

MINUTES
RSU 13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017
MCLAIN SCHOOL
6:30PM

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum – *Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and quorum was declared. All Board members were present for the meeting.*
2. Pledge of Allegiance – *The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted. Cushing Community School students Caitlyn Lamb, Sophie Vose and Natalee Hitz also sang the National Anthem.*
3. Adjustments to the Agenda - *None*
4. Presentation
 - A. Cushing Community School – *Dawn Jones*
Cushing Community School students Owen Simmons, Austin Lamb, and Avery Proctor, along with 1st grade teacher Janelle Miller and Music Teacher Angela Johnson, gave a presentation on how they have been tying music in with science curriculum. They completed the presentation with a demonstration of the instruments they made.
5. Public Participation: Citizens are welcome to speak to agenda matters before the Board (up to 30 minutes total) – *None*
6. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of February 2, 2017 – *Hearing no objections, the consent agenda was acknowledged.*
 - B. To acknowledge the retirement of:
 - (1) Lynda Baum, Kindergarten Teacher, Gilford Butler School, as of August 31, 2017
 - (2) Louise Cornforth, Grade 5 Teacher, South School, as of August 31, 2017*The retirements of Lynda Baum, Kindergarten Teacher at Gilford Butler School, and Louise Cornforth, 5th grade teacher at South School, were acknowledged, with many thanks to both for their years of service to our students.*
7. Business Items
 - A. To accept a grant from Siemens – *It was moved by Loren Andrews and seconded Nancy Jeffers to accept a grant in the amount of \$30,000 from Siemens. Motion carried unanimously.*
 - B. To accept the results of the election – *The results of the election were read by Loren Andrews. He then read the following motions. RSU #13 Voted that the Computation and Declaration of Votes Dated March 2, 2017 and attached hereto be approved, Further Voted that the Computation and Declaration of Votes be entered upon the records of Regional School Unit # 13, Further Voted that a certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes be sent to each of the municipal clerks within the RSU. These motions were seconded by Ron Gamage, and carried unanimously.*

8. Communications - *None*

9. Reports

- A. Report of the Superintendent – *Superintendent McDonald spoke about the meeting held on February 28, 2017, regarding later start times for students. He advised the Board and those in the audience that he is still seeking public input, and that another community forum will be held. He then discussed his visit to Gilford Butler School, at which he read One Fish, Two Fish, by Dr. Suess. He said that the kids very excited for a new school, and shared a card they made for him. Finally, he discussed the election and stated that he really appreciates the fact that RSU 13 received such a vote of confidence from the community. He is excited to construction started on classrooms at Oceanside Middle School so that the facility will be able to accommodate the 6th graders there this fall.*
- B. Report of the Business Manager – *No report*
- C. Report of the Board Chair – *Chair Roberts reiterated the appreciation for Board members on the progress made with the Schools of Our Future plan, and extended a big “Thank You” to everyone for the hard, thoughtful, and creative work that has been done this far. He then stated that appointments would be made to the two different building committees at the next meet Board meeting, scheduled for March 16th, 2017. To complete his report, he mentioned the art work hanging on the walls of the Board room: some beautiful work done by students in Sylvia Percy’s class at Oceanside Middle School.*

10. Committee Reports and Upcoming Meetings

A. Curriculum & Technology –

Met on February 27th, 2017. Next meeting on March 27, 2017 at 3:30 PM.

SETF met on February 27, 2017. Next meeting April 3rd at 3:00 PM.

B. Finance & Facilities –

Met on February 21st, and then again for a special meeting on March 2nd, prior to the Board Meeting. Next meeting March 21, 2017 at 5:00 PM.

C. Policy & Communications –

Met on February 27th, 2017. Next meeting March 20th, 2017 at 4:30 PM.

D. MCST –

Met on February 22, 2017. Next meeting March 22, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

11. Adjournment – *It was moved by Susan Thomas and seconded by Nancy Jeffers to adjourn, at 7:30 PM.*