

**MINUTES**  
**RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2017**  
**MCLAIN SCHOOL**  
**6:30PM**

**PLEASE NOTE EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:00 PM**

**Executive Session – 6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum – *Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and quorum was declared. Tom Peaco was absent from both the Executive Session and the Board Meeting. All other Board members were present.*
2. Executive Session
  - A. To enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(A) – *It was moved by Susan Allen Thomas and seconded by Carol Bachofner to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(A). Motion carried unanimously, of those present. Executive Session was entered at 6:02 PM and Chair Roberts declared the Board out at 6:20 PM.*

**School Board Meeting – 6:30pm**

3. Pledge of Allegiance – *The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.*
4. Adjustments to the Agenda – **see bold and underlined**
5. Presentation
  - A. Lynn Snow – Seed Packet Presentation – *Lynn Snow, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Thomaston Grammar School, along with students Bella Barnes-Demers, Jillian Barnard, and Hunter Shook gave a presentation regarding the TGS Common Ground Garden and how they fundraise for that project.*
  - B. Christy Monroe, Director of Adult Education - Adult Education **After-School** Programming in RSU 13- *Presentation given by Adult Education Director Christy Monroe and Alexis Immarino gave a presentation regarding the after school programs available throughout the district.*
  - C. H.R. Smith - Presentation of the RSU 13 FY 2016 Audit – *No presentation*
6. Public Participation: Citizens are welcome to speak to agenda matters before the Board (up to 30 minutes total) – *Beth Heidemann spoke to Business Item 8 D.*
7. Consent Agenda
  - A. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 6, 2017 – *Hearing no objections, the minutes of the meeting of April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017, were acknowledged.*
  - B. To acknowledge the retirements of:
    - (1) Victoria Johnson, Special Education Teacher at Oceanside High School, effective August 31, 2017
    - (2) Marcia Steenstra, Health Teacher at Oceanside High School, effective August 31, 2017

(3) Lynne Hall, School Nurse at Thomaston Grammar and Cushing Community Schools, effective August 31, 2017

(4) **Marguerite Carroll, Grade 3 at Cushing Community School, effective August 31, 2017**

**The retirements of Victoria Johnson, Special Education Teacher at Oceanside High School, Marcia Steenstra, Health Teacher at Oceanside High School, Lynn Hall, School Nurse at Thomaston Grammar and Cushing Community Schools, and Marguerite Carroll, Grade 3 teacher at Cushing Community School, were acknowledged, with many thanks to all for their years of service.**

8. Business Items

- A. To Approve a Budget Cost Center Transfer for FY 2016 – *Nancy Jeffers moved, pursuant to Section 1485(4) of Title 20 – A of the Maine Revised Statutes, that this Board transfer \$37,360 from Article 9, Facilities Maintenance to Article 2, Special Education in the fiscal year 2015-2016 budget. This motion was seconded by Jesse Butler and carried unanimously, of those present.*
- B. To Accept the FY 2016 Audit – *It was moved by Jesse Butler and seconded by Ron Gamage to accept the FY 2016 Audit. Business Manager Orne advised the Board that this item should be tabled. It moved by Jesse Butler to table and seconded by Susan Allen Thomas. Motion to table passed unanimously.*
- C. To approve meal prices for the 2017 -2018 School Year – *It was moved by Jesse Butler and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to table Business Item C. Motion to table carried unanimously.*

D. To accept the resignations of:

- (1) Beth Heidemann, Kindergarten Teacher at Cushing Community School, effective August 31, 2017 –
- (2) Gretchen Kuhn, School Nurse at South School and Pre-K, effective August 31, 2017 –
- (3) **Lisa Sprous, Resource Room Teacher, Oceanside Middle School, effective August 31, 2017 –**
- (4) **Katharine Schrader, Special Education Teacher, Oceanside High School, effective August 31, 2017 –**
- (5) **Marija Randall, Math Teacher at Oceanside High School, effective August 31, 2017 –**

*It was moved by Jesse Butler and seconded by Loren Andrews to accept the resignations of: Beth Heidemann, Kindergarten Teacher at Cushing Community School; Gretchen Kuhn, School Nurse at South School and Pre-K; Lisa Sprous, Resource Room Teacher at Oceanside Middle School; Katharine Schrader, Special Education Teacher at Oceanside High School; and Marija Randall, Math Teacher at Oceanside High School. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.*

E. To Appoint first year probationary teachers to a second year probationary contract effective September 1, 2017 –

*It was moved by Nancy Jeffers and seconded by Carol Bachofner to appoint the following first year probationary teachers to a second year probationary contract effective September 1, 2017: Shina Barrows, Intensive Support Program at South School; Cheryl Berry, 4<sup>th</sup> grade at South School, Bethany Browne, Social Worker at South School; Elizabeth Caron, Pre-K Teacher at Penquis; Lauren Casey, Music Teacher at Oceanside High School; Jaren Cowan, Art Teacher at Oceanside High School; Charlee Currier, Kindergarten Teacher at Thomaston Grammar School; Heidi (Gray) Grunewald, 5<sup>th</sup> grade Teacher at South School; Rachele Hartley, Guidance Counselor at Oceanside High School; Katherine “Lily” Hyde, Art Teacher at Oceanside High School; Jeffrey Kinney, Math Teacher at Oceanside High School; William McClellan, Grade 8 Social Studies Teacher at Oceanside Middle School; Danielle McNichol, 4<sup>th</sup> grade Teacher at Cushing Community School; Heidi Taylor, Guidance Counselor at Gilford Butler, Owls Head Central, and South Schools; Torry Verrill, Pre-K Teacher at Penquis, Katherine Warner, Kindergarten Teacher at South School; and Lyndsay Wood, Kindergarten Teacher at South School. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.*

