local Impact of State Subsidy Proposed in Commissioners Recommended Funding Level, which indicates a subsidy increase of just over \$200,000. She reported these figures will be used for budgeting.
- b. Report of the Chair
- c. Chair Ruth Anne Hohfeld thanked Susan Johnson and her art students from GVHS for the wonderful art displayed in the board room. She reported that she attended the Owls Head parent meeting and would like to find a way for the board to have similar meetings with other parent groups. The Chair reported on Lura Libby's nomination as a Blue Ribbon school and congratulated Beth Chamberlin and Lura Libby's team. The Chair read a list of 2010 graduates who are achieving success in their college educations and asked schools to encourage graduates to keep in touch. There will be a Board Workshop on Monday, March 28th at 5:30 to continue board operation discussions, goal settings and strategic planning.
- d. Report on Joint Student Senate Meeting
- e. Tamera Wallace from GVHS, Catherin Fletcher from RDHS and Nathaniel Boggs from RDHS reported on the process the combined Student Senates went through in the creation of several bills. They gave an overview of the joint senate session, how they opened their discussions to a joint student body and the channels a bill goes through after the senate passes it in order to be approved. They also reported on the success of recent transition activities.
- f. Report on Mathematics at Lura Libby and Cushing Schools
- g. Beth Chamberlin reported on math initiatives at Lura Libby and Cushing Schools. She spoke about the leadership team formed to research best practices, intervention approaches and current math scores, and how they put this information to use. Michelle Emery of Lura Libby School reported on Pi Day which is on March 10th, Donna Hardt of Cushing Community School reported on interventions and Christina Wotton of Lura Libby School reported on the Destination Imagination Team.
- h. Recommendation on Reduction of Positions for 2011-2012
- i. The Superintendent outlined the reduction of positions for 2011-2012 and explained that due to the teacher retirement offer and because the financial gap is smaller this year, there are fewer positions to be eliminated than last year. The seven retiring teachers and one

resignation received will cover most of the reductions for teachers. She reported that allied arts are being completely redesigned to increase equity across all schools K-7.

9. Business Items

a. Approval of the Goals of the Superintendent

It was moved by Greg Hamlin, seconded by Sharon Spaulding to approve the goals of the Superintendent.

Motion carried 767 for, 72 against (Wilson)

b. First Reading Policies

(3) Policy 2.02 Graduation Requirements: changes recommended

It was moved by Esther Kilgour, seconded by Steven Dyer to approve Policy 2.02 Graduation Requirements in first reading.

Motion carried unanimously

(4) Policy 4.18 Supervision and Evaluation of Hourly Employees

It was moved by Esther Kilgour, seconded by Steven Dyer to approve Policy 4.18 Supervision and Evaluation of Hourly Employees in first reading.

Motion carried unanimously

(5) Procedures 4.18P Supervision and Evaluation of Hourly Employees

It was moved by Steven Dyer, seconded by Esther Kilgour to approve Procedures 4.18 Supervision and Evaluation of Hourly Employees in first reading.

Motion carried 767 for, 72 abstained (Wilson)

c. One Year Moratorium on St. George 8th Grade Move to RSU 13 8-9 School.

It was moved by Greg Hamlin, seconded by Josiah Wilson to approve a one year moratorium on the St. George grade 8 move to RSU 13 8-9 school with the provision that St. George raises the discussed \$50,000 to cover the cost of a teacher and that we will allow, through the superintendent, who has the authority, those folks in St. George who do want to go to the RSU 13 8-9 school a chance to transfer.

It was moved by Jamie Doubleday, seconded by Ruth Anne Hohfeld to table the motion until the board has a full attendance so this can be a decision of the full board.

Motion failed 381 for (Messing, Kilgour, Doubleday, Andrews, Hohfeld), 458 against.

Discussion followed.

Arvilla Collins moved the question.

Motion carried 678 for, 161 against (Messing, Hohfeld).

The vote on the motion was 458 for, 381 against (Messing, Kilgour, Doubleday, Andrews, Hohfeld). The Superintendent declared that the motion failed because an item not on the agenda that has the effect of reversing the Board's action requires a 2/3 vote to pass if all members are not present.

Steven Dyer asked for a ruling of the Chair. Chair Hohfeld ruled that the motion did not pass.

The Chair was asked, and agreed to provide, a written opinion from the Board's attorney regarding the vote.

10. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

- a. Activities: Esther Kilgour reported on the meeting held in February. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm on 3/24.
- b. Curriculum: Ruth Anne Hohfeld reported on the meeting held 2/17. The next meeting is scheduled for 5:30 pm on 3/17.
- c. Facilities & Transportation: Greg Hamlin reported on the meeting held 3/1. The next meeting is scheduled for 5:30 pm on 4/5.
- d. Finance & Insurance: Brian Messing reported on the meeting held 2/10. The next meeting is scheduled for 6 pm on 3/10.
- e. Personnel & Negotiations: Jamie Doubleday reported on the status of negotiations. An executive session will be needed prior to next month's regular board meeting.
- f. Policy: Steve Dyer reported on the meeting held 2/15. The next meeting is scheduled for 5:00 pm on 3/15.
- g. Technology: Loren Andrews reported on the meeting held 2/8. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm on 3/8.
- h. Mid Coast School of Technology: William Pearce reported on the meeting held 2/23. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on 3/23.
- i. Many Flags/One Campus: Jamie Doubleday reported that work is ongoing. The next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 am on 3/11.
- j. Transition Advisory Group: Judy Lucarelli reported on the meeting held 2/7. The next meeting is scheduled for 3:00 pm on 3/7.

11. Adjournment

It was moved by Arvilla Collins, seconded by Esther Kilgour to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the RSU 13 School Board will be Thursday, April 7th, at 6:30 pm.

There will be a Board Work Session on planning at 5:30 pm on Monday, March 28th, at 5:30 pm.

Budget Workshops are scheduled for 6 pm on April 4th, 6th, 11th, and 13th.