F. To Appoint second year probationary teachers to a third year probationary contract effective September 1, 2017

*It was moved by Jesse Butler and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to appoint the following second year probationary teachers to a third year probationary contract effective September 1, 2017: Brittany Anthony, Grade 3 at Thomaston Grammar School; Melissa Boggs, district-wide grades 3 – 8 Gifted and Talented teacher; Jean Bragan, Social Studies at Oceanside High School; Hayley Brooks, Grade 2 at South School, David ‘Jake’ Carlson, Special Education Teacher at South School; Emily Cashen, Science Teacher at Oceanside High School; Chelsea Cates, Grade 3 at Thomaston Grammar School; Brianna Coburn, Math Teacher at Oceanside High School; Erin Elwell, Pre-K Teacher at Owls Head Central School; Erin Fitzgerald, Grade 5 at Cushing Community School; Kimberlee Hammond, Special Education Teacher at Oceanside High School; Nicole Hatch, Guidance Counselor at Thomaston Grammar School; Courtney Leach, Special Education Teacher at Thomaston Grammar School; Megan Marks, Grade 3 at South School; Janelle Miller, Grade 1 at Cushing Community School; Alyssa Mitchell, Grade 3 at South School; Nerin Moroney, Special Education Teacher at Thomaston Grammar School; Bonnie Nielson, District wide Gifted and Talented teacher; Kelly Peavey, Grade 1 at South School; Sarah (Davis) Schneider, Pre-K at Owls Head Central School; Graham Shove, Social Studies Teacher at Oceanside High School; Elizabeth Sommo, Social Worker at Oceanside Middle School; and Richard Wehnke, Art Teacher at South School and Owls Head Central School. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.*

G. To Appoint third year probationary teachers to a continuing contract effective September 1, 2017

*It was moved by Susan Allen Thomas and seconded by Kella River to appoint the following third year probationary teacher to a continuing contract effective September 1, 2017: Janet Corcoran, Special Education Teacher at Oceanside High School; Jeanie Cushman, Grade 5 at Thomaston Grammar School; Dale Cameron DesMeules, Library Media Specialist at Oceanside Middle School; Christine Lanphere, ELA Teacher at Oceanside High School; Kim Meuse, Grade 7 Science Teacher at Oceanside Middle School; Christelle (Munnely) McKee, French Teacher at Oceanside Middle School, Katie Nicholls, Social Studies Teacher at Oceanside High School; Melora Norman, Library Media Specialist at Oceanside High School; Molly Protheroe, Grade 1 at Gilford Butler School; Amanda Shortall, Grade 8 Math Teacher at Oceanside Middle School; Darcie Watkinson, Kindergarten Teacher at Gilford Butler School, Jennifer Whitney, Special Education Teacher at South School; Lauren Wilgus, Grade 1 at South School; and Haley Wotton, Grade 1 at South School. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.*

**H. To approve the appointment of Colby Hill, Special Education Teacher, Oceanside Middle School – It was moved by Ron Gamage and seconded by Loren Andrews to approve the appointment of Colby Hill, Special Education Teacher, Oceanside Middle School. Motion carried unanimously, of those present.**

8. Communications – Congratulations to Erin Corcoran, 8<sup>th</sup> grade student from Sylvia Percy’s art class at Oceanside Middle School for having her artwork selected for the MLTI Screensaver Challenge. The City of Rockland submitted a letter requesting an extension on the decision to accept the offer on the McLain School Building until May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Mr. McDonald granted that request. Mr. McDonald announced the Board Retreat scheduled for Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at Lighthouse Museum in Rockland, starting at 9am. To complete communications, he spoke about all of the upcoming Commencement Events: Scholarship Night, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM; Senior Rafting Trip, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Honor Graduate Brunch, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM; Inspiration Ceremony, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM; Final Assembly, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM; Graduation, Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM; and Project Graduation, Tuesday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 PM. The last day of school for underclassmen is June 15, which will be a half day for students.

9. Reports

- A. Report of the Superintendent – *Mr. McDonald reported that construction has begun at Oceanside Middle School, and encouraged Board members and the public to check out the progress at the Schools of Our Future Facebook page, which is updated regularly. The next budget meeting is scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM, at which time the recommended budget will presented. He reminded the public about both the RSU 13 Budget Validation meeting on May 30<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM and the election on June 13, 2017.*
- B. Report of the Business Manager – *no report*

- C. Report of the Board Chair- *Chair Roberts reported that committee appointments still have not been made for the Strategic Planning Committee. Names will be accepted until May 15<sup>th</sup>, and work will begin over the summer.*

10. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

- A. Curriculum & Technology- *Met April 24, 2017. Next meeting May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30 PM.*

*SETF meets again on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 3:00 PM.*

- B. Finance & Facilities – *Budget meetings have been held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:00 PM. Next meeting will be May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 5:00 PM, where the entire budget will be reviewed.*

- C. Policy & Communications – *no April meeting. Next meeting May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 4:30 PM.*

- D. Building Committee Reports from OMS/OHS and New Elementary School Committee Chairs –

*OMS/OHS and New Elementary School Committee Chairs Gerald Weinand and Jesse Bartke both reported on their respective committees. Next OHS/OMS Building Committee meeting will be held June 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 PM at Oceanside High School. The New Elementary School Committee will hold it's next meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 3:30 PM at Owls Head Central School.*

- E. MCST – *met on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Next meeting May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 7:00 PM.*

- 11. Adjournment – *It was moved by Carol Bachofner seconded by Kella River to adjourn, at 8:11 PM.